

Fly About

Northam Aero club (Inc.) Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Hi All.

I hope you managed to get a little flying in after the wet and windy weather we have been having, it is good to see some sunshine.

Congratulations to Ian Berry for achieving Club Champion for 2020/2021. Ian very rarely misses the club's monthly competition and has to travel or fly to Northam from Perth. Well done Ian just shows you are never too old to win a competition.

Some people call it experience!!!

The August /September National Ballooning event has had to be postponed until April/May of next year. There are two reasons for this. One is our intrepid Editor MJ could not make it over because of an operation he was having at the time and the second is that the eastern states are all in lock down. There have been many hours of planning and organization to get ready for the Nationals but we can roll these over to the April/May Championship. Many thanks to all those sponsors and volunteers that have offered their time and donations. All are more than happy to continue their support for the postponed event.

The bar is now open on Saturday nights from 5.00pm to 7.00 pm . The mini quiz night was well attended considering it was a late decision to run one. The club room is looking fantastic with most of the photos back on the walls.

PGL is flying a lot of hours with our new members which is great to see.

Just remember to use the carby heat with the cold weather.

Cheers, Errol

0428 880 149

Club Captains Report

Sunday 15th AUGUST was our Monthly Flying Comp.

" WONGAMINE BROOK RECONNAISSANCE".

Nominated Times with Radio Calls and Short Field Ops,
plus ground targets to be identified etc.

Each Pilot nominated their own time for the journey
so not a race, just a safe and interesting little cross country.
We all enjoyed the flying, everything went well.

Here is the Club Captain's Report....

NAC flight Crews gathered in the Flight office in good spirits,
we had to wait for some heavy mist to clear but all good by 10 a.m.
All TEAM NAC pilots had full Comp Sheets 30 days prior as usual,
so ample time to read/print off /FLIGHT PLAN the journey etc.
Pilots who fly NAC Monthly Comps give themselves every
opportunity to keep their flying skills well-honed and proficient,
so it is no surprise that all scores are pretty close by all Pilots.
Only 7 points covered the whole field.

Judges were Dave & James.

Thank you, we all value your work greatly.

RESULTS

First Place	Peter Hill	C152	135
Equal	Ian Berry	C177	132
	Nick Kostov	Jabiru	132
Third Place	Dave & Marg	PA-28 180	128
Fourth Place	James Hill	C152	125
Fifth Place	Russell	C172	

Club Captains Report

Sincere congratulations to all Competitors !

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP :

SUNDAY 12 th SEPTEMBER

" AVON AIRSTRIP RECONNAISSANCE"

All Pilots have full Comp sheets with 3 weeks to go, so Fly it....
All Members welcome, refreshments provided, and seats available
in Club Aircraft for CURRENT Members who would like to fly with
TEAM NAC. Excellent Flying Weather now!
See you Sunday 12 th SEPTEMBER 9 am at Northam Airfield.
Until then, Thank You and Stay Safe.

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



"Ian Berry in DZP rounding out. Second Place August Comp.
Another great flight by Ian! "

CLUB COMP.



"VH-HKA Dave and Marg McFarlane in the nicest PA28-180"



"Nick Kostov - August Comp second place very smoooooth"

Club Captains Report



"Bravo Foxtrot Charlie with James Hill"

NEXT FLYING COMP.

TEAM NAC PILOTS and CREW

Please see attachments full details next Comp.

Mark your Calendars for some good flying and good company.

"AVON DISTRICTS RUNWAY RECONNAISSANCE TOUR."

Sunday 12th September.

Just to remind us of alternate runway choices within easy reach of Northam Airfield etc.

Morning Teas as usual, seats available for Current Members in Club aircraft etc.

Good Flying Weather now, make the most of it while we have full freedom to roam eh?

Hope to see all TEAM NAC PILOTS and Crew at Northam Airfield for
NEXT FLYING COMP Sunday 12th SEPTEMBER, 9 a.m. start.

Thank You, Cheers, Peter Hill Club Captain 0450415947.

NEXT FLYING COMP.



NEXT COMP SWN 12th SEP
ENJOY Peter Hill Club Captain

"ANY PORT IN A STORM"

PILOT: _____

AVON DISTRICTS RUNWAYS RECONNAISSANCE TOUR

Take off and climb to 2,500 ft East of Airfield

CALL SIGN: _____

RADIO: "Northam Traffic _____ Overhead Departure maintaining 2,500 ft
124.2 tracking 230 degrees Northam" 10 Pts.
IDENTIFY ARMY AIRSTRIP South Side Gt. E. Hwy 5 miles down range.
RUNWAY ORIENTATION? E/W or N/S ? 10 Pts.
LENGTH of RUNWAY? _____ 10 Pts.

AT 36 DME PERTH Turn left tracking 155 * on West side TRIMMER Rd.
CLIMB to 3,600 Ft. Continue tracking 155* for appr. 14 miles.

IDENTIFY WILDING FARM PRIVATE STRIP on West side of Trimmer Rd .

RUNWAY ORIENTATION? E/W or N/S _____ 10 Pts.

LENGTH of RUNWAY ? closer to 400 or 900 Metres ? ----- 10 Pts.

RADIO: Abeam Mt Mackie:
120.3 Change to 120.3 Melbourne Centre.

AT YORK GOLF COURSE : (just North Side GREAT SOUTHERN HIGHWAY)

TRACK 095* maintaining 3,600 Ft. visual for YORK GRAIN SILO.

Stay South of YORK GRAIN SILO (to avoid Brooklands restricted zone)

Continue tracking 095 * for GREENHILLS TOWNSHIP.

AT GREENHILLS: LEFT HAND RATE ONE ORBIT and CLIMB TO 4,600 Ft.

RADIO: Prepare to track 335 * to OVERFLY WHITE GUM AIRFIELD .

126.7 Broadcast your position and ETA Overhead.

RADIO: "White Gum Traffic _____ overhead Greenhills maintaining 4,600 Ft. 10 Pts.

126.7 tracking 335* to overfly White Gum Airfield at time _____ White Gum"

Overhead White Gum Airfield:

RADIO: "WHITE GUM TRAFFIC _____ Transitting overhead White Gum Airfield 10 Pts.

126.7 maintaining 4,600 Ft tracking 335 degrees White Gum".

AT WHITE GUM AIRFIELD:

LENGTH OF GRAVEL RWY 09/27 ? appr. 400 Me or 800 Metres? _____ 10 Pts.

RADIO: After passing Brooklands....Remember Frequency change to Northam CTAF

124.2

AT GRASS VALLEY: IDENTIFY DEMPSTER PRIVATE STRIP North of Highway.

CARB HEAT ON: two rate 1 LEFT HAND ORBITS DESCENDING TO 2,500 Ft.

RUNWAY ORIENTATION DEMPSTERS STRIP? N/S or E/W ? _____ 10 Pts.

LENGTH OF RUNWAY ? appr 400 or 900 Metres? _____ 10 PTS.

Resume track 335* appr another 3 miles. Maintain 2,500 Ft.

IDENTIFY DARLINGTON FIELDS PRIVATE STRIP.

RUNWAY ORIENTATION? E/W or N/S _____ 10 Pts.

LENGTH OF RUNWAY? Approx 400 or 900 Metres/ _____ 10 Pts.

RETURN TO NORTHAM track approx.. 235 degrees.

RADIO: " Northam Traffic _____ 5 miles to North East at 2,500 Ft.

124.2 INBOUND for CIRCUIT ARIVAL TIME _____ Northam" 10 Pts.

RADIO: " Northam Traffic _____ OVERHEAD NORTHAM AIRFIELD at 2,000 Ft.

CROSSING TO THE DEAD SIDE AND DESCENDING

For a MIDFIELD CROSSWIND CIRCUIT ENTRY NORTHAM"

10 Pts.

RADIO: " Northam Traffic _____ JOINING MIDFIELD CROSSWIND RWY _____ NORTHAM" 10 Pts.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic _____ TURNING MID DOWNWIND

RUNWAY _____ NORTHAM".

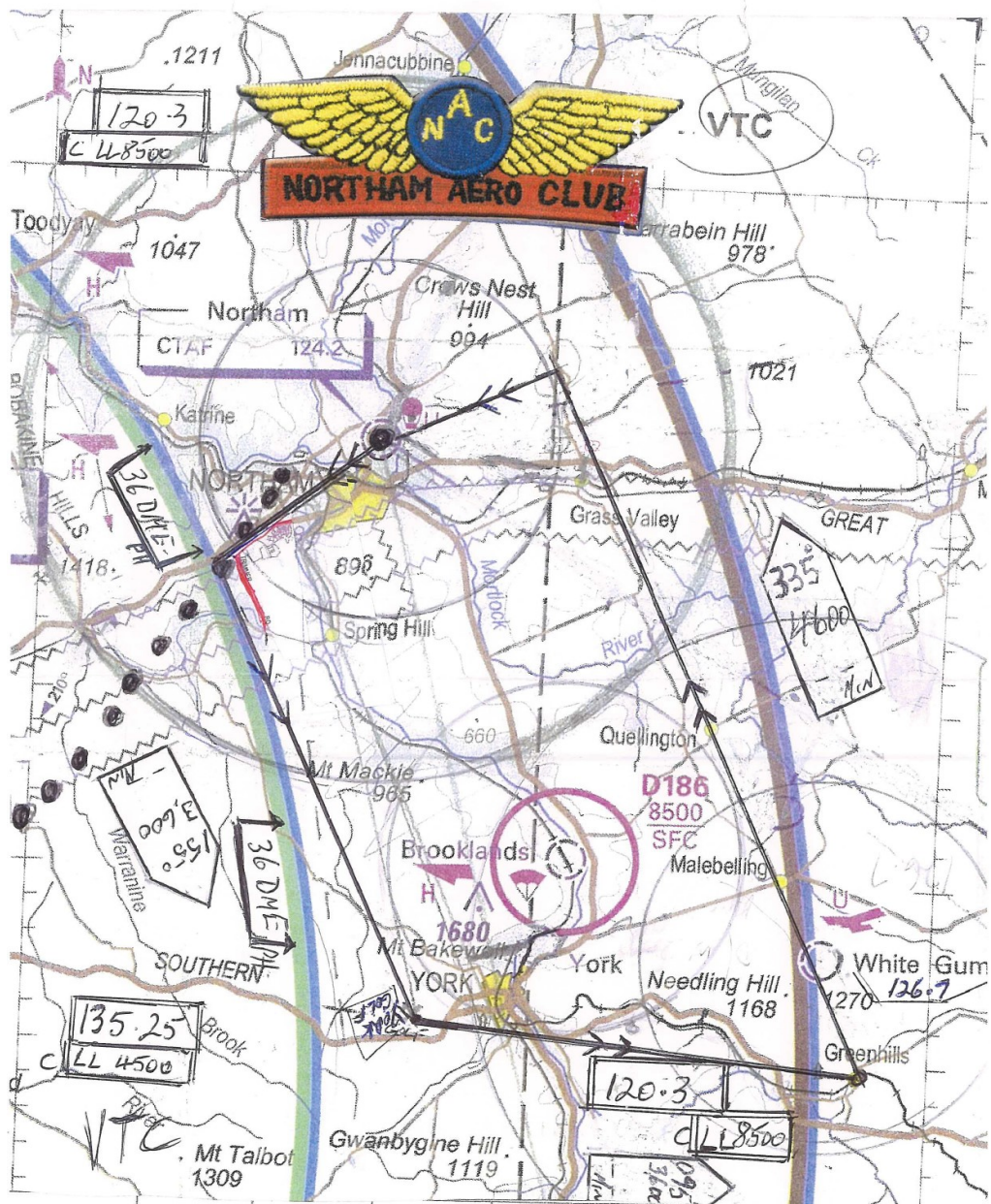
10 Pts.

BONUS POINTS: LAND ON KEYS 10 PTS.

BONUS POINTS SHORT FIELD LANDING FULL STOP < 300 metres. 10 Pts.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic _____ LANDED and CLEAR RUNWAY _____ NORTHAM" 10 Pts.

NEXT FLYING COMP.



C	L	E	A	R	O	F	F
Compass	Log	Engine	Altitude	Radio	Orientation	Fuel	Forced Landing

New Runway Lights

It's all go at Northam airport. With a completely new set of lights we have gone from dullsville to Luna Park.

Great installation by Airport Alliance. They were unhappy with the equipment they were purchasing, so they designed and built their own.

Ours was the first installation and they wish to try out their new PAPI design, so they will install a test installation on runway 32, at no cost, to try it out.



New Fuel System

At the same time our old AVGAS bowser, which was well past its use by date, received an upgrade.

Dunnings have installed a brand new swipe card system with a new above ground tank.

If you don't believe how good the airport is now, come and check it out for yourself.



NEW TOY FOR THE EDITOR

Being a bit of a scrooge I decided it was time to try and source an affordable tablet, of suitable size, on which I could operate my OZRunways.

Well after many nights of trolling the Alibaba Website I decided on an industrial type, Android bearing, waterproof unit.

I am pleased to say that this little baby is specked up to the hilt!!

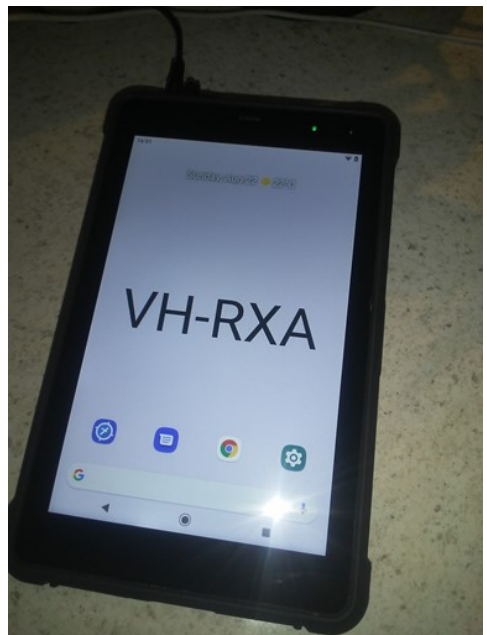
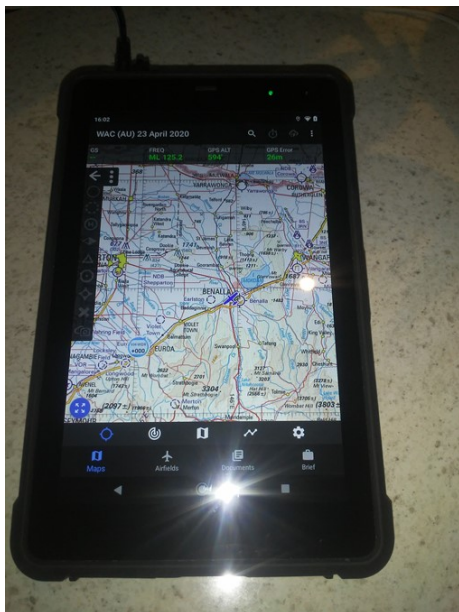
I have GPS accuracy down to 1 mtr with the external antenna plugged in, as well as full operation of OZRunways with no sim card or WiFi, (admittedly it won't download updates when not connected), but having GPS, Glonass, Galileo, Beidou, QZSS & NavIC gives me the potential to acquire up to 488 satellites simultaneously if they are in the sky!

This unit has an 8" screen and is "Drop Proof" from 2 mtrs to concrete.

For just over \$600USD delivered from China in 4 days, I am as happy as the proverbial "Pig in Mud".

As soon as we are out of lockdown I am off on an adventure to try out my new EFB.

Stay tuned for updates, if you are interested let me know and I will hook you up with the supplier. I have a second one on the way for VH-RTL already.



BAR ROSTER



NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Bar Roster

2021

Opening Hours

Saturday 5pm - 7pm

July		2021
3rd	-	Matt
10th	-	Dave
17th	-	Howie
24th	-	Peter
31st		mike

October		
2nd	-	Croffy
9th	-	Dave
16th	-	Sue
23rd	-	Mike
30th		Peter

AUGUST		
7th	-	Croffy
14th	-	Dave
21st	-	Sue
27th-3rd Sep	-	Ballooning

November		
6th	-	Matt
13th	-	Dave
20th	-	Howie
27th	-	Croffy

September		
4th	-	Peter
11th	-	Dave
18th	-	Matt
25th	-	Howie

December		
4th	-	Mike
11th	-	Dave
18th	-	Sue
25th	-	closed

IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED
DAYS PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE
Manager

Classifieds

FOR SALE

JABIRU SP500

RA Aus registration 19-3253

TTIS 760 hrs; Engine 6 cyl 3300, only 380 hrs

Great little economical plane with low engine hours

Located in Northam WA

Priced for quick sale at \$28,500

Contact Geoff 0419 709 053



Next Club Competition

**NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is scheduled for:
Sunday 12th September 2021**

**Next Club Committee meeting at 13:00 (1pm)
Sunday 12th September 2021, at NAC Clubrooms**

Bar Hours

The Bar is now re-opened.
Please check with Matt Bignell for opening times.
New bar roster to be published after AGM.
0407 873 700

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!

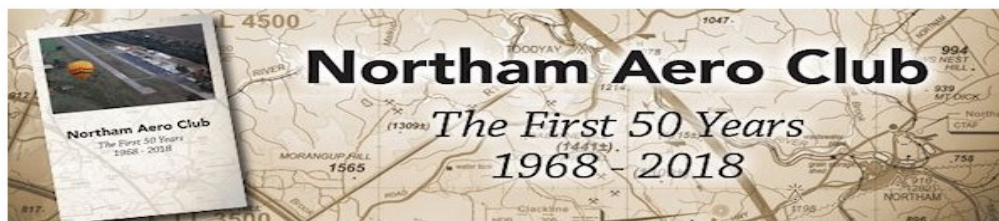


(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)

July/Aug 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						23
24	25	<p>HELP ME, I FEEL NAKED!! I NEED SOME ITEMS. PLEASE SEND UPCOMING EVENTS TO auswideaviation@bigpond.com</p>				30
31	1					6
7	8					13
14	15					20
21	22					27
28	29					4



\$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

ATC: Cessna, what are your intentions?



**Cessna: To get my Commercial Pilots Licence
and Instrument Rating**

A photograph of an airport control tower and terminal building. The control tower is a tall, white, cylindrical structure with a glass-enclosed observation deck at the top. The terminal building is a long, white, rectangular structure with multiple windows. The sky is blue with some clouds. The foreground shows a grassy field and a red and white striped barrier.

**ATC: I meant in the next five minutes
not years.**

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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- 5 hours - less 5%
- 10 hours - less 10%
- 20 hours - less 15%

Student pilots may use the discounted block rate for aircraft hire only

Instructor fees remain as priced above

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