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Above: The aircraft parking area was filled with SAC and visiting aircraft on the recent Open Day. Inset: the De H. Dragon, the Laybutts' Super Petrel, Lloyd Shepherd on Unicom duty. Right: Richard Wiltshire's MXS aerobatic display aircraft. Below: A gaggle of eight amphibious aircraft (Lakes Buccaneers, Sea Reys and Super Petrels) at the Open Day, probably the largest collection of amphibians ever seen at Wedderburn. More Open Day pictures appear on Pages 4 and 5.



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* * UPCOMING FLYING AND SOCIAL EVENTS * *

If you want to stage an event, or invite the Club to join you on a flying jaunt please talk to me. You will earn additional Championship points.

Bret Cavanagh

UPCOMING EVENTS. Put 'em in your diary

2012

Free Children's Christmas BBQ with Santa.

Saturday, 15th December, 12 noon till 3. Clubhouse

Contact: Margaret Nightingale, Diane Brookes 0412 241 644

NSW SAC's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, Awards Presentation and dance.

Saturday, 15th December from 5pm.

Entry is by Ticket Only . Bookings are closed.

Contact: Donna Handley, 0409 172 776.

2013

Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch.

Sunday, 3rd February, 10am to 1pm, Wedderburn.

Contact: Margaret Adams

SAAA Maintenance Procedure Course

Saturday and Sunday, 9th & 10th February Clubhouse

Make your bookings on the SAAA website

Social Workday. Sunday, 24th February. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Wedderburn

Contact: Richard Thompson

We need members to organise some social events and flying adventures. Contact **Bret Cavanagh** if you can help.



Need some exotic plants, or want some peaches or other stone fruit? You can choose from a wide selection near the airfield, just around the corner at #7 Blackburn Road.

HARLAND'S Fruit, Nursery and Landscaping Phone 4634 1234 or 0402 086 032, or drop by and see Charles or Clayton.

The Harlands also do hangar concrete slabs, at very reasonable prices



Clubhouse

From your Editor

Welcome to the December 2012/ January 2013 issue of the NSW SAC Newsletter.

The biggest event of our year, our Open Day, is the main story in this issue. You will find lots of photos from this event on Pages 4 and 5.

Thanks to all those who have contrib-



uted articles and many pictures to this issue, especially Anne Goulding, Colleen Pillemer, Nash Pilling and our visitor, Wal Nelowkin, for sending in some really great photos.

There was a 'Pirates and Wenches' party held in Bill and Donna Handley's hangar last month, and I couldn't resist publishing some photos from that event. See Page 10.

Merry Christmas to all, and have a bright 2013.

David Rittie

You can contact your Newsletter Editor at david.rittie@optusnet.com.au

Words from the President

Hi there.

Another SAC Member Lost

We recently received news of the passing of another SAC foundation member, Alan McCann. Derek Darlow knew him well, and has written a short tribute about Alan which is included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Open Day/Air Display

Our annual Open Day was deemed to be as successful as ever. There were lots of beautifully presented SAC and visiting aircraft on show, and Richard Wiltshire gave us two great aerobatic displays.

Thanks to all those who gave their time on the day to make it such a success. There were aircraft marshallers, car parking attendants, gate people, raffle ticket sellers and others manning the stalls. Some were making Devonshire teas, operating the PA system and manning the Unicom radio. Thank you one and all. It was simply a great day.

My special thanks go to Richard Wiltshire who added greatly to the day's success, but I simply can't over express my gratitude to Geoff May for his efforts in organising the event. Geoff has volunteered (again!) to organise the next Open Day which is scheduled for 3rd November next year, and will hopefully include another CASA approved flying display. Geoff's only stipulation to his promise is that he must receive more help from volunteers next time around.

Lease

Yes! We have signed the new lease, which takes effect on 1st January next year (2013) and is for 40 years.

HOORAY!

However, there are downsides to this. The job is not complete until the lease is signed by the Department of Lands, and there seems to be some delays here. A much bigger downside is that the lease charges will definitely increase and could, conceivably, almost treble! We will face this and deal with it when we find out what the new rates actually are.

You can be assured that there will be a huge party at the airfield to celebrate the new lease when it finally comes through.

Christmas Party

By the time you receive this Newsletter the big Christmas party will be almost upon us. You will be able to see some photos of the party in the next edition of this Newsletter. Let me say right now, however, that we are very grateful for the work put in by the caretaker (Rou), our Secretary (Margaret) and Diane Brookes for assistance with ticketing, but most importantly our thanks go to Donna Handley for arranging the whole party.

First Aid Courses

The recent accident that happened to Jan Zytka in his hangar has motivated us to arrange some first aid courses and to encourage members



to have appropriate first aid kits in their hangars. Please refer to the Secretary's column on **Page 4** for further details. Dates for first aid courses and recommendations on first aid kits will appear in the regular Newsflashes.

Before leaving this subject allow me to say that I cannot think of two better people to be on the scene when Jan's accident occurred. I refer, of course, to Bruce Cunningham and Vic Laybutt who probably saved his life. Jan has also expressed his very sincere gratitude towards these two fine members.

Trees

You may have noticed that we have removed some trees up near the southern end of the main taxiway that were within 45 metres of the runway centreline. Thanks to Lloyd Shepherd for managing this safety project.



Have a great Christmas everybody, and please fly safely.

David Rittie

From the Secretary's Desk

Hullo again everyone.

Open Day

Many thanks go to Geoff May who once again organized a fantastic Open Day. He has generously offered his services again next year. The 2013 Open day will be held on Sunday 3rd November and will be along the lines of this year's event. Geoff will be looking for many more club members to volunteer on the day next time to make the event a great success without wearing out just a few people. I would also like to thank those who worked tirelessly on the day this year to direct traffic and aircraft, sell raffle tickets, Devonshire teas, tee shirts, erect pergolas, clean up rubbish, erect signs, mow lawns and so on and so on. What a wonderful team effort. Well done everyone.

Fire Trailers

Bruce Cunningham and Rob Chenery have renovated out two club fire trailers which are placed around the airfield for use in an emergency. The trailer on the southern end of the field can be found at the western end of hangar row HJ. If you borrow the trailer can you please return it to this spot.

First Aid

The Committee would like to organize a First Aid Course for members who are interested in becoming current in applied first aid. The course will be run by St Johns Ambulance Service and could consist of on-line components plus a one day practical course. The course will cost between \$150 and \$200 per person.

We are also canvassing interest in purchasing first aid kits for aircraft and hangars. The committee will be upgrading the first aid kit in the clubhouse.

If you are interested in any of these, the course and/or the kits, please

complete the 'tick the box' sheet which you will find included in this Newsletter. Please also let us know if you are already current in applied first aid.



You will have already noticed that the western ends of many of the taxiways in the northern area have been closed by piles of dirt. It is intended that these dirt piles will be spread out and some native vegetation planted. This will then fulfill our lease obligations to maintain a buffer zone between hangars and the road.



As this is the Christmas Edition of the Newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2013.

Cheers

Margaret Nightingale

Open Day, 4th November. The Story in Pictures



















Top left: Ferris Kawley's turbine powered Cessna Birddog. **Top right:.** Clive Brookes's Nanchang CJ-6 **Above left:** Sy Allsep's Twin Pioneer and Beaver. **Above right:** Lloyd Shepherd's Aero Sport II. **Below left:** Frank Krassoi's Aero Sport. **Centre:** The Macarthur Country Music Band. **Below right:** Bill Leighton's Diamond Katana.







Below: Doug Stickland's Sports Star, the airfield on Open Day, and the Wedderburn Rural Fire Brigade on standby. These three photos are by courtesy of Wal Nelowkin.





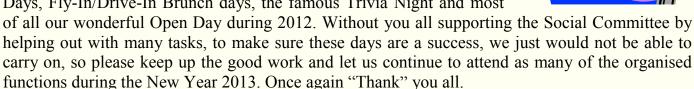


Bird Talk

Hi Everyone,

Here we are at the end of another busy year and like me I'm sure everyone is looking forward to spending time with their families over the festive season and enjoying a well earned rest.

I would personally like to "Thank" our members, their better halves, friends who were visiting and everyone who attended our Social Work Days, Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch days, the famous Trivia Night and most



SOCIAL WORK DAY SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER saw 62 sit down to enjoy the luncheon and 13 went home for lunch - in all 75 members came along to work on this our last work day of the year - it was wonderful to see such a large group of workers answer the call to help with getting the airfield spic and span in readiness for our Open Day.

Our Chef of the day was Robert Seisun and he was kept very busy cooking BBQ Sausages and Rissoles - I "Thank" you Robert for doing such a great job for us. The Menu I thought was going to be a great success but unfortunately the Potato Bake was not up to our expectations so I am sorry for those who may have had uncooked Potato - it will not happen again I can assure you - then to top everything off the Ice Cream being served with the Fruit Salad was not frozen, so we did have a bit of bad luck with our Menu. All in all everyone seemed happy with the luncheon spread and I didn't get that many complaints - I guess that's not too bad after all these years I have been organising the catering for the lunches. Thanks to all my team of Ladies who were on deck to help

me prepare the lunch, Maryanne, Wendi, Donna, Dawn, Diane and our young ladies Lillian and Abbey, and we must not forget all the workers who came and enjoyed a hearty meal - Thanks to you all.

Our wonderful member and Life Member Dorothy McSparron celebrated her 93rd Birthday on the 7th of November the day after we enjoyed a Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the local RSL Club, we all had a fabulous time and we decided we would really get dressed up for the big occasion so head wear was the order of the day and even Dorothy wore a fascinator - she looked so good. I have asked David to place a group photo in the Newsletter so everyone can see that Dorothy is really well and thoroughly enjoyed her Birthday and "Cup" celebrations.

Dorothy is now our oldest SAC member so we congratulate her for reaching this wonderful age. By the way, Dorothy has her own phone now in the Fairmont Nurs- Above: Margaret, Maryanne Krassoi, Leonie ing Home at Bexley so how about giving her a call, the phone No. is 9599 1925.



(Dot's daughter), Valerie (Dot's sister) and Dot, all at the Melbourne Cup luncheon.

Bird Talk (cont.)

OPEN DAY SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2012

What a fantastic day we all had - everything went off so well and we must give a big "Thank" you to Geoff May who did a magnificent job in organising this Open Day.

When I first arrived it was so good to see Therese Walmsley and Jenny Edwards waiting to help unload my car then to set up the tables downstairs and so many other jobs to do before we could make a start in the kitchen, also it was great to have Vicki Gray helping us for some time during the morning as with Rodney always being there to help with whatever job he is given. I had my friends Rena, Rob, Peter and Colin in tow to work once again with my team of ladies (and gentlemen) with preparation of the Devonshire teas and most importantly the selling of all that we had to sell from our food stalls. Helping Rena and Rob downstairs with the selling was Karen Lalor, it was great having Karen with us this year and the trio did a first class job. Upstairs the Pikelet cooking, preparation of scones etc. had the team of Jenny, Wendi and Dave Berry working flat out then they were joined by Peter and Colin then some help from David (son of the late Keith Lyons) and it was so good to see David here from Korea on a short holiday - all had a great time working hard and enjoying plenty of laughter at the same time. Closer to lunch time Jenny was flat out making up 5 loaves of Sandwiches, with various fillings, until we ran out of bread - seems everyone wanted a freshly made sandwich - you did a wonderful job Jenny.

I need to acknowledge the Ladies who donated their home baked goodies for us to sell on the stalls. I know we had a great variety of delicious cakes, date loaves, muffins, chocolate iced slices, biscuits, beautifully iced mud cake balls on sticks (what a great hit they were) and Strawberry Jam made by yours truly. To the Chefs, Maryanne and daughter Monica, Jenny, Glenda, Valerie Skinner, Dawn, Donna and to others who's names have slipped my memory, sorry for that, a big "thank" you to all who contributed. It was wonderful to have Pat Lalor helping Maryanne and Dawn sell all these delicious items. To all who helped the Social Committee, the members, grand-children and friends who gave of their time and energy to set up the marquees, tables, beach umbrellas etc. in readiness for our hectic Open Day a big" thank" you. For everyone's great effort the Social Committee raised \$1,005.00 on sales of Devonshire Teas, Sandwiches, slices of cake, all soft drinks etc. and the stall with all home made cakes, jams etc. the sellers took \$255.00 - a good result and I "thank" you all for your willingness to help like you all did. Final figures showed we made a profit of \$689.00 which goes back into the Club for the purchase of Club supplies etc.

Great to see many of our foundation members attending our Open Day this year and we were delighted to see Robert Calvert fly in his father Bob, mother Dorothy and sister Janet (on holidays from America) in his Helicopter, to enjoy the day with us. We opened up my hangar to let Bob have another look at Gordon's Tiger, he really wanted to fly it again but had to settle for just another sit in it and remember all the good times he had with Gordon. The Calvert's haven't been to our Airfield for some time so they were thrilled to be there and I would like to thank Robert for flying them out to see all of us.

We were very lucky to have amongst our visitors to our Open Day, members of the St George Branch of the RAAF Association, they were visiting us for a second time this year and were delighted to be enjoying our great day and seeing so many members Aircraft and watch all the flying action. From the reports I have had back from some of the members they had a most wonderful day and hope to visit us again next year.

Bird Talk (cont.)

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BRUNCH SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2013

Yes, our first Fly-In/Drive-In Brunch for the New Year 2013 is only a couple of months away so please keep this date in mind. Invitations will be posted to our friends at close by Aero Clubs and we do hope they will be able to fly in to enjoy the day with us. As usual our breakfast fare will be delicious and will only cost you \$8.00 per head. See you all on Sunday 3rd February.

SOCIAL WORK DAY SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2013 FREE LUNCH TO ALL WORKERS

The start of a New Year and that means our Social Work Days are with us again. More information about this day and the Luncheon menu will be in the February/March Newsletter, all we ask that you please make a note of this important date.

I must send a special "Thank You" to our caretakers, Dawn and Rouen, they have helped me in so many ways ever since they first started at our club and I appreciate everything they do and they worked so hard in readiness for our Open Day and on the big day - you both are terrific and we are so lucky to have you with us - just keep up the good work, we need you.



I wish every one a very Merry Christmas and if you have been very, very good I'm sure Santa will visit you.

Have a very Happy and Healthy 2013

Cheers,

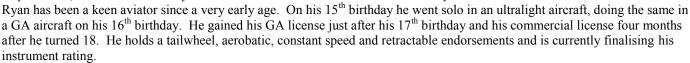
Margaret Adams

FROGS HOLLOW FLYERS INC.

Home of S.A.A.A. Chapter 23

Dear Fellow Chapters,

We are writing to tell you about one of our young Frogs Hollow Chapter 23 members, Ryan Campbell, who is preparing to attempt a world record flight to be the youngest pilot to circumnavigate the world solo in a single engine aircraft. He intends to depart Merimbula Airport on July 1st 2013, when he will be 19 years old. The current world record holder is 22 years old.



As you can gather from his achievements, his family is very supportive of him. His flight training has also been aided greatly by an AOPA Grant.

Young Ryan is extremely mature for his age, very business-like and totally determined to succeed. Those of you who were fortunate enough to hear Ryan speak at the SAAA Convention Dinner at Narromine recently will certainly agree with this. He has a great passion for youth in aviation, and on his return from his world record flight is intending to spend a year travelling throughout Australia promoting Teen World Flight..

He is in discussion with some major sponsors at the moment, many of which have pledged their support. We at Chapter 23 are writing to all chapters in SAAA to ask if they can in some way donate direct to Ryan's appeal. Some of the chapters have already pledged their support at Narromine and we hope others will follow suite.

Ryan has his own website http://www.teenworldflight.com.au which has his details and sponsorship options.

Let's all get behind Ryan and help as much as we can. Many thanks

DREW DONE

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Rou's News

The Caretaker's Column of Candid Comments

A few words from Dawn and Rouen Andrews

Hi to all members.

MITSUBISHI TRITON UTE

A big thank you to all concerned with the purchase of the new club vehicle. It has already proven its value as it enabled Dawn and me to assist in bringing in the ambulances/paramedics to Jan Zytka's accident promptly. Jan is now up and about and quite perky and has asked me to pass on his grateful thanks to all concerned (especially Vic and Bruce) for their prompt action in rendering first aid immediately.

NORTHERN GATE/LYSAGHTS ROAD

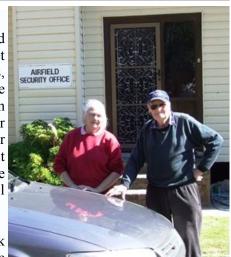
Any member who sees rubbish dumped along Lysaghts Road between Blackburn Road and the gate, should phone me on 0425 380 964 and I will advise Campbelltown City Council. We have a very good relationship with them and they respond promptly, but they can only do this if they are notified. This also applies to any damage to the wire rope fence along both sides of Lysaght Road.

WORK DAY 28/10/12

Another big thank you to the great turn out, thanks to all those who brought their mowers and whipper-snippers and who assisted in a host of ways to enable us to be ready for our Open Day. We even had some nonmember mates who turned up and gave wholehearted assistance to the various jobs as required. Dawn was delighted with her Happy Birthday greetings, thanks guys and gals, and also to the ladies who fed and watered us to the usual standard.

OPEN DAY

To all who turned up early to help set up, man the gates, and help with the parking and then staved behind later to clear up, our sincere thanks, it couldn't be done otherwise. Its all about volunteers!



We had the bunk house full on the

Sat night before Open Day, thanks to the Handleys and their Buccaneer friends! and I understand it's booked up for next year.

RE; USE OF THE BARBEQUE

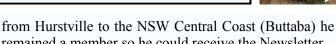
We have available on request all necessary materials for cleaning the BBQ after use. Also re. Gas, I endeavour to keep a spare cylinder near the BBQ, if however this is not the case, please ask.

Our thanks to all the helpers in 2012 which has made it such a pleasure to be here and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Party.

> **Dawn and Rouen Andrews Phone:** 0425 380 964



Alan Michael McCann 22/11/1944 to 5/11/2012.



Alan was a member of Wedderburn in its embryonic days. Along with his family (wife Jan, daughter Debbie and son Gary) Alan worked tirelessly to help create the seeds of what Wedderburn is today.

Good friends with Bob Phillips, Ian Ford (deceased), John Locke, Phil Goard and Myself (Derek Darlow), Alan helped everyone with his expertise in fibre glassing making many parts and moulds for all different aircraft. Alan's own project, a Sonerai, was sold when he realised it wasn't a family friendly design.

Alan's work in the mines as an electrician took him to far flung Hamersley in W.A. but his family remained active attending most events, and even when he moved remained a member so he could receive the Newsletter.

Alan was living in Goomboorian (near Gympie) semi retired on a small fruit farm at the time of his death. He had been battling a chronic fatigue type illness and subsequently depression prior to his death.

Alan is survived by his wife, daughter, son and two grand daughters.



He is, and will be for a long time, missed by all who knew him.

Derek Darlow



PIRATES and WENCHES PARTY

Great costumes were seen at the party held 3/11/12. **Top from left:** Donna Handley & Nash Pilling. Peter Hodgens, Colleen Pillemer & Richard Thompson. Junie Nicholson. **Bottom from left:** Bruce Keen & Errol Pillemer. Clive Brookes & parrot. Bill Handley. Simon Bates. Dave Thomas judged as **Best Costume**













Aircraft and Hangars For Sale

David Kent's Classic Cessna 172a is for sale

Classic Cessna 172a VH-MHF for sale. TTAF 4211.7 100 hourly done in August 2012 (90 hours to run). Continental 0-300 6 cylinder 145hp engine, McCauley two blade fixed pitch prop.

Hangared constantly, good paint, interior excellent.

Dual TKM MX11 VHF coms, intercom, Bendix T12C ADF with Davtron digital readout, Narco AT165 Transponder, dual GPS (Apollo/Garmin 295), Strobes.

Asking Price: **\$55,000** (OBO)

Contact: David Kent at dbkent@gmail.com or on 8005 2652





10 HP Diesel Engine For Sale

T.W.M QDE 10

Never used.

Electric or hand start. Comes with assorted pulleys.

\$500.00 or near offer

Call Margaret 0415 911 373



Stan Nightingale's new Whisper Motor Glider is for sale

This almost new **Whisper Motorglider**, registered experimental ZIP with the Gliding Federation of Australia, is the first flying aircraft of its type in Australia. Factory built, its features include: 120hp 6 cylinder 3300 Jabiru engine, Dynon D180 EFIS engine monitoring system, Flightcom 403 MC intercom, Icom A210 radio, LX16 electronic LCD variometer, Garmin 296 GPS, Garmin GTX 327 transponder, dual battery and wiring system, Airmaster AP 332 feathering inflight adjustable propeller and leather seats.

Wingspan 16m, Fuel capacity 85L, Glide Ratio 1:28 at 105km/h, 25 hours engine time and total hours.

Asking price: \$99,000 (negotiable).

Contact: Stan Nightingale on 0415 911 373



Nick Hunt's two CESSNA AIRCRAFT are FOR SALE

Nick Hunt is seeking expressions of interest from any club member for the purchase of his two Cessna aircraft. He will sell them separately, but if a member is interested in taking them both, a more favourable agreement could be reached.

Classic 1955 Cessna 180. VH-YMH. 4700 hrs TT. Immaculate condition. 3 bladed prop. New interior including panel. Recent new paint. Glider tow-hook. Due for engine Overhaul. \$108,000.



Cessna 185, 1961. VH-FFC. 6000 hrs TT. 300hp Engine, Eng O'haul due at 7025 hrs, 88" Seaplane prop. Parachute door. Glider tow-hook. Interior/Exterior excellent. \$145,000

For more detailed specifications and more photos, please contact Nick via e-mail at: *nickhunt.1@bigpond.com.au* or by mobile phone 0427 279 798

Ant Prehn's Hangar Q2 is For Sale

Hangar Number: Q2

Size: 15 X 15.5

Floor: Epoxy coated reinforced concrete.

Sheeting: Colorbond.

Close to toilets and shower. Lights and power points ready for generator. Hangar is almost brand new. Suitable for tall aircraft.

Price: **\$90.000**

Contact: **Ant Prehn** on 0412 271 404



For Sale - Randall Krebs' Zenith Tri Z



The late Randall Krebs' 4 seater Zenith Tri Z, VH-DJE is for sale.

TT 591, Engine 522 TR, Prop 1966 TR. Fresh 100hrly as at 15/3 2012. 2 x Com, ADF, intercom.

This aircraft is being advertised in the Aviation Trader for:

REDUCED PRICE \$35,000

However, a better price may be available to a NSW SAC member. For further information or test flight contact:

Matthew Gray at weemelah@optusnet.com.au or on 0411 505 521