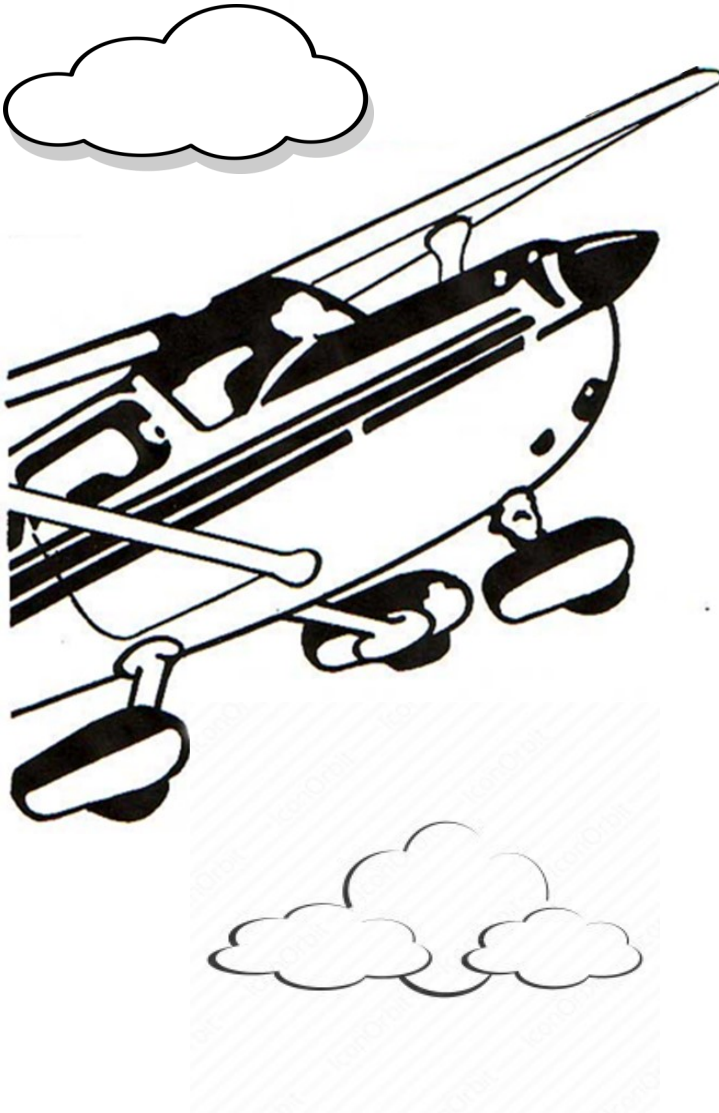


Fly About

Northam Aero club (Inc.) Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Hi all.

What a busy month we had in January. On the 19th of January 26 members from Royals flew into Northam. Northam Aero Club's hard workers Marg, Sue and Liz along with Dave McFarlane served them all a wonderful meal.

During the daylight twilight get together, Murray Bow had them playing Bocce, before departing after sunset, the fly in was to keep their night licenses current. Thank you to all that made the fly in a success.

Another group of pilots will be flying into Northam on the 5th of March, this time to have lunch in Northam town. Any member that is interested just give me a call as Royals would like to catch up with us.

I must also thank Murray Bow for his input on Wednesday 2nd February. Northam Aero Club hosted Northam Town Councilors to have a meal at the Aero Club and undertake a tour of the Airfield. The twilight event was arranged by Denis Beresford, our Airside Officer. Attendees to the evening included the Hon. Darren West our local MLC representing the Labor Party and the Hon. Martin Eldridge MLC for the Nationals.

All groups were impressed with the size of the Airfield and our club rooms, memorabilia and the new runway lights.

Also on the 5th of March, the Warbird Club will be flying into Northam Airfield. This will include a P28, Tiger Moths and Chipmunks. Anyone wanting to view these aircraft be at the Airfield from around 10.00am onwards, they will be fantastic to see. Plenty happening on 5th March, hope to see you there.

Cheers, Errol.

Club Captains Report

Sunday 13 th February was our Monthly Flying Competition.

" I.F.R. NORTHAM" - (I Follow Roads-lots of them)

A local Cross Country Air Trial within 8 miles radius of Northam Airfield.

10 changes of course,

11 Ground Targets,

Then a straight in Approach from 5 miles .

Radio Calls and Landing Criteria also in the mix....

10 knots variable from the South, so Runway 14.

TEAM NAC PILOTS and CREW gathered in the Flight office

in good spirits with a nice cuppa and cakes .

Pilots had full Comp Sheets and Maps 30 days prior, most

had actually FLOWN A PRACTICE RUN before Comp Day.

All Pilots flew well .Judges were Jesse and Nick.

Thank you for a pivotal job done well.

"Pilots did well with tricky wind variations late final, we were entertained".

Results

Placing	Pilot	Points
First Place	Dave McFarlane	139
Second Place	Peter Hill	138
Third Place	Nick Kostov	133
Equal Fourth Place	Russell Steicke & Ian Berry	132
Equal Fifth Place	Peter McKay & Jesse Stewart	130

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL COMPETITORS!

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is Sunday 13th MARCH.

"AVON GOLF TOUR RECONNAISSANCE"

A mini Air Trial Cross Country tour of various Golf Courses around the Avon District.

TEAM NAC PILOTS have full details with Map and Comp sheets with 4 weeks to go, so please

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SUNDAY 13 th MARCH at Northam Airfield for some more en-

tertaining flying ..

Plenty of time for a PRACTICE RUN ,why not?

UNTIL THEN, STAY SAFE

Cheers, Peter Hill, NAC CLUB CAPTAIN 0450415947

Club Competition



Club Aircraft in the capable hands of Russell Steicke at our February Comp

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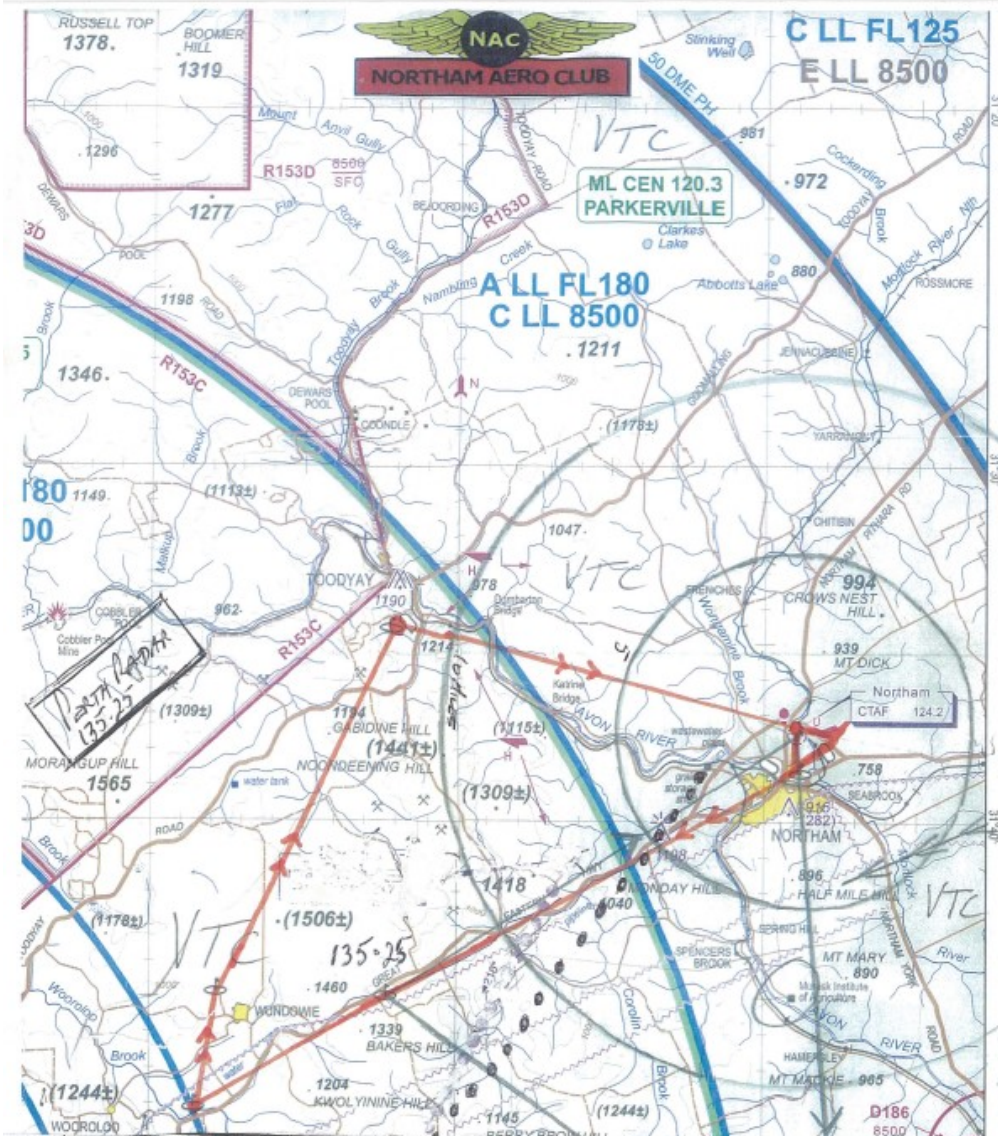
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Next Club Competition



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Compass	Log	Engine	Altitude	Radio	Orientation	Fuel	Forced Landing	Sartime
Compass & DG Aligned?	10 min Marks? ETA Logged? ATD	Lean Mixture? RPM? Temps & Pressures?	Hemisp? Assigned? Limitations (eg. Cloud Terrain.	Correct Freq? Transponder? Nav aids Usable? Radin Calls?	Where am I? Fix/Pinpoint if possible!	Contents? Log!	Where to go? Wind direction? Ground	When does it expire? Does it need amending?

Next Club Competition

Here is next Flying Comp

Sunday 13th MARCH

Enjoy Peter Hill Club Captain



PILOT: _____

Call Sign: _____

"AVON GOLF TOUR RECONNAISSANCE"

CTAF 124.2 Northam **** 135.25 Perth Radar at 10 miles.
Take off and climb to 2,500 Ft East of Airfield. make
OVERHEAD DEPARTURE from Northam Racetrack.

Radio:	Taxi	Runway	Northam	10 Points.
	Enter and Backtrack	Runway	Northam	10 Points.
	ROLLING	Runway	Northam	10 Points.

Radio:	"OVERHEAD DEPARTURE tracking 240 degrees Maintaining 2,500 Ft Northam"	10 Points.
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Overfly Northam Golf Course: write here details:
Any Tennis Courts next to Clubhouse? Yes / No 10 Points.

TRACK UP GREAT EASTERN HWY @ 2,500 Ft.
At 10 Miles Outbound * 135.25 PERTH RADAR*

At 14 miles locate BAKERS HILL GOLF COURSE:
Is Golf Course North or South of Gt. Eastern Hwy? 10 Points.

At 20 miles locate EL CABELLO GOLF COURSE:
Is Golf Course North or South of Gt. Eastern Hwy? 10 Points.
What COLOUR are the Golf Putting "Greens"? 10 Points.

Now track 010* for 2 miles, *** CLIMB to 3,500 FT .

Locate WUNDOWIE GOLF COURSE:
Is Golf Course North or South of Gt. Eastern Hwy? 10 Points.
Is there a Go Kart /Motor Racing Track approx..
1 n.m. South of Wundowie Golf Course? Yes / No 10 Points.

Now track ___ * for TOODYAY GOLF COURSE .
Is Toodyay Township North or South of Golf Course 10 Points.
What colour are the Putting "Greens"? 10 Points.

RADIO : Now track 105 degrees for Northam Airfield:
124.2 Change to 124.2 Northam CTAF at 10 miles Inbound.
MAKE INBOUND CALL:
"Northam Traffic ___ 10 Miles North West @3,500 ft
Inbound on Descent est. Circuit Time ___ Northam" 10 Points.

Radio:	"Northam Traffic ___ JOINING Midfield Crosswind Runway ___ Northam"	10 Points.
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Radio :	TURNING Mid Downwind Runway ___ Northam"	10 Points.
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Radio:	"Northam Traffic ___ Landed & Clear Rwy ___ Northam"	10 Points.
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100th Issue as Editor

Well.... A milestone has been reached, this issue marks 100 issues of the Fly About for me as editor.

I have been a member of our club since taking up a work contract based in Perth in 2008.

I needed an aircraft to fly and the Northam Aero Club had such a thing. So after a quick chat with Claude, my membership application was underway.

I was, by my own admission, a pretty selfish member, only using the club for access to a nicely maintained aircraft.

I stayed in Perth for 2 years and then moved on to Townsville, and then Darwin, keeping my membership just in case I returned to WA. One of the great benefits of our club membership was a newsletter that kept me informed of most of the “goings on” at the club.

I came across the advertisement below while reading my latest issue in May 2012, and thought it was about time I contributed something to the club.

I responded to the advertisement with the following words:

“ I am based in Darwin now, but can have a go at doing the Fly About until you can get someone locally.”

Well little did I know I would still be “having a go at it” 100 issues later! Publishing the FA is one of my most favourite pastimes, and I am so grateful to be doing it.

The advertisement that started it all:

Anyone interested in taking on the role of NAC Editor responsible for monthly issues of The NAC Fly About, Please contact nac.editor@yahoo.com

NEW CTAF 126.85MHz AT BEVERLEY WA (YBEV)

From 01 261600, a new CTAF frequency of 126.85 MHz has become effective at Beverley Airfield WA.

NOTAM (C57/22) announces the change.

Since this is a permanent change, the NOTAM will cease to be published from approx. 16 June 2022. AIP and charts (from Jun 22) will show this new information. Information regarding YBEV will be commenced to be published in ERSa beginning with the next edition.

NOTES REGARDING GLIDING ACTIVITIES AT BEVERLEY

The change to a specific CTAF for Beverley has been initiated because YBEV and the surrounding vicinity is often very busy with glider and glider tug traffic.

The Beverley Soaring Society (BSS) is the resident gliding club at Beverley WA airfield. There are 2 glider tugs and over 40 gliders based at Beverley. Whilst the Beverley gliding club normal days of operation are Friday, Saturday & Sunday, be advised that gliding at Beverley may occur on any day of the week.

When gliding operations are in progress, gliders soaring in the vicinity, the operational tug(s) and/or the glider launch point ('Beverley Base') will usually be listening on the CTAF frequency.

When gliding operations are in progress, tugs and gliders may be parked close to the side of the runway. Gliders may land and block the runway until pushed off or retrieved by people/vehicle.

Gliding launching at Beverley is by Piper Pawnee tugs with glider release usually not above 4000ft AGL. However, gliders may be in the area at altitudes up to 12,000ft depending on thermal conditions. Multiple gliders may soar as a gaggle in the same thermal or there may be multiple gliders in the vicinity in separate thermals. Gliders moving between thermals tend to fly in the speed range 70-110 kts.

Tugs may operate contra-circuit directions. Take off and landings may be on different runways due to cross wind considerations.

Spin training is a regular activity at Beverley. Occasionally there are glider aerobatics.

The road track that runs parallel to the west of the full length of runway 16/ 34 IS NOT a taxiway.

All GA aircraft are welcome to visit Beverley. When the club is operating, visiting pilots are welcome to use the Beverley Soaring Society toilets, air-conditioned lounge and kitchen facilities.

The BSS fuel facility is not AVGAS and so is not available to visiting aircraft.

Good lookout and use of radio (announcement of presence and intentions) is essential.

**** Please use the new CTAF 126.85 to make the required calls if in the vicinity of Beverley ****

Funnies



Fun Fact:

VH-PGL was once assigned to a
De Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver
Operated by

ANARE - Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition

Picture from

<https://www.airhistory.net/photo/173867/VH-PGL>

Picture credit: Geoff Goodall



Giant Airborne Electromagnetic Survey Over Great Southern

Our amazing Club President, Errol Croft, snapped the opportune photograph of an electromagnetic survey device suspended from a helicopter as it passed over a farm property he was working at near Toodyay WA.

The Survey is being conducted over the entire Great Southern region by Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety.

The photograph featured with an Article by Shannon Smith of Albany Advertiser .

<https://www.albanyadvertiser.com.au/news/albany-advertiser/giant-airborne-electromagnetic-survey-to-fly-over-great-southern-ng-b881689553z>

The helicopter used for this task is the Eurocopter B3 helicopter, a variant of the **Eurocopter AS350 Écureuil** (or **Squirrel**), now **Airbus Helicopters H125**, and is a single-engine light [utility helicopter](#) originally designed and manufactured in France by [Aérospatiale](#) and [Eurocopter](#) (now Airbus Helicopters).



EDITORS SCRATCHINGS

Well as promised here is an update on the progress of the avionics transplant for poor old VH-RXA.

Ready:



Set:



Gone:



The top picture shows the dash just prior to dismantling, the middle picture shows the steam gauges out and the bottom picture is the tangle of wires and obsolete parts that have been collecting for nearly 60 years!

It will be great to know that all of the wiring behind the dash is new, even though there will be additional cost, I think it is well worth it.

EDITORS SCRATCHINGS

Well Just a few more days to go and the update Cherokee will be ready for pick-up from Goulburn NSW (YGLB).

I have booked my sleeper berth on the overnight express from Benalla, Vic (YBLA), and I am starting to get excited at the prospect of flying her home.

Sorry about the less than perfect picture but it was all I could extract from the LAME.

Stay tuned for the next installment in the March FA, when I will tell you all about how well the new fit-out works.

If it does 50% of what they claim, I will be a very happy camper!



Just to recap, I have fitted a new Attitude indicator (AH), Directional Gyro, both of which are Uavionix AV-30s, I have moved the old “steam engine” gyros across to the co-pilot side.

Two new Garmin 200 radios (top center), a new Garmin Aera 760, which is coupled to the AV-30s and the radios and automatically drops the next area frequency into the standby on the active comm!

I have also installed ADSB both in and out via a Uavionix, Sky Echo, Data link and associated coupling to the AV-30s. (Traffic shows on 760, AV-30s and EFB via Bluetooth).

I also took the opportunity to relocate the EGT/CHT to a better position directly in front of the pilot, install Bose 6 pin headset plugs, move the compass to the windscreen center and add illumination to the instruments that did not have it.

Membership Renewal & Apparel

Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____

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Not Renewing

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult \$55.00

☐

Junior \$10.00

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 Acc Number: 69-2937

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 – 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 5 XL (185gsm 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 \$25.00 plus \$8.00 postage

☐

Caps also available from the Bar

Total enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an invoice please tick ☐

"Fly About" magazine Yes ☐

No ☐

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$25.00

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 personalised



BAR ROSTER



BAR ROSTER 2022

MARCH	
5th	
12th	
19th	
26th	
MAY	
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JUNE	
4th	
11th	
18th	
25th	
AUGUST	
6th	
13th	
20th	
27th	

Next Club Competition

**NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is scheduled for:
Sunday 13th March 2022**

**Next Club Committee meeting is:
Sunday 13th March 2022
13:00 at the 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!

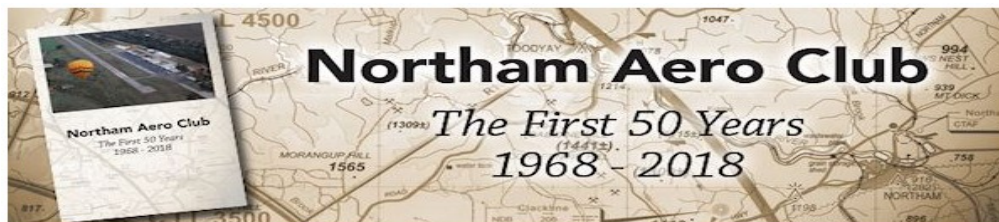


(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)

Feb/Mar 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
14 FEB	15	16	17 FLY ABOUT DEADLINE	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1 MARCH	2	3	4	5 RACWA Fly in & Brunch	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 NAC CLUB COMPETITION
14	15	16	17 FLY ABOUT DEADLINE	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1 APRIL	2	3	4	5	6



\$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

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—\$25.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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- 5 hours - less 5%
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Membership Renewals

Northam Aero Club Membership Renewal due January 2022

Our Membership year runs from January to December each year.

The cost of club membership remains unchanged at \$55.00 per year.

Bank Details to make Membership payment to **Northam Aero Club**
BSB: **036107** Account No. **692937** Reference **(please use your surname to make it easier for us to find you)**

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