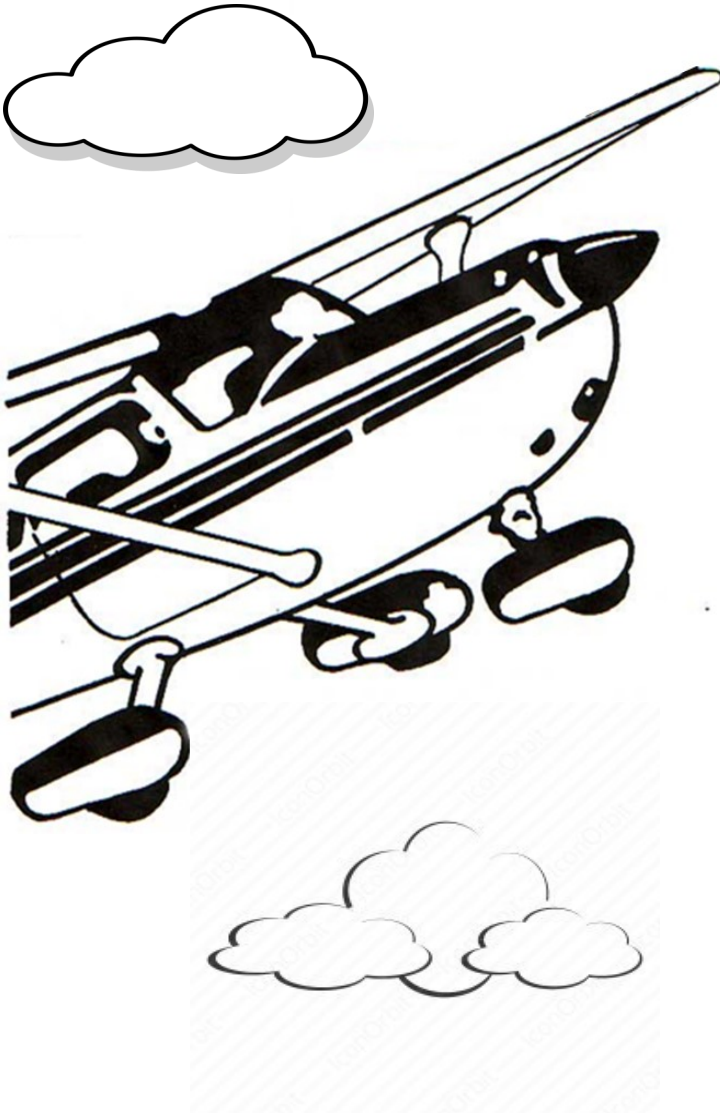


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Northam Aero club (Inc.) Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Hi All.

The big event this month has been Cyclone Seroja, he has caused much devastation to many coastal towns and inland up north. One of the worst hit towns was Kalbarri where our own Ashley Smith has been working for a scenic tour company. I spoke to Ashley before the cyclone hit as to what they will do with the aircraft. He told me that they would hangar all the planes. The planes survived the cyclone but sadly Ashley's house did not along with 70% of the town's residences. Ashley has sent us a photo. There were no lives lost which is hard to believe when you see the destruction, and the community has come together to rebuild the towns involved. The devastation that Cyclone Seroja caused will be in our minds for a long time to come and our thoughts are with all those involved in the massive cleanup. It is up to all of us to help out any way we can to keep our businesses, friends and relatives safe as we move forward.

On a happier note, the painting of our club rooms continues and looks fantastic. Many thanks go to those that have helped out. Ian Berry flew up from Serpentine, Dave Beech, Dave McFarlane, Matt Bignell, Sue Clements, Debra Donovan, Peter Hill and myself have all dipped a brush or roller in paint. I got involved in the beginning by delegating the paint choice to Heather and she came through with a great colour titled "Up and Away" which should fit in well with the upcoming hot air ballooning event.

To kick off our social get togethers this year we will be holding a Barbeque lunch on the 2nd Sunday of the month, 9th May 2021 after the flying competition, so please feel free to come down to the Airfield and catch up with everyone.

Our elections for the Northam Aero Club Committee have come around again. Consider being part of the Committee by nominating yourself and get involved. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Friday 25th June 2021 at 7.30pm and all nomination forms are to be in the hands of the Secretary by 4th June 2021.

Cheers, Errol.

Club Captains Report

NAC Club Captains Report APRIL 2021

Due Stress of Weather: (side effects Cyclone) our April Flying Comp was postponed to Sunday 9th May.

Please see the Comp sheet for full details.

Next NAC Flying Comp is SUNDAY 9th MAY. "GOOMALLING RECON"

A mini Air Trial within 20 n.m. of Northam Airfield.

All Pilots have full Comp Sheets and Map with 4 weeks to go, so why not fly a practice run?

Club aircraft is always there waiting to go...

Remember your Membership needs to be current to fly her!

All Members welcome, refreshments provided and seats available in Club Aircraft for Members who wish to fly with TEAM NAC!

See you SUNDAY 9 th MAY 9 am Northam Airfield.

Yes, that is MOTHERS DAY COMP, see you there.

Until then, Thank You, and Stay Safe.

Peter Hill Club Captain 0450415947 prh@aurora.net.au

p.s.

Ashley Smith was in the his unit in Kalbarri during the cyclone

We were very relieved to learn that he escaped without injury, even though his house was totaled all around him!

Complete roof and all ceilings gone, (made the news) .

Ashley, we all are pleased to know you are in one piece, the house will be replaced , but you are irreplaceable and we look forward to your early return to us.

From all Pilots and Crew TEAM NAC

RESULTS

First Place		
Second Place		
Third Place		
Fourth Place		
Fifth Place		
Sixth Place		
Equal Seventh Place		

Club Pictures



NAC Club Aircraft in capable hands of Russell Steicke

This is the Editors

Piper Cherokee VH-RXA

Just prior to heading off
for a flight over Mt
Buller to see the first
snow of the season.



Some Views from “Over East”



The first snow for the 2021 Season on MT Buller Victoria, Alt. 8,500' AMSL



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Notice is hereby given to the
Members**

Annual General Meeting

NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Friday 25th June 2021

NAC Club Rooms

7.30pm

AGENDA ITEMS

Election of Office Bearers

Notice of Motion

(Please bring a small plate of food for fellowship at
the conclusion of the meeting)

The names of the candidates proposed as Officers of the Club with the names of their proposers and seconders shall be in the hands of the Secretary 21 days before the date of the Annual Meeting (04 June 2021). The names shall be posted in the Club for 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Northam Aero Club Nomination Form

Nomination is hereby made for the position of:

*President *Vice President *Secretary
*Treasurer

*3 x Committee Persons (2 year)
*1 x Committee Person (1 year)

Nominee _____

Signature _____

Position _____

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

***To be in the hands of the Secretary by**

Friday 4th June 2021

(PO Box 247 Northam WA 6401)

Next Club Competition



Sunday 11th April 1400 FLYING COMP GOODWILLING RECONNAISSANCE. PILOT: _____

Full Details next NAC Flying Comp. Cheers, Peter Hill Club Captain CALL SIGN: _____

TAKE OFF AND CLIMB TO 2,500 ft EAST OF AIRFIELD

RADIO:

"Northern Traffic" _____ Departure Overhead at 2,500 ft for Goodwilling tracking 800 degrees on climb to 3,000 ft Northern" 5 Points.

Change to Area Frequency 120.3 Melbourne Centre at 10 miles.

CLIMB CHOCKS EVERY 10 MINUTES.

AT GOODWILLING TOWNSHIP: ONE ORBIT... MAINTAIN 3,000 ft.

Write here:

- # How many SILOS (round ones only) can you see? _____ 5 Points
- # Are Railway lines NORTH or SOUTH of SILOS? _____ 5 points
- # How many TENNIS COURTS can you see next to ORVAL? _____ 5 Points
- # What COLOUR are the GOLF COURSE PUTTING GREENS? _____ 5 Points

DEPART GOODWILLING FOR RECKERING TRACKING 135 Degrees.

approx. 6 miles on track of 135 degrees IDENTIFY GOODWILLING AIRSTRIP.

What is the COLOUR OF _____ 5 Points

Is Runway orientation East/West OR North/ South? _____ 5 points

AT RECKERING / ST. EASTERN HWY:

What is COLOUR of most prominent building on railway line? _____ 5 Points

In this white building NORTH OR SOUTH of the Railway line? _____ 5 points

NOW RETURN TO NORTHERN AIRFIELD tracking _____ degrees? _____ 5 Points

Descend to 2,500 ft (altitude / hemisphere's choice)

CHANGE TO NORTHERN CTAF 124.3 & MAKE INBOUND CALL.

RADIO: "Northern Traffic" _____ 10 miles to East at 2,500 ft
DESCEND estimate circuit time... Northern" 5 Points

IDENTIFY PRIVATE AIRSTRIP AT GRASS VALLEY NORTH SIDE OF ST. EASTERN HWY.

WHAT IS THE COLOUR OF RUNWAY? _____ 5 Points

WHAT IS RUNWAY ORIENTATION? East / West OR N/S _____ 5 Points

** AT 2,500 ft ** position aircraft for a midfield cross to the dead side for a Midfield Crosswind Circuit Entry.

RADIO: "Northern Traffic" _____ OVERHEAD NORTHERN AIRFIELD at 2,500 ft
CROSSING TO THE DEAD SIDE and DESCENDING for a MIDFIELD CROSSWIND CIRCUIT ENTRY NORTHERN" 5 Points

RADIO: "Northern Traffic" _____ JOINING MIDFIELD CROSSWIND RUNWAY _____ NORTHERN" 5 Points

RADIO: "Northern Traffic" _____ TURNING MID DOWNWIND RUNWAY FULL STOP NORTHERN" 5 Points

Bonus Points:

_____ Landed on Runway _____ 40 Points

RADIO: "Northern Traffic" _____ Landed and Clear Runway Northern" 5 Points.

Bar Hours

The Bar is currently closed for Renovations.
Please check with Matt Bignell for Renovation progress.
0407 873 700

C	L	E	A	R	O	F	F	S
Compass	Log	Engine	Altitude	Radio	Orientation	Fuel	Forced Landing	Sartime
Compass & DG Aligned?	10 min Marks? ETA Logged? ATD Logged?	Lean Mixture? RPM? Temps & Pressures?	Hemispsh? Assigned? Limitations (eg. Cloud, Terrain, etc)	Correct Freq? Transponder? Nav aids Usable? Radio Calls?	Where am I? Fuel/Point if possible!	Contents? Log	When to go? Wind direction? Ground Elevation?	When does it expire? Does it need amending?

NAC FLYING CORP



How many checks do you do before, during and after flight that involve not so much doing something, as checking that something has been done? One example is checking your harness in pre-landing checks. Of course it's on because you never undo it in flight. But it's a very good check when you have passengers who've unstrapped themselves and climbed over each other to get the best views.

The top-of-climb and turning point checks that you probably learnt in your navigation training are other examples. The RACWA way of doing them is CLEAROFFS checks, and you probably learnt those or something similar in your training. Whether or not you've simplified your navigation with GPS and OzRunways or other electronic toys, they're still a very useful way of ensuring, a few times in a flight, that you've ticked the boxes and you haven't missed anything. In nav training I often talk about the value of CLEAROFFS: if you've done them properly, you can relax because you know you haven't missed anything, so sit back, just fly the aeroplane and enjoy the view.

What additions or variations do you make to this list?

C – Compass

Once you're straight and level and not accelerating, align the DG with the compass.

L – Log

Have I logged my last fix position and time?

Have I logged my next estimate or revision?

E – Engine

Normal 10-minute (or however often you do them) engine checks: T's and P's, suction, amps.

Lean the mixture.

A – Altimetry

Am I at my planned altitude?

Is it hemispherical? Mandatory above 5000 ft, mandatory where practical below 5000.

When is my next level change?

If I'm heading towards CTA, where will I enter it at this altitude?

Where is my Top of Descent?

R – Radio

Am I on the right frequency?

Have I made all the calls I should have?

Where and when is my next frequency change?

What's my next call, and what frequency will it be on?

O – Orientation

Big picture navigation eg. I've taken off from Geraldton for Jandakot. Australia should be on my left.

F – Fuel

Have I updated my fuel log? (Maybe you do this one under L)

Does my fuel burn match what I planned?

When will I next log my fuel?

When will I switch tanks (if applicable).

F – Forced landing

Where would I go if it all went quiet?

I include that last one because RACWA does, although I don't really think it belongs in CLEAROFFS as much as in constant vigilance. Especially over tiger country, you should always have an eye out for your best forced landing options.

Happy flying – get out and enjoy those cool clear autumn and winter days as much as you can!

Kevin

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW OVERDUE

Northam Aero Club Membership Renewal due January 2021

Now Overdue

Please make sure your membership is up to date – if in doubt call
Heather 0428 738 808 - \$55.00 per year.

Bank Details to make Membership payment to **Northam Aero Club**
BSB: **036107** Account No. **692937** Reference **A SURNAME**

Club House Renovations



Debra Donovan one of our trusty members painting the cornices with the first coat
In the main clubroom at Northam Aero Club.

Ashley Smiths House



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Peter Hill

Club Captain 0450415947 prh@aurora.net.au

**Next Club Committee meeting at 13:00 (1pm)
Sunday 9th May 2021 , at NAC Clubrooms**

NAC Website access QR code

We are slowly sliding into the new technological world!

Here is the latest High-Tech way to access the NAC website.

If you are "QR" code ready then simply scan this code with your phone or tablet and you will be taken to the club website.

What will they think of next!



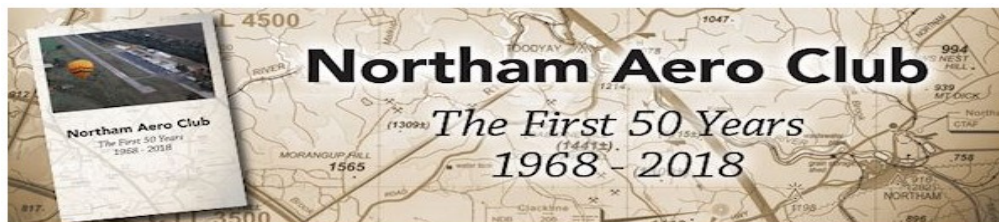
(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)

Mar/Apr 2021



NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



\$25.00 available from Northam Aero Club

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artifacts
- Photographs
- Old Aircraft Parts
- Signs

If it's old and historic—I'm interested

Adam Price—0428 611 797

NAC Club Aircraft Bookings



Enquiries— Matt Bignell

0407 873 700

Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____

☐ Not Renewing

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (email) _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult (\$55)

☐ Junior (\$10)

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 A/c Number:69-2937

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt (\$35) – Size _____ Name on Shirt: _____

100% breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant. Knit collar with contrast tipping.

Mens sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL or 5XL . (185 GSM standard 3 button)

Womens sizes 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 or 24 (Ladies 215 GSM with open V with 2 press studs)

☐ Club Cap (\$20) plus \$8 postage. (* Caps are also available from the bar)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an Invoice please tick ☐

‘Fly About’ Magazine: Yes ☐ I would like to receive it by ☐ email (preferred) ☐ post

No ☐ I do not wish to receive it

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

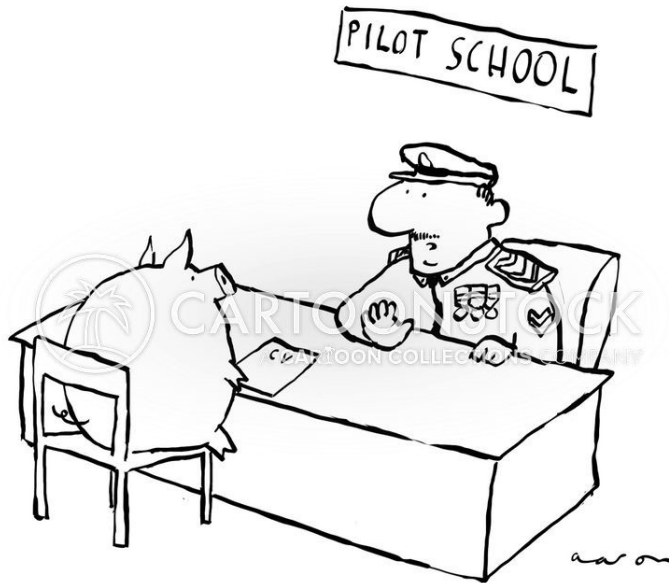
Northam Aero Club Cap \$20

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35 (Personalised)



Funnies

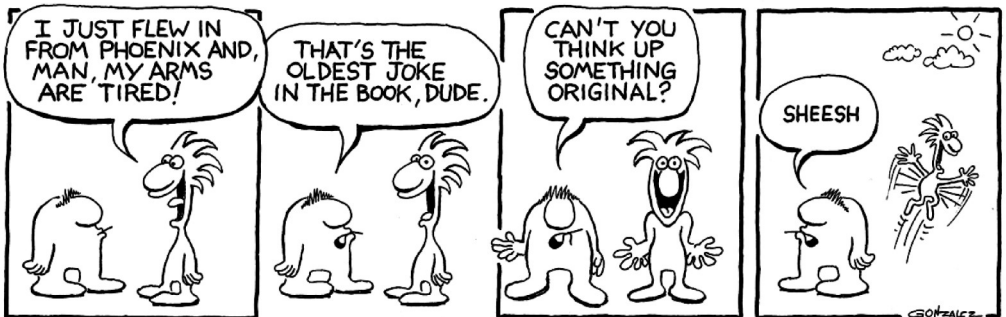
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"I'll be honest. Your chances of success are slim."

Oddbox

by Bobby G.



Classifieds

Northam Aero Club Merchandise

Club Polo Shirts with name and club logo—\$35.00

Postage available—\$10.00 per order

Club Caps with logo—\$20.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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