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Pictured above is part of the huge contingent of SAC members who attended the BBQ at Jaspers Brush, (left to right) Steve Cohen, Kevin Haydon, Jan Zytka, Peter Hodgens (with hair enhancement), Nash Pilling, John Onrust, Tara and Bernie Stevermuer with Sebastian, Mikailo Eric, Robert Greig, Milivoj Kresovic, Ceri and Garth Bartlett, Mary and Russell Dann, Rick Harper, Cliff van Praag, Diane and Lloyd Shepherd, Peter and John Lightbown, Grahame Gibson, Jacqueline and Doug Montague. Below Left: Peter Hodgens' RV4, Milivoj Kresovic's Jabiru J170, and Rick Harper's Murphy Rebel. At right: Gary Malane's Lightwing Speed. Full story appears on Page 9.



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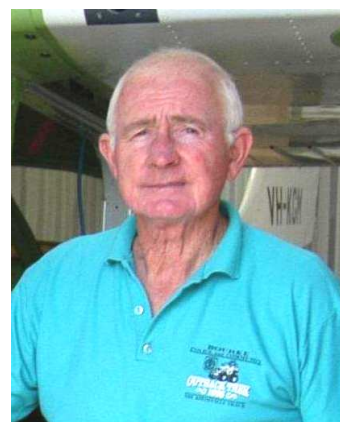
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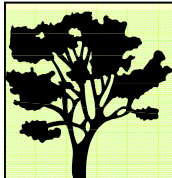
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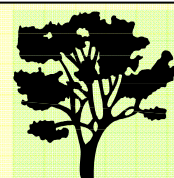
Your new Committee: Margaret Nightingale (Secretary), Tara Stevermuer (Treasurer), Bret Cavanagh, John Duncan, Matthew Gray, Vic Laybutt, Nash Pilling and Gordon Steer.



At left: John Dall's Pitts Model 12, that first flew on 10th February 2007, is still at Camden, and will soon move to its new home at Scone Airport.



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Welcome to the **April/May '08** edition of your Newsletter. It seems that your

From your Editor

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old Newsletter Editor will continue with this task for the time being. Oh dear!

Major events since the last Newsletter include the Annual General Meeting, reciprocal visits by SAC and SCRFC (South Coast Recreational Flying Club) from Jaspers Brush, Wings over Illawarra and Natfly at Narromine. You will find

reports on these and other matters inside this issue, along with all the usual contributions from our office bearers.

May I suggest that you view this Newsletter on the website, where the whole thing appears in beautiful colour.

Enjoy

David Rittie

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Words from the President

Hi there. Another Club year is under way. Here's the latest.

Your New Committee

The Committee that you voted in for this year is almost the same as last year. The only change was brought about when Margaret Adams decided not to stand again this year. She has been replaced by our ex president Vic Laybutt.

The new Committee is Margaret Nightingale (Secretary), Tara Stevermuer (Treasurer), Bret Cavanagh, John Duncan, Matthew Gray, Vic Laybutt, Nash Pilling and Gordon Steer. Welcome back to the members of last year's Committee, and a special welcome back to Vic, who brings many years of committee and presidential experience with him.

Margaret Adams leaves the Committee after a decade of loyal service, but will continue to head up the Social Committee (nee Ladies Auxiliary), she will continue to write articles for the Newsletter and will also continue to be the driving force in the Newsletter distribution team. Thank you for your past sterling service Margaret, and thanks for continuing to play such a major part in the Club's affairs.

Let me close this subject by saying how much I really appreciate those others who stood for the Committee. They are all very worthy candidates, and I thank them all for having the dedication to stand for election.

Runway

As mentioned at the last General Meeting the sealing of the runway has been postponed until the spring, due to the high additional costs involved in doing the work during the colder months.

Joining fees

As you will all be aware the joining fees were raised to

\$3,000. Since that time there have been only two new applicants. We will monitor the numbers of new applications over the next six to nine months, and keep you all posted for you all to consider.

Lease

Our draft application for a new lease of the airfield has been reviewed by the DoL, and with suitable adjustment it will soon be submitted in its final form.

Caravans

Thanks to all those who have cooperated by removing their caravans from the airfield. I'm certain this effort will enhance our reputation as good tenants with the Department of Lands and the Wollondilly Shire Council.

Open Day

The Open Day will be held, as usual, in early November. This is now a priority event, and any runway work will be scheduled to a time frame that will not clash with our premier event.

The Open Day Coordinator for this year is John Duncan. Our thanks go to John for volunteering for this task.

Northern Development Sub Committee (NDSC)

Nash Pilling's NDSC has been busy installing a new huge water tank at the south east corner of the airfield with a comprehensive water reticulation system covering the whole airfield. Thanks to this dedicated team, with special thanks to Steve Cohen, along with Simon Bates and Martin Ongley, who both contributed buckets of sweat to this project, with a little help also from Greg Goulding.



Fencing

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, when the Northern Sedimentation Pond was constructed we found that we no longer had an effective boundary at the north west corner of the airfield. Vic Laybutt, with help from Bob Sproule, will soon commence the installation of a wire rope fence in that area, and will be completed in a few weeks' time.

Barry Davis

Latest report from friends of Barry

is that he continues to make slow but very noticeable progress. He is feeding himself and will hold short conversations. We all hope that he keeps up the fighting spirit and gets well soon.

Newsflashes

As promised at the Annual General Meeting we will send out a "Newsflash" to all members on email whenever a significant event occurs, or about once a week. These Newsflashes will also ap-

pear on the website.

Clubhouse door lock

The lock on the Clubhouse door has been changed. Your gate key will now fit this lock.

Fridge is back

One of the Club's fridges has been repaired and is back in the Clubhouse, thanks to some help from Ray Feneley.

Until next time, **please fly safely**

David Rittie

From the Secretary's Desk

Hi Everyone

Here we go again for another year. I expect it will be busy with lots of things going on in the club and around the airfield. Your new committee will be meeting for the first time on Thursday, 3rd April. Other dates for committee meetings will be discussed at this meeting and a schedule of meetings will be published on the website and displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard for the information of club members.

Draft minutes of the March General

Meeting will be sent out with the Newsletter before the next general meeting in June so that all members can read them and comment before the meeting. These are just 2 of some proposed changes to the way the committee communicates with members. Other messages and information will be circulated through email and the website, so keep an eye on these.

The content of the website will be updated in the near future with committee members being responsible for the content and its relevance and peri-



odic updates. Communication with members will be one of our priorities this year.

Your new committee was elected as follows at the Annual General Meeting on 9th March.

Committee Election Results – 2008

President – David Rittie unopposed

Treasurer – Tara Stevermuer unopposed

Secretary – Margaret Nightingale unopposed

Committee Members

Matthew Gray 83 votes

Vic Laybutt 73 votes

Gordon Steer 67 votes

Nash Pilling 62 votes

Bret Cavanagh 59 votes

John Duncan 59 votes

Thanks to Robert Greig, Kim Gatherer, Ray Feneley and Lindsay Sinclair for having some great ideas and the

courage to help the club by volunteering to serve on the Committee. We hope you'll be available to give us a hand with some of the tasks we have before us this year. Your contribution to the club is valued and appreciated.

Farewell to **Margaret Adams** who is leaving the committee after 10 tireless years. We'll see you at workdays and other functions. We hope you enjoy not having to attend committee meetings but we're sure you'll miss us. We're all looking forward to reading the history of the club and celebrating 30 years of Wedderburn in February next year with you. Thank you for your support and endless energy.

Just a gentle reminder that members are responsible for any visitors they bring to the airfield. This includes the behaviour and safety of both adults and children.

Happy and safe flying to all and I hope to see you around the airfield having fun.

Margaret Nightingale

Hi everyone,

Hope you have been on at least one of the many fly-aways as we have had some great flying weather and lots of events to chose from. Even Sebastian has been on his first fly-away to Jaspers Brush (along with many other club members – what a turn out!!).

2008 Annual subs

Thank you to almost everyone for paying your subs in such a timely manner. I'm pleased to report that only 13 full members have still not paid, and have now been invoiced a late fee. Perhaps I should name them...

Fuel invoices sent

If you purchased fuel between 1 February and 22 March then you should have received an invoice from me for your purchase(s). If you have not received your invoice yet, or if you believe there to be in error, please contact me.

Fuel price

The good news is that the recent fuel invoices were charged to you at \$1.64/litre, despite having dis-

played \$1.68 as the price (and you didn't even need a Woollies fuel voucher).

Missing fuel

I am sad to report that there have been three recent fuel purchases of 20 litres that have not been written in the fuel purchase book.

This is more than in the last two years! Whether you put the fuel directly in your plane, or you put it in a jerry can, YOU MUST WRITE IT IN THE BOOK. Please, if this was you and you forgot to write you purchase in the book – let me know.

Need to contact me?

I am best contacted by email (stevermuer@uow.edu.au). Alternately, if you wish to reach me by phone, please only call me Thursday through Sunday.

Blue Skies,

Tara Stevermuer



* * * UPCOMING FLYING AND SOCIAL EVENTS * * *

Your Committee Member, Bret Cavanagh, has volunteered to be the Events Coordinator for this year. If you want to stage an event, or invite the Club to join you on a flying jaunt please talk to Bret to ensure it doesn't clash with some other important event, and also to arrange some suitable publicity in the Newsletter and the Thursday "Newsflash".

UPCOMING EVENTS. Put 'em in your diary

April 25-27	AAAA Fly-in Temora	[Contact: Matthew Gray]
April 26 (Saturday)	Wings Wheels and Wine at Mudgee	[Contact: Lance Grant, 0417 068 902]
May 3rd (Saturday)	April's Saturday Social Workday	[Contact: Matthew Gray, Margaret Adams]
May 4th (Sunday)	"Mudgee Midday Sip, Bite 'n' Run"	[Contact: Gary Malane, 0412 555 819]
May 25th (Sunday)	Navy Open Day, HMAS Albatross, Nowra	[Contact: Margaret Nightingale]
June 15th (Sunday)	General Meeting	[Contact: Margaret Nightingale]
July 27 (Sunday)	Sydney Basin Bash (Let's try it again)	[Contact: David Rittie]
August	Nothing arranged yet. Any volunteers?	[Contact: TBA]
Sept 14th (Sunday)	General Meeting	[Contact: Margaret Nightingale]
Sept 20th (Saturday)	Our Airfield Lease's 30th Birthday Party	[Contact: Margaret Adams]
October 25 & 26	Australian Defence Force Air Show, Nowra	[Contact: Margaret Nightingale]
November (TBA)	Fisher's Ghost Fly-past	[Contact: John Duncan]
November (TBA)	Open Day	[Contact: John Duncan]

AND DON'T MISS OUT . . . NSW SAC CHRISTMAS PARTY and awards presentation gathering. December 14th (Sunday) Albion Park Aviators Lounge, midday [Contact: Robert Greig 0418 271 188]

Bret Cavanagh

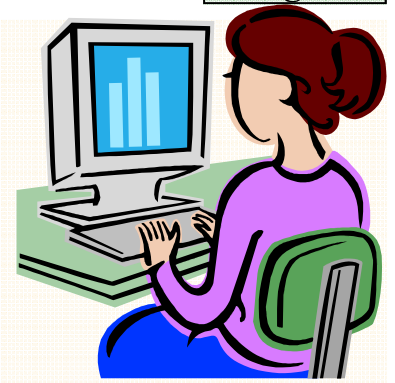
Speeding on taxiways

It has been reported that high performance and noisy motor bikes have been ridden at high speed on our taxiways. This practice is simply unacceptable. It only makes sense to ride motor bikes (and drive cars for that matter) in a slow, quiet, considerate and sensible manner. Please treat the airfield as an airfield and not a speedway. Thanks.

David Rittie

Hi Everyone,

Here we are enjoying the best time of the year, Autumn, with most beautiful days and we trust it continues for our Aviators to enjoy this excellent flying weather.



The first Work Day of the New Year, held on Sunday 24th February, was very successful. It was pleasing to see at least 12 of our newer members come along to lend a hand with working around the Airfield and then to enjoy the luncheon with fellow club members. We had 53 members sit down for an excellent lunch of assorted sandwiches with cakes a plenty and fresh fruit. The spread was prepared by the Ladies of the Club and we did appreciate the help from Wendy, Merle and our special junior Lillie Harvie. “Thanks” to all the Ladies who continue to help me with their time and energy. Remember we need you all, so to the partners of our newer members and also the new Lady members, come along and join us, we do have fun whilst we are working. Hope to see you all at the next Work Day, which has now been changed from SATURDAY 26th APRIL to SATURDAY 3rd MAY (due to Anzac Day weekend).

Our A G M is over for another year and it was a last minute decision that I withdrew my nomination to serve as a Committee member for this year. As I explained in my letter that Noel read to the members present, I need the time to help Ron Lalor and other members update the booklet on the History of the Sport Aircraft Club. As our wonderful Club will be celebrating 30 years since our inaugural General Meeting on 10th February 2009, time to complete this project is short, so it was for the better that I gave myself this time off.

I had been a Committee Member for the past 9 years and always tried hard to uphold the principals of the Club rules, and I have no regrets with decisions I have made whilst serving on the Committee. I “Thank” all the members who voted for me over these years and remember, I have only left the SAC Committee. I am still Chair of the Club’s Ladies Auxiliary (now Social Committee) and will liaise closely with the main Committee to help in organizing the many social events we hold, and we will certainly have some more fun nights over the next few months.

WORK DAY SATURDAY 3RD MAY 2008

Please take note of change of day and date for this Work Day. Also, the Club Committee has made a decision to pay for the cost of providing the lunch for our workers, for this and all future Work Days. The change of date has come about due to Anzac Day falling on the Friday and many of our members make this a long weekend.

The Ladies will be serving BBQ Sausages and Rissoles with a variety of salads, bread buns followed by a selection of cakes. Trust we have a great roll up of workers to carry out the list of jobs that Matthew will have ready for you. Then, whilst you are relaxing and enjoying your lunch, the Ladies will be selling tickets for a raffle of a Meat Tray (full of a selection of quality meat, from a proper Butcher). All proceeds will go towards the Ladies purchasing a 5 Burner BBQ on a trolley, plus a hood, rotisserie and other extras. I know all our BBQ chefs will be waiting anxiously for the Ladies to buy this up-to-date B B Q. It will certainly make the cooking a lot easier – no more burning of the snags. We need to carry out some maintenance on our trusty old B B Q and this will happen after the new one is installed.

So please remember to bring your money with you on this Social Work Day to purchase your lucky ticket(s).

Due to the Work Day being held on SATURDAY 3rd MAY our FLY-IN / DRIVE-IN BRUNCH scheduled for Sunday 4th MAY will have to be postponed to a later date. We are hoping to invite the Tharawal Aboriginal Council members to come and join us on the next Brunch get-together, and also an invitation will be sent to our many friends at the various Aero Clubs to fly in and enjoy the day with us. More details will be placed on our Website as soon as possible.

A SPECIAL EVENT

On SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2008 we will be celebrating 30 years of the signing of Special Lease 1977/1 on 20th September, 1978

An invitation will be extended to all our members, past and present, to join us for a special Afternoon Tea, to be held in the Clubhouse at 2.30 p.m. to celebrate this milestone.

I would like everyone to please make a note of this important date in their diaries. There will be many reminders in the next two Newsletters and on our Website.

I must "Thank" Maureen and Stan Charlesworth for sending me those early photos of our very FIRST Open Day – what memories!! They were fantastic and they will certainly have a place in the revised booklet.

Have you any early photos and articles of Wedderburn to send? We are waiting for them, so please send them as soon as you can to yours truly or Ron Lalor.

Cheers,

Margaret Adams

Work / Social Day Activities

Hello Everyone, and welcome to my first Newsletter item after the AGM for 2008.

First up, let me say thank you for your vote of support in re-electing me again for another term, and of course the rest of the committee as well. It's hoped that we might have a few wins this year and advance our Club even further as the year rolls on.

One small announcement I can make right now is, that from now on, anyone who attends a Social/Workday will receive a **free lunch** – every time. We are looking at possibly having a raffle for interesting things on the day, (be it aviation related or perhaps even some things like meat trays etc, so..... you can still part with a few of you hard earned dollars on the day anyway!



***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Date Change for April's Social/Workday - NOW Saturday 03 May 2008

The Anzac Day long weekend is that of the 25/26/27 of April and it was thought best to move the Social/Workday to the following weekend as there are a number of Aviation orientated activities during this long weekend that a number of members might want to attend instead. This includes the Antique Aeroplane Assoc fly-in at Temora, incorporating the Temora Flying weekend, which quite a number of our members attend every year (of which I am one), plus a few other functions around the Eastern States that are of interest

to others. So, again, just a reminder that it now the **Saturday 3rd May**.

The activities for this Social/Workday will be listed on the website around a week prior to the 3rd of May. As usual, they include Fire Hazard Reduction, Road and Taxiway repairs, Drainage inspections and so on, so please bring as much protective clothing as necessary and any gardening tools you can also bring along would be much appreciated.

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Lastly, I just have one small thing I would like to add to my column before finishing up with this edition of the Newsletter. I was personally disappointed and to some extent upset on behalf of the majority of members in relation to the rubbish pile outside of the clubhouse and its growth over the Christmas period.

You will recall we had a clean-up at the last Social/Workday where a number of items were removed from around hangars the bush areas of the club and stacked in the parking area for dispatch to the dump.

OK, we had a few issues with some members who were concerned that we put some of their belongings (that were left “outside their hangars”) on the pile, and therefore it was decided to postpone the removal of the rubbish for a few weeks so those people could return their items to their hangars and stow them away.

Anyway, that was not actually the disappointing part... The disappointing part was that it took us longer than expected to get a contractor to actually deliver a bin on site, and subsequently, a few members decided that this was the perfect opportunity to bring in rubbish from their homes, or clean out their hangars and add it to the pile, which was not really the intention of the airfield clean-up.

I would ask that in the future, should we have a rubbish collection again (and I believe we will), that any rubbish from your homes be left at home and not brought into the club for removal. It is grossly unfair on the rest of the club members be expected to have to pay the bill to have your household rubbish removed. Likewise, it's not the member's responsibility to bear the cost of cleaning out your hangar either.

For the record, the items that were loaded into the bin

included:

- a treadmill,
- two lawn mowers,
- a number of chairs, including deck chairs,
- window frames,
- a sink,
- drums of old engine oil,
- bedding materials – including pillows, blankets and sheets,
- bits and pieces of cars, from seats to body parts,
- an old stereo unit and, the list goes on.

Still to be removed from this area (at the time of writing this) are a number of plastic and metal containers, some steal and roofing material, and there is even a set of moulds from someone's cowl for their aircraft.

Apart from the obvious lack of consideration for fellow members, this unfortunately meant that the cost of removing this rubbish was increased from what was expected to be around \$250.00 to \$300.00, to somewhere in the vicinity of \$1000.00. I say “in the vicinity” as so far we have parted with \$700.00 and there is still some rubbish to be removed, and I do not have the final cost for this as such – but I am expecting a final bill of around \$1000.00 or so, when all is said and done.

Anyway, I don't want to harp on it, but again, I would ask that everyone be mindful of their actions and the flow-on effect of cost to the club membership as a result of such actions.

I look forward to seeing you at the next Social/Workday on the 3rd of May.

Kind Regards

Matthew Gray
Social Workday Coordinator

Wings Away

Wings over Illawarra

Numerous SAC members made the trip south to enjoy Wings Over Illawarra on Saturday 8th March, braving some very ordinary low cloud over the escarpment early in the morning.

The cloud dodging (or patient late departure) was rewarded with a great day seeing some classic aircraft, and even sharing the circuit with the odd jet or two! (KAJ witnessed the landing of the Canberra from a perfect

vantage point 1500 ft above mid-field prior to joining crosswind - what a view!)

On display was the collection of Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS) aircraft comprising the “Black Cat” Catalina, the WWII workhorse DC3/C47 and, of course, the Super “Connie” - (Lockheed L1049).

Some other noteworthy attractions

including a Canberra Bomber, the Dragon Rapide and a beautifully coloured Tiger Moth.

Just to add to the attraction were some interesting elderly motor cars including MGs, Rileys and an Alvis.

Those who attended were treated to a special and interesting day.

Thanks to Bret Cavanagh for providing the detail for the story, and the very beaut pictures, which appear on
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Jasper's Brush

A couple of months ago, Nash Pilling met up with some of the members of the South Coast Recreational Flying Club, who operate out of Jaspers Brush (near Berry).

Invitations were extended both ways, where the SCRFC would come visit us on Saturday 1st March for a BBQ, and we would return the compliment by visiting them two weeks later.

As planned about a dozen members from Jaspers Brush came to visit us. Most of them drove up due to the sodden state of their runway. A BBQ was organised in our Clubhouse whilst tall tales (and some almost true) were told on the balcony. We hope our guests enjoyed themselves.

On the appointed day, Saturday 15th March, a large contingent of SAC members flew to Jaspers to take advantage of the nice weather, the free

food and the social camaraderie offered by the SCRFC.

During the SCRFC's visit to Wedderburn and our SAC visit to Jaspers Brush many new friendships were formed and many old friendships were reinforced. SCRFC President, Warren Baines, will invite us to join them on a fly-out to Frog's Hollow later on this year.

As far as we are able to determine the following SAC members attended the BBQ at Jaspers Brush: Garry Malane, Tim Causer, Rick Harper, Jan Zytka, Lloyd and Dianne Shepherd, John and Peter Lightbown, Bernie and Tara Stevermuer (with Sebastian), Kim Gatherer, Robert Greig, Cliff van Praag, Peter Hodgens, Grahame Gibson. Milivoj Kresovic, Mikailo Eric, Nash Pilling, Mary and Russell Dann, Dave Thomas, Kevin Haydon, Jacqueline and



Doug Montague, John Onrust, Steve Cohen, Ceri and Garth Bartlett, David Rittie and Bob Hazell.

This is the biggest roll-up of our Club members at a fly-away in recent history, and maybe the biggest ever. Thanks to Nash for arranging the whole thing, and to Peter Hodgens who was loud in his encouragement to have so many of our members attend.

David Rittie

Pictures appear on **Front Page** and on **Page 11** . . . **Ed**

"Natfly" at Narromine

The weather was not kind for us at Easter, and the expected roll-up of visitors to Narromine for the annual R.A.Aus national fly-in - "Natfly" did not eventuate. Those that left Sydney on the Thursday before Good Friday were greeted by good flying weather, but Friday dawned wet with very low cloud, too low to get past the "sandstone curtain", better known as the Blue Mountains.

Saturday was no better, and when Sunday became clear enough to get past the mountains the weather at Narromine was abysmal. It just rained, and spoiled any chance of the

late arrivals from enjoying any part of the weekend. Some of our members who are smarter than the rest decided to drive there on the Friday to ensure they would eventually arrive.

There were the usual, and very interesting forums happening all day on Friday and Saturday, and many interesting aviation products and aircraft being promoted in the display area. Rod Russell's beautify presented Festival was on show here and naturally created much interest.

As far as we are able to determine,

the following SAC Club members were in attendance: Anthony Bauldry, Dave Berry and Wendy, Kevin Brodie, Tim Causer, Matthew Gray, Rick Harper, Kevin Haydon, Peter Hodgens, Stan Nightingale, Margaret Nightingale, Rod Russell, Lindsay and Maree Sinclair, Robert Seisun, John and Robyn Venn.

Those of us who attended were rewarded with a satisfying Easter.

Thwarted attempts to go to Natfly were made by: Bernie Stevermuer, Peter Gibson, John Lightbown, Peter Lightbown, David Rittie.

David Rittie

Ready, Set, Go! for the Mudgee Midday Sip Bite 'n' Run

Join us for lunch in Mudgee on Sunday 5th May.

Those attending should be at the Mudgee terminal by 12 midday where we will move on to the Blue Wren Winery, where pilots can sip cappuccinos while the co-pilots can do some serious wine tasting in preparation

for a sumptuous midday meal.

For further details contact Gary Malane on 0412 555 819.

Thanks to Gary for arranging this one. We hope everyone has a good time. . . . **Ed**

New member update

The following people wish to become members of NSW SAC. If any one has good reason to believe that they should not become members, please let the Committee know before their probation period is out.

Interviewed in February:

David Bloomfield (Proposed by Greg Ackman and seconded by Nash Pilling).

David has been flying for 20 years and owns a Diamond Katana.

Robert (Roy) John Docherty (Proposed by Steve Cohen and seconded by Tim Causer). Roy has been flying gliders for 35 years and powered aircraft for the last 5.

Graham Noel Dunford (Proposed by Paul McGuire and seconded by Rob Mangan). Graham is a local Wedderburn resident who is building a RV7.

Peter Lightbown (Proposed by his son John and seconded by Peter Hodgins). Peter has started to learn to fly and has attended many social gatherings of the club.

Josef Melvald (Proposed by Greg Ackman and seconded by Derek Dugan). Josef has been flying for 10

years and is building a RV9.

Christopher Michael Newns (Proposed by Bruce Nash and seconded by Graham Nutt). Chris has been flying for 35 years and looks forward to building his own aircraft soon.



To be interviewed on Saturday the 3rd May (social/work day): If any member wishes to be involved with the interview process, please let myself or any Committee member know.

Jeremy Donald Williams (Three referees: Douglas Acheson, Keith Lemon and Miles Denness). Owns a Zodiac XL601.

Yoram Foyer (Three referees: Michael Micallef, Tass Hatzianreoy and Abie Ezekiel). Learning to fly at Dave's flying school.

Always Airborne

Bernie Stevermuer

FOR SALE:

Airtourer bits and pieces

Partially restored wing for MUO. Wreck of MVL fuselage and another wing. Some control surfaces and numerous boxes of parts. Box of drawings available (Not complete). Must clear Hangar space, will email photos to those interested. Any offer considered. Parts kept in hangar at Wedderburn.

Contact Bill King.

Mobile: 0407285641.

Email address: bil.king@bigpond.net.au

* * * HANGAR SPACE WANTED * * * (Can you help?)

Hangar Space Wanted

For Rockwell Commander 114.
Aircraft is underwing (short stubby wings) and has a tail height of 3.25m. Hoping for long term hire. Willing to assist with maintenance. Contact Brian Pittman on (02) 9674 5218 or mobile 0403 161 923.

Hangar Space Wanted

for Piper Cherokee
Contact Nick Vass 0416 025 535
or email at nvass@tpg.com.au

Hangar Space Wanted

Looking for hangar rent /share for my aircraft, COZY 4, (canard)
Please contact Khalid Shuwayhat 0401 713 707

Hangar Space Wanted

For a Piper Archer II
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Above: The visitors from Jaspers Brush include Warren Baines (SCRFC President), Les Day, Rudi Dux, Bevan Maloney, Shirley and Neville Sinnott, pictured here on the SAC clubhouse balcony. Story Page 9



Above left: new member Simon Bates proudly shows us his Long EZ, which originally belonged to the late Jack McSparron (husband of our Dorothy), and at right, lining up on YWBN's three-five. Below: Members John Bucknell and Phil Ayrton park their RV4s on Rick Harper's private strip at Bohnock





Above: The brightly coloured Tiger Moth and the Dragon Rapide. Below: The Super “Connie” (L1049) on engine start-up. Bottom: the DC3/C47 Dakota and the “Black Cat” Catalina amphibian, all on show at Wollongong Airport, Albion Park. Story is on Page 8



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Re: Joining & Annual Fees

It seems that it is time to remind ourselves of the reasons for the existence of the SAC NSW Airstrip, at Wedderburn! The main one being – the encouragement of participation in aviation related activities, whatever the form, and at whatever level ones circumstances permit.

For some this means being able to look at others aircraft – some in the process of being built, & others the mass produced pride & joy of the owner. For others it is being able to operate their pride & joy aircraft (maybe more than one) in a relatively unrestricted environment & amongst friends.

The first mentioned group are more often than not to be found enthusiastically carrying out the basic tasks required to develop & maintain the airfield, regularly attending the Work Days – because this is as involved as their circumstances permit. Their fervent hope is that somebody of different circumstances will talk to them about aeroplanes & maybe even let them examine an aeroplane, OR the ultimate – take them for a ride! It may not be aeroplanes, it maybe Trikes, Gliders, Parachuting, etc. But, whatever the activity, it is beyond the means of this member to participate fully.

In this age of “Heighten Security Awareness”, Wedderburn is one of the few airstrips still available to this level enthusiast – if they are a member!

The second mentioned group are usually busy people (“time poor”) who naturally would rather part with a few dollars for not attending Work Days etc., & instead spend the time flying – whether for recreation or business. Good luck to them.

But, should we not remember those less fortunate than ourselves?

We should not discriminate according to ones circumstances – let those that contribute through their labour, do so. And let those that contribute through their wealth, do so, freely!

Many members probably dream of an “All Weather, lit runway, of the best quality surface”, & a modern club house with all amenities (incl. beer on tap!) - but they can only dream. But, those that can make dreams come true – through their business acumen, good fortune, or inheritance, etc – can get immeasurable joy & respect for sharing with those of less fortunate circumstances. (Who may, never ever get to use the facilities you may provide).

Let’s not forget who gets the most use of the runway – those that can afford to fly the most! Should we penalise out of existence the enthusiast base of NSW SAC?

We don’t want to be another example of the modern “I, me, mine, etc” selfish philosophy – but, a “we, ours, theirs, etc.”, sharing & considerate philosophy were we get the enjoyment & respect of sharing our good fortune – however achieved - with others less fortunate.

As Jock says in his letter to the committee – the early members “toil & vision” was their joining fee. Let’s not take those options away from future members!

One hopes that the committee’s decisions regarding Joining & Annual Fees will reflect the above sentiments.

Yours sincerely,

Randall Krebs

Thanks for taking the time to express your views Randall.

As mentioned in the President’s column we will keep you all informed of the number of new members joining the club over the next six to nine months, so that you can all gauge the effects of the new joining fee, and make your recommendations (at a General Meeting) to the Committee accordingly.

David Rittie

The Fleet Air Arm is celebrating its 60th anniversary, and the 60th anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Albatross at Nowra as its home. They are staging a series of events involving the local community and the extended Australian aviation community with two major events, one in May and one in October.

The NSW Sport Aircraft Club has been invited to participate in the fly-in and static display hosted by the Fleet Air Arm Museum and the Albatross Aero Club on Sunday 25th May. They are expecting a significant number of light aircraft, antique and warbirds to attend, and be open for inspection by the public.


The Shoalhaven and Illawarra Model Aero Clubs and the spectacular Sydney Model Jet Flyers will provide the flying content of the day

If we have enough interest from our members who would be willing to fly in and display their aircraft the committee will organise a display about Wedderburn and the NSW SAC to accompany the aircraft.

Aircraft arrivals are to be before 1000 and departures will be after 1300. To co-ordinate the event the Anniversary Planning Cell at HMAS Albatross need to know exactly how many aircraft will be arriving from Wedderburn. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Margaret Nightingale on 0425 380 966 or email fireweed@netspace.net.au

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by 30th April. Pilots need to get approval to land at Albatross. I'll get back to you about that when you let me know you wish to attend.

It would be great to have a variety of sport aircraft on show and take advantage of the venue to promote our club.

Please also put 25th and/or 26th October in your diary to attend the Australian Defence Force Air Show at HMAS Albatross celebrating their 60th anniversary. This will be a "drive to" event. They are

expecting an audience of 40,000.

I look forward to hearing from all you enthusiastic club members and flyers who love to get out there and show off your aircraft and tell big whoppers about flying. Let's make this a really fun day by getting together to promote our club both amongst ourselves and to the broader community.

Margaret Nightingale