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Club Presidents Report

Hi All,

Friday 31st July saw our 2014/2015 Annual General Meeting. The outgoing Committee was replaced by the ingoing Committee which happens to be the same. Congratulations to all yet again. It was not until the Annual Reports were read out that we realised what we had achieved during the year. It was fantastic to see PGL was hired for a total of 184 hours. Our two very busy Instructors, Kevin and Charles doing 87 hours instructing with 4 to 5 students at various stages of training, well done guys. Thanks also to Claude for being our Returning Officer yet again.

9th August at 0830 hours just before our Monthly Competition started saw the raising of our new Northam Aero Club flag. We were very honoured to have had Keith Walker alias The Phantom doing the bugle honours. Keith was the very first bugler to play at the Gallipoli Landing Memorial Services, we were all very impressed with his performance. Thanks Keith. The 25 year Membership pins were then presented to John and Sandra Voak and Lila Tame, Congratulations.

Be aware that our website has been under attack again and thanks to Claude for reconstructing the site with its new address at www.northamaeroclub.net.

Upon arriving at the airfield at 0800 hours we were all treated to a ballooning spectacular, 3 balloons were over the airfield on a perfect morning with one landing on the runway. Imagine the spectacle of 20 or more balloons in the air for the National Ballooning Championships at the end of August, not far away now. Get in the spirit of the championships and be a part of this very special event.

Thanks to MJ for your tireless effort towards the publication of our Fly About magazine. After moving from Darwin to Melbourne he now has work commitments all over Australia but still manages to put together our magazine every month, thanks once again Martin.

Cheers for now, happy flying,

Errol

Club Captains Report

Sunday 9th August was a beautiful day for Flying!

Our Flying Comp for August was a mini air trial to Muresk.

Nominated Times with Radio etc.

MURESK RECONNAISANCE...

Overhead Departure was Start Time for each Competitor.

Tasking: Track 180 degrees to Muresk Ag. College, Identify certain ground features, change of course and altitude, Track 075 degrees for "T" junction Carter Rd / Northam / York rd, Identify certain ground features and any ground crew signals etc. Return to YNTM with change of course and change in altitude and WHEELS ON stops the Judge's Clock.

JUDGES:

Radio: Matt Bignell

Times : Shaun Bazley

Carter Rd Waypoint: Gail Pietersie.

JUDGES' COMMENTS: All Pilots putting up a good show, scoring is very close. " We are having a good time...."

THANK YOU to our Judges -Gail, Matt and Shaun!

It is clear that TEAM NAC both on the ground and in the air are enjoying Comp days.

THANK YOU LADIES for the Scrumptious Morning Tea once again. Meaghan! Marg! Heather, Also Ashley was up at the crack of dawn in the Clubrooms baking his famous scones to the Secret Family Recipe, Yum!

RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE with a PERFECT SCORE -ASHLEY SMITH in Papa Gulf Lima!

Ashley ,a Triple Club Champion showed us all how to do it,his Dad ,also a past Club Champion must be very proud of His Boy!

SECOND PLACE: IAN BERRY -also a past Club Champion,he flew with Bob Emery as his passenger. Bob experienced a flat battery in his aircraft at the last minute, so went with YOUNG IAN - well he can't be that young, since this is YEAR FIFTY FIVE in his Flying Career...-ian has flown every month of every year continuosly for 55 YEARS!

Ian-- if you can stay away from Oshkosh this year you will return to the podium EOY for sure.

THIRD: Peter Hill C152 VH-BFC.
Geoff Winsor C172 VH-PGL.

both close behind the winner.

Geoff Winsor was noticed recently at Northam Sunday 2nd August with a brilliant smile that lasted till lights out at least;

His Son Stewart went SOLO in a very smart time!

CONGRATULATIONS STEWART!

CONGRATULATIONS ALSO TO CHARLES, HIS INSTRUCTOR.

We look forward to both Stewart and Geoff joining us for the Comps!

Fourth: Howie Pietersie in his pristine PA28-235 speed machine.
VH-CEU.Errol Croft also in his C172 VH-JXI.

Fifth : David and Marg McFarlane,only by a whisker! VH-PGL.
Dave is nearly finished his COMMERCIAL and by this time next month should have it! RESPECT to you Dave!

LET THE AIR GAMES BEGIN!

Visit Northam between

28 AUG - 06 SEPT 2015

for an event not to be missed!

NATIONAL BALLOONING CHAMPIONSHIPS NORTHAM, WA

International and Australian Balloonists will participate in ballooning events that require **SKILL AND NERVE**, while officials determine who the next Australian Champion will be.

The skies of Northam will be filled with hot air balloons, providing interactive opportunities for spectators. Each day will bring with it new experiences, packed full of free community activities. The action begins from 5am each morning at the Northam Aero Club in Withers Street, Northam.

For more information or to access the **EVENT PROGRAM** go to the website www.northamnationals.com or email info@northamnationals.com.

Look out for some of the fantastic community activities:

Balloon Glow and Family Fiesta | Ballooning Photographic Gallery
Spectator Balloon Tracking | Visitor Centre Tourist Activities
National Ballooning Championships Photography Competition
History of Ballooning display | Balloon Colouring-in Competition
School Festival of the Air | Community Breakfasts



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National Ballooning Championship Calendar

In the centrefold of this issue of the Fly About is a copy of the Calendar of events for the National Ballooning Championships. Can you please take a look at it and give some consideration to the dates and time that you may be able to volunteer for a couple of hours.

If you would like to volunteer please fill in your name and time that you are available in the box corresponding to the days you can help out.

If you would prefer you can simply ring our President, Errol Croft on 0428 880 149 .

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Northam Aero Club Calendar 2015

AUGUST							EVENT	From	To
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
						1	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	9	9
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			
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31			

There will also be free ongoing coffee facilities at the NAC as well as barista coffee for sale.

FRIDAY 28 AUG	SATURDAY 29 AUG	SUNDAY 30 AUG	MONDAY 1 SEPT
Welcome Pilots to NAC Bar 5 pm – 9 pm	Chamber Trade Day Shire Balloon Fiesta and Night Glow. Official Opening of the Nats 9am – 9pm. VIP Event with finger food provided.	Practice Day NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9 am Dinner Country Club Northam NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm
TUE 2 SEPT	WED 3 SEPT	THUR 4 SEP	FRIDAY 5 SEPT
Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar Pizza/Curry Night 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm
SAT 6 SEPT	SUNDAY 7 SEPT		
Weather Permitting Key Grab VIP Breakfast at NAC Evening Presentation Dinner Northam Rec Centre	Return Home		



The National Ballooning Championships will be held from 28th August to the 5th September 2015.

We have had a wonderful response from competitors so far with many interstate competitors registering as well as competitors from China and Hong Kong.

Planning is well on track for the competition side of things and we are now seeking volunteers who would be interested in being involved. No experience is necessary as training will be provided.

We need people who are interested in crewing for balloon teams. This will involve retrieving and navigating around the valley, working as a team with balloonists to inflate and pack up balloons and generally having a great time with all matters ballooning. We also need target and measuring teams to be on site where markers will be dropped and happy to measure and record information that will be scored.

The Aero club catering committee is also looking for volunteers to help with setting up the club room and catering throughout the week.

We have also had requests from balloon teams looking to rent houses for the week of competition. If you have or know of someone who has self contained accommodation available and happy to rent it out for the week please get in touch.

All in all it will be a busy week, early mornings and a whole lot of fun.

For more information please check out

<http://www.northamnationals.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/northamnationals>

Email info@northamnationals.com

or

Contact Donna 0439 020 512



BAR ROSTER 2015—2016

AUGUST		
1st-2nd	-	Matt
8th-9th	-	Ashley
15th-16th	-	Howie
22nd-23rd	-	Peter
29th-30th		Crofty

NOVEMBER		
1st	-	Peter
7th-8th	-	Crofty
14th-15th	-	Matt
21st-22nd	-	Ashley
28th-29th		Howie

SEPTEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Ashley
12th-13th	-	Matt
19th-20th	-	Howie
26th-27th	-	Peter

DECEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Peter
12th-13th	-	Crofty
19th-20th	-	Matt
26th-27th	-	CLOSED

OCTOBER		
3rd-4th	-	Crofty
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Howie
31st		Peter

JANUARY		
2nd-3rd	-	CLOSED
9th-10th	-	Ashley
16th-17th	-	Howie
23rd-24th	-	Peter
30th-31st		Crofty

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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

NEXT COMP is 9 a.m. SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER. NORTHAM AIRFIELD. CIRCUIT WORK / SHORT FIELD OPS,
" H.M.A.S. NORTHAM."

Full and complete Comp Sheets will be sent to all pilots of TEAM NAC in the next day or so, this gives us all 30 days to prepare /do a practice run etc, always a good reason to go flying!

October Comp is Mokine Sortie cross country.

November Straight In Approach etc.

December -Timed Circuit

or maybe a trip to Brooklands organised By Denis Beresford? Club aircraft is available at all times.

Bookings: ring Matt Bignell on 0407873700

or email: big.matty@hotmail.com

Thanks everyone, until then----

FLY THAT SKY! Peter Hill-Club Captain-0450415947

FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Sunday the 9th August saw the ceremony for the first raising of our new flag. Former Australian Army Warrant Officer, Keith (the phantom) Walker, who served a lifetime as a musician, and played the Last Post at the First Gallipoli ceremony way back in 1990, which at the time was the 75th Anniversary, was on hand to play a trumpet medley for us to symbolise our flag raising event, finishing up with "Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines".



The day beginning - balloons landing at the end of the runway, shades of what is to come in a couple of weeks time when the National Ballooning Championships are held at Northam Aero Club .



Former Australian Army Warrant Officer, Kieth Walker plays a trumpet medley to symbolise our flag raising event



**Our President Errol couldn't control the wind on Sunday so we settled for
stringing the flag out to get the most important shot of the day**

Members Happy Snaps

Thanks to all the members who have taken the time to send happy snaps to me for inclusion in the Fly About



Bob Emery on his way to a near perfect landing at YNTM
(Picture submitted by Peter Hill)



A fine example of a Piper Cherokee PA28-235, VH-CEU.
This aircraft will turn 50 in November this year with only 3300 hours
on the airframe!
(Picture submitted by Howie Pietersie)

Sport Aircraft Builders Club of WA Inc.

SABC Annual Fly-In 2015

'The Year of the Homebuilder'

Sunday 27th September 2015

YSEN - Serpentine Airfield

286 Yangedi Road, Hopeland. W.A. 6125

'Perth's Home of Amateur Built Aircraft'



Put the date in your diary now, all your friends will be there, don't miss it

Competitions (ground & air), aerobatics, formations, displays, aircraft judging, fly market, raffles, and much, much more.

Evening dinner with awards, bookings will be essential.

Early birds BBQ will be held on Saturday night, the 26th September.

Contact the 2015 Convener, Tony Moore for more information on -
0414 352 067 or tonysplane@yahoo.com.au

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For July-August *Flight Safety Australia* looks at military aviation and how air forces, armies and navies have revolutionised their safety culture and slashed accident rates over the past 30 years. We investigate how they did it and ask what civil aviation can learn.

We also speak to RAAF Squadron Leader Steve Ferguson, who discusses aviation safety management, and why it's essential to 36 Squadron's role of sending C-17 transport aircraft safely anywhere in the world where they are required. Nine months after the launch of CASA's dangerous goods app we take a closer look at our number one dangerous good-lithium batteries. We ask if prohibiting them as airline cargo will improve aviation safety or merely lead to mislabelling and batteries being sent undeclared. *Small but dangerous* examines the humble wasp and how its nest can block pitot tubes, fuel tank vents and drains.

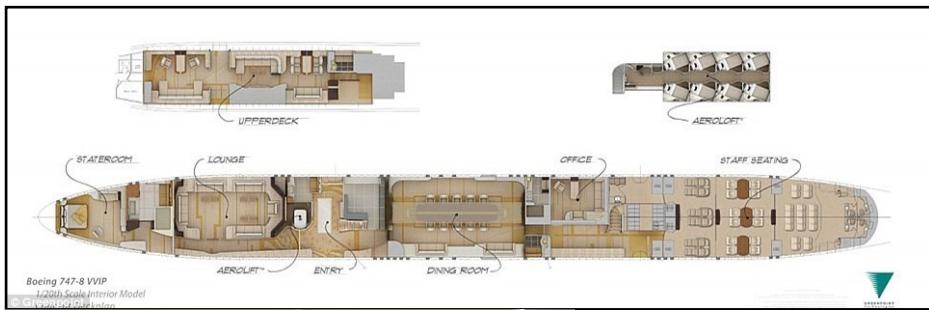
Contributor Kreisha Ballantyne takes a look at some of the tired, well-used phrases in aviation, and their dangerous implications in *The clichés that can kill you*. There is nothing harmful in deploying catchphrases and idioms in aviation as long as one avoids clichés like the plague! In this issue our US contributor, Thomas P. Turner, looks the harsh facts of general aviation crashworthiness. In *It was almost all over*: the destruction of China Airlines flight 120 contributor Adrian Park investigates how an incorrectly installed bolt in a slat track caused a devastating fuel fire after the plane had taxied to the gate in Naha Airport, Okinawa. *Without warning: the startle factor* examines the startle response, and the need for training in non-technical skills to recognise and manage these sudden events.

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A Billionaire Just Spent £400 Million Pimping Out A Boeing-747

These extraordinary images show an enormous jumbo jet that has been converted into a luxury home for a mystery billionaire



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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 13th September 2015

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting
will be held at the club rooms on
Sunday the 13th September 2015 at 12:00 (noon)
