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Presidents Report

Hi all. Time keeps moving on, into February already. The time when we have our hottest weather, I saw our thermometer hit 48.6 degrees Celsius, pretty warm hey. I am very busy keeping people cool with air conditioners breaking down. This is a good time to remind you all if you have a refrigerated air conditioner in your home make sure that the indoor filters are cleaned because a lot of my complaints are air conditioners not cooling as well as last year only to find that the filters are blocked.

We have been advised that a Russian Construction Magnate will be attempting to circumnavigate the world starting at Northam. How lucky are we at the Northam Airfield to yet again be considered for a world attempt.

It would appear we will also be holding the West Australian Light Aircraft Championships (WALAC) later on in the year here at Northam. I would like to sincerely thank the Northam Shire for the way they maintain the Airfield and also the in the way they offer their assistance and financial support for the events held at the Airfield.

Their support is always much appreciated.

We have been invited to a fly-in at Brookton for the Brookton Car Show March 19th along with Busselton Aero Fest on 6th March, Wyalkatchem Fly In also on the 19th March and Bunbury April 10th. There appears to be a good number of events coming up. Plenty to choose from.

Happy Flying.

Good to hear from Doug in NSW best of luck for your gold detecting, we would like a photo when you strike it rich.

Cheers Errol

Captains Report

Sunday 14th FEBRUARY dawned clear and not too hot.

Very nice conditions for flying!

Our many visitors relaxed in the air conditioned Clubrooms,

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

TEAM NAC Pilots gathered in the flight office for our

Flying Comp briefing:

" AVON GOLF TOUR RECONNAISSANCE".

Appr 50 n.m. mini air trial, with Radio etc.

Each Pilot needed to change radio frequency on three occasions.

Ground features around Golf Clubs at Northam, York, Bakers Hill,

also Army Base and Detention Centre needed to be identified and reports brought back to our Judges at the debrief.

This kept Team NAC Pilots and Observers busy and on their toes!

Full maps and Comp sheets were issued on the day as usual, plus all pilots received the same full and detailed Comp Sheet 30 days ago, at our previous Comp debrief .

So all pilots had lots of time to read/study/even practice this Comp.

As good a reason to fly as any!

Especially on Valentines Day eh Ladies!?

We all enjoyed the flying, scores were closely bunched once again.

WELCOME to new Pilot Ray Challen.

Ray has taken a Hangar at Northam and bases his aircraft here now.

Seven Pilots and Five different aircraft joined together for a nice little fly today!

Our many visitors appreciated the fine NAC Hospitality too!

THANK YOU LADIES for a great morning tea!

Marg, Beth, Megan and Heather. Much appreciated !

Thank You Judges;

your work is very professional and much appreciated!

Judges Comments:

"Safe flying by all Pilots, Radio calls are near on perfect!"

Judges:

Radio : Mr. Matt Bignell. assisted by Shaun Bazely.

RESULTS: all Pilot's scores were extremely close...

EQUAL FIRST PLACE: with perfect scores;

C172P VH-KTV Ray Challen.

C152 VH-BFC Peter Hill.

C172P VH-PGL Ashley Smith.

EQUAL SECOND : only 2 points behind:

C172P VH-PGL Dave McFarlane.

C172M VH-JXI Errol Croft.

EQUAL THIRD : Just 2 points back:

C172P VH-PGL Geoff Winsor.

Glastar VH-IVB Ian Berry.

NEXT COMP: Sunday 13 th MARCH 2016.

" WONGAN HILLS SORTIE.".

A cross country flight with circuit work on arrival.

Briefing 9 am / Departure 9.30 am. for Wongan Hills.

Thanks everyone, until then

FLY THAT SKY!

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



Papa Golf Lima; Ashley Smith takes the keys at YNTM



**Busselton Aero Club will once again
be hosting an Aerofest on Sunday
March 6th 2016.
The biggest and most exciting light
aircraft flying event in WA!**



**Latest - Landing Fees waived for visiting pilots - Thank You, City
of Busselton, for this and for your gratefully appreciated
sponsorship**

WANTED

HANGAR SPACE

**We are in need of hangar space for
aircraft owners to share.**

**Please call Errol if you have any
spare space**

0428 880 149

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE

Cessna 182

Cessna 172P

For more details

Call Errol 0428 880 149

Nigel Emmans' beautiful DH-82, N-9129: Her early life in Australia

Having a casual and enjoyable read through the December Fly-About, I came across the article about the two visiting Tiger Moths. The 1939 date of manufacture of N-9129 – now proudly owned by Nigel Emmans – triggered something in my little brain.

She (N-9129) came into service with the Empire Flying Training Scheme around 1941; I don't have the exact dates. That's about the time when my dear old dad, Lance Mawson White, farmer from Brookton, WA, joined EFTS and his first posting was at Cunderdin – Flying Officer White.

With my blood warming up, I pulled out dad's log books. I discovered his first training flight under the instruction of Sgt Colville was on 7th March 1940 in DH-82, aircraft number 22. Running my eye down the page, my little brain nearly skipped a neuron when I noticed that **on March 19th, the log book entry shows him training in N-9129 !** Nigel may be interested in that bit of history. I thought it was pretty cool...

Dad went on to become an instructor and Flight Lieutenant, and served at Cunderdin (1940 and again in 1942), Geraldton, Tamworth and Port Pirie. He logged a total of just over 2000 hours in DH-82, Avro Ansons, Oxfords, and Fairy Battles. Of his 50 - odd hours of Tiger Moth time, just under 9 hours was flown in Nigel's N-9129. They must have been exciting times flying every day, sometimes several times a day, in different aircraft, and getting paid for it!

As another coincidence, when I was at Cunderdin Ag. School in 1973, training to teach Manual Arts, I discovered that my room in the original RAAF dormitory was the very same room my dad lived in in 1942 !

Dad didn't go on to a career in flying – in fact, he never flew again after being de-mobbed in 1945. He chose life on a farm in Brookton, and later developed farms in Mount Barker and Jerramungup with my brother and myself. But I caught the bug at age 20, got a Private Licence and most of my commercial theory. However, in those days, boys took advice from their dads. I allowed him to talk me out of a commercial flying career as it *"wasn't much of a life for a family man"*.

I had some regrets about that decision from time to time but, from the vantage point of now, it probably saved me from a litany of broken marriages and a life of even greater alcoholism ! And, even though private flying is expensive and hasn't been as prolific as I might have liked, , it's been fun over 57 years (mostly current) in Tiger Moth, Chipmunk, J5-Auster, various Pipers, Mooney 201, Cessnas from 150 to 210 and, these days, towing gliders at Beverley in the Pawnee.

May your landings not be too exciting! (some of mine have been...)

John White

YEAR Month Date	AIRCRAFT		Pilot, or 1st Pilot	2nd Pilot, Pupil or Passenger	DUTY (Including Results and Remarks)	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT				
	Type	No.				DAY (1)	PILOT (2)	NIGHT Dual (3)	Pilot (4)	DUAL Dual (5)
Totals Brought Forward										
MARCH 24.	D.H. 82	200	Sgt COLVILLE	SELF	7, 8, 9.					1105
" 25	"	231	" "	"	7, 8, 9.					50
" 25	"	"	" "	"	7, 8, 9.					50
26	"	"	ACRIDLAND	SELF	7, 8, 9, 10.					55
"	"	"	SELF	SELF	11					35
"	"	"	Sgt COLVILLE	SELF	"					30
"	"	"	"	"	7, 9.					35
27	"	"	Sgt COLVILLE	SELF	12.					105
27	"	"	SELF	SOLO	12.					040
27	"	"	Sgt COLVILLE	SELF	12, 15.					45
28	"	"	SELF	SOLO	12, 15.					45
28	"	"	"	"	12, 15.					16.55 3.20
Total For week ending 30/3/41										
Total To date.										
APRIL 1	D.H. 82	231	Sgt MACLEAN	SELF	8.					45
" 2	N9129	" "	SELF	SELF	8, 12.					25
" 2	D.H. 82	"	SELF	SOLO	8, 12, 17.					30
" 2	" "	"	"	"	8, 12, 17.					55
" 3	N9129	Sgt MACLEAN	SELF	SOLO	8, 12, 17.					100
" 3	N9129	SELF	SOLO	"	8, 12, 17.					100
" 4	D.H. 82	204	SELF	"	12, 17.					110
" 4	" "	200	Sgt MACLEAN	SOLO	8, 17					25
" 4	D.H. 82	165	Sgt MACLEAN	SELF	8.					25
GRAND TOTAL [Cols. (1) to (10)]										1905 7.45
26 Hrs 50 Mins.										Totals Carried Forward

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Return To The Good 'Ol Days

CASA have recently announced a proposed rule change which would see the introduction of mandatory fixed fuel reserves for all flying operations including Private Day VFR.

The proposed minimum mandated fixed reserve is 45 minutes.

Clearly this is an issue for many of the LSA types as this would represent a large % of the fuel endurance (up to 50% in some cases) of the aircraft.

A summary of the proposed mandated minimum fuel reserves is shown in the table below:

CAAP 234-1(2): GUIDELINES FOR AIRCRAFT FUEL REQUIREMENTS

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Aeroplanes & Airships								
Private & Aerial work				RPT & Charter				
Piston		Turbine or Jet		Piston		Turbine or Jet		
VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR	
Fixed fuel reserve	45 mins	45 mins	30 mins	30 mins	45 mins	45 mins	30 mins	30 mins
Variable fuel reserve	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	15% (not less than 5 mins)	15% (not less than 5 mins)	10% (not less than 5 mins)	10% (not less than 5 mins)
Helicopters								
Private & Aerial work				RPT & Charter				
VFR	IFR	VFR	IFR					
Fixed fuel reserve	20 mins	30 mins	20 mins	30 mins				
Variable fuel reserve	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	15% (not less than 5 mins)	15% (not less than 5 mins)				

Table 1: Fixed fuel reserve and variable fuel reserve requirements

Note: Variable reserve for RPT and charter operations is the higher of either:

- the specified percentage (%) of trip fuel (as time)*
- an amount of fuel to fly for 5 minutes at holding speed at 1,500 ft above the destination aerodrome elevation in ISA conditions.*

The following link will take you to the relevant CASA page related to this proposal and I encourage all members to read the proposal including associated rule changes / CAAP etc. and respond directly to CASA's nominated contact using the details provided below.

<https://www.casa.gov.au/regulations-and-policy/standard-page/cd-1508os-fuel-and-oil-quantity-requirements>

Please forward your response to CASA by **16 March 2016** by one of the following means:

Post (no stamp required in Australia)

Reply Paid 2005

Standards Documentation Coordinator

CASA's Standards Development and Quality Assurance Branch

Canberra ACT 2601, Australia

Or email to: glenn.warwick@casa.gov.au

Personally, I learned to fly with the old 45 minute reserve rule and I have never changed, every flight I do I allow for a fixed reserve of 45 minutes.

The 3 things in aviation that are useless are:

1. The fuel you didn't put in the tank!
2. The runway behind you!
3. The sky above you when the noise stops!

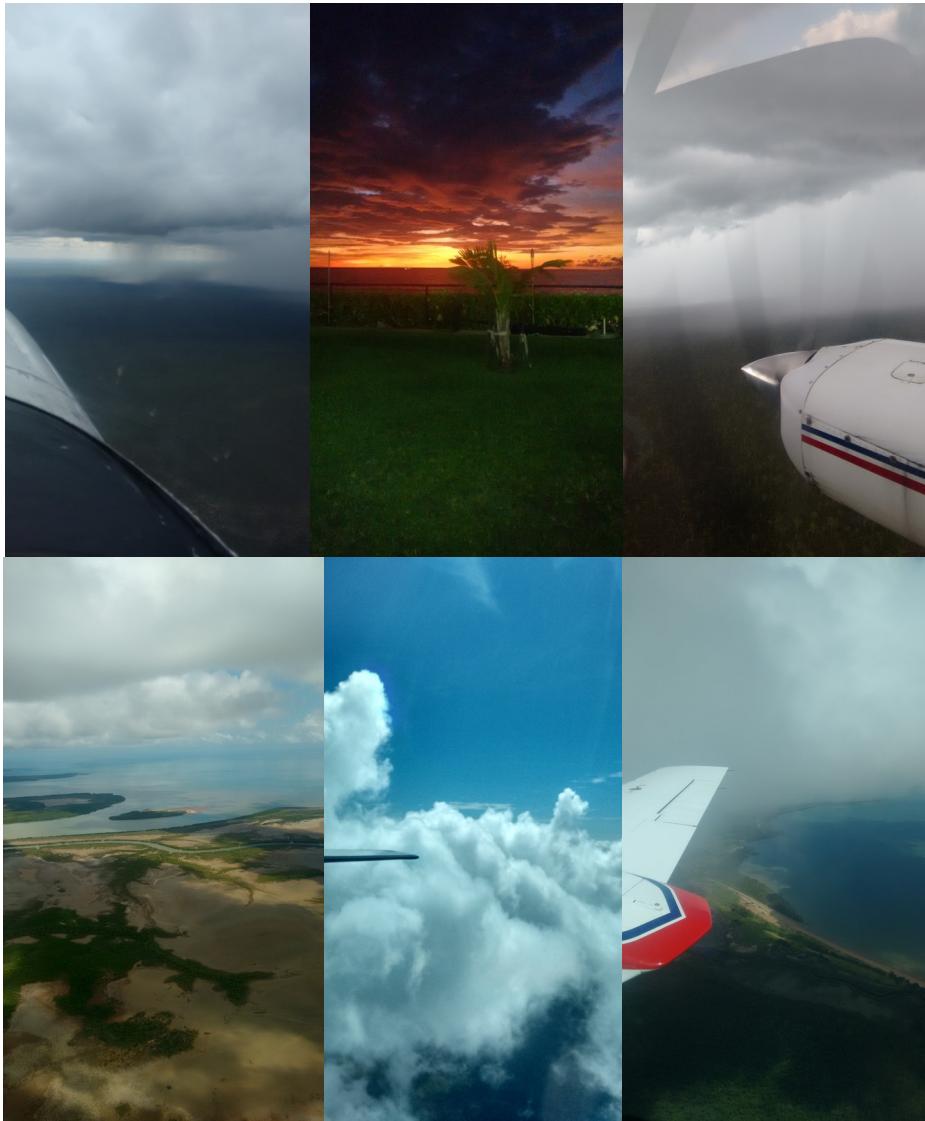
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**Hangar Space available
for small aircraft,
e.g. Jabiru or similar
\$150 month.**

**Bob Emery 0419 043 583.
bobemery51@gmail.com**

NT Happy Snaps

I have just returned from 3 very short days in the Northern Territory. Below are some of the pictures that I snapped whilst traveling to East Arnhem Land and then next day to Port Keates in the far West of the Territory. You just have to love the wet season and the very local term “Territory VFR”.



For Sale
Cessna Skyline 11 R182 RG 1978 IFR
All Offers Considered



Cessna Skyline 11 R182 RG 1978 IFR

100 Hour service done October 2015. TTIS 5620. PTR 270 ETR 300

Auto pilot, ADF 300, Sunair HF, Transponder, 300A Navomatic

Leather interior in immaculate condition, recently painted May 2015.

New Nav Com Radio MX-385 fitted October 2014

New Exhaust's and muffler Nov 14

Brake Linings replaced Nov 14

Carby rebuilt and new gaskets & parts Nov 14

Air switch replaced Nov 2014

New battery June 2013

Windscreen replaced January 2009 & purchased interior sun shades

Auto Pilot, DME, 2* Nav Com.

One private owner last 12 Years

Fast and comfortable to fly, holds the heading and the height really well.

Sids due July 2016.

All offers considered

Located in Jandakot West Australia

Delivery can be arranged.

Contact Paul North 0419 046 595



Merchandise – Northam Aero Club

Club Caps with logo –\$20
One size fits all

Club Shirts with name and club logo - \$35.00
Colours Blue with yellow trim or Red with blue trim
100% breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant
Knit collar with contrast tipping. Postage \$10.00 per order

Order Form

Full Name

Postal Address

.....Phone:

Male/ Female	Size	Name on Shirt

Mens sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 5XL

Womens sizes: 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24



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BAR ROSTER 2015—2016

FEBRUARY

6th-7th	-	Matt
13th-14th	-	Ashley
20th-21st	-	Howie
27th-28th	-	Peter

MAY

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

MARCH

5th-6th	-	Crofty
12th-13th	-	Gail
19th-20th	-	Matt
26st-27th	-	Ashley

JUNE

4th-5th	-	Matt
11th-12th	-	Ashley
18th-19th	-	Howie
25th-26st	-	Peter

APRIL

2nd-3rd	-	Howie
9th-10th	-	Crofty
16th-17th	-	Gail
23rd-24th	-	Matt
30th		Ashley

JULY

2nd-3rd	-	Crofty
9th-10th	-	Gail
16th-17th	-	Matt
23rd-24th	-	Ashley
30th-31st		Howie

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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

CORRECTION

**PLEASE NOTE
THE NEXT
CLUB COMPETITION
IS
SUNDAY 13th MARCH
2016
AT 09:00
WONGAN HILLS
FLY IN
LUNCH PROVIDED**



CORRECTION

**PLEASE NOTE
THE NEXT
COMMITTEE MEETING
IS
SUNDAY 13th MARCH
2016
AT 16:00 (4:00pm)
NORTHAM AERO CLUB**

FORMATION & NIGHT RATINGS



The opportunity is available for NAC pilots to obtain Night Ratings and Formation endorsements using RAWC instructors.

A minimum of 3 pilots to commit.

These rating can be completed by the WALAC Competition.

For further information and to book,
Contact Errol on 0428 880 149



Brookton Old Time Motor Show

19 March 2016

history in motion

The Northam Aero Club members have been invited to the Brookton Old Time Motor Show

You'll be wide eyed with enthusiasm when you immerse yourself in the exhibitions, parades and demonstrations of vehicles and machines of the past at the Brookton Old Time Motor Show. With everything from cars, trucks, tractors, bikes, military vehicles, stationary engines and anything unusual and quirky that is motor driven, you will enjoy some magic motoring memories at this interactive event.

The 2016 theme of the show is "All Things Aussie" featuring 50 years of the Holden Torana. Lose yourself in the wonder of yesteryear with amazing displays of Aussie inventions and innovations throughout history.

There is an airstrip 2km south of Brookton.

If you are interested in attending then contact:

IAN on 0428 420 012 or email ian@hilroy.com.au

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 13th March 2016

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting
will be held at the club rooms on
Sunday 13th March 2016 at 4.00 pm
