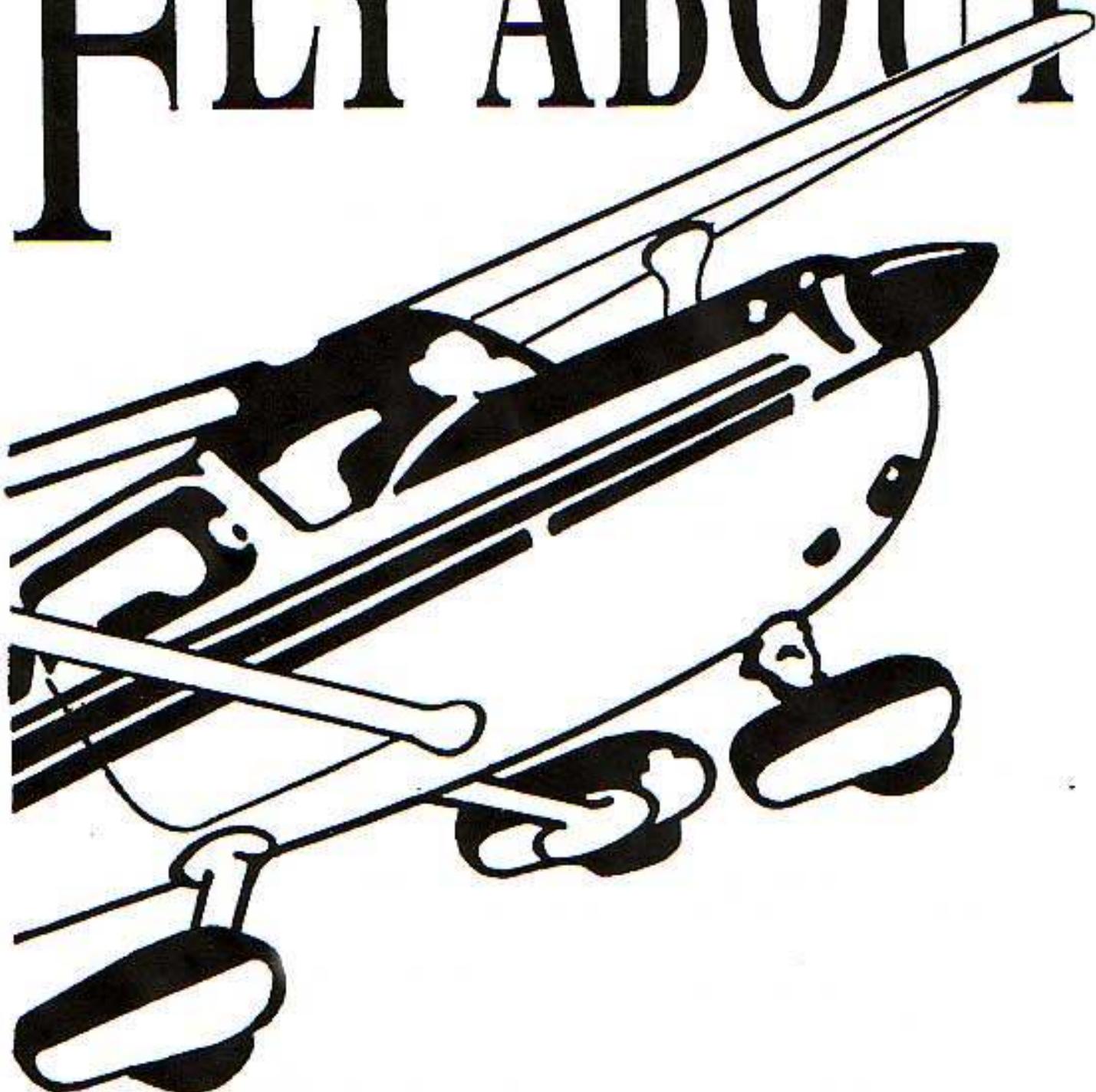


FLY ABOU~~T~~



OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTHAM AERO CLUB (INC)
POST OFFICE BOX 247 NORTHAM WA 6401

Print Post Approval No: 639955/00013

Volume 43 Issue No.01

January 2012



PO BOX 247 NORTHAM WA 6401

COMMITTEE CONTACTS

PRESIDENT	Matt Bignell big.matty@hotmail.com	0428 962 001 08 9622 3001
IPP	Simon Cooper simon.sj.cooper@centrelink.gov.au	0429 202 597
VICE PRESIDENT	Errol Croft dowref@bigpond.net.au	0428 880 149
SECRETARY	Heather Deegan Heather1957@hotmail.com	0402 719 857
TREASURER	Ashley Smith	9622-3673
CLUB CAPTAIN	Errol Croft dowref@bigpond.net.au	0428 880 149
COMMITTEE	Steve Vette svette@southernphone.com.au	0407 577 617
HOUSE & GROUNDS	Dave Beech dbeech@iinet.au	0416 242 846
AIRCRAFT BOOKINGS BAR MANAGER	Matt Bignell big.matty@hotmail.com	0428 962 001 08 9622 3001
AIRCRAFT FLIGHT TRAINING	Denis Beresford	08 9622 5222 0408 747 182
AIRSIDE & SAFETY	Gren Putland Gren.putland@mainroads.wa.gov.au	0409 113 011
FLYING INSTRUCTORS	Kevin Lathbury	0434 000 217
SOCIAL	Peter Hill	0405 415 947
FLY ABOUT EDITOR	Debra Donovan nac.editor@yahoo.com	0429 207 502
WEBSITE E-MAIL CLUB ROOM	www.northamaeroclub.com northamaeroclub@westnet.com.au	08 9622 3248

President's report
December

Seasons greeting to all our members & friends.

I hope everybody is well. (Especially Les).

The weekend of the comp went off really well with Ashley winning & myself as passenger; Capt. Croft second with Heather, third was Ian, & Simone as his passenger, who won the non-members prize.

The luncheon was very good approx. 35 guests came, the entertainment was excellent, it was a great show, fun was had by all.

Upgrading of the club house & surrounds are continuing. Peter has almost finished painting one side of the hangar roof; NORTHAM in white is a beacon for all to see, maybe passer-byes won't need to turn on the runway lights to see where they are now!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for organising the luncheon & also Dave for stepping in at the last minute to be cook, well done fellers it's very much appreciated.

Thank you to everybody else for helping on the day as well.

We will be holding a January comp on the 8th & a committee meeting on the 9th, for details of the comp contact Capt. Croft.

Thank you all for the year & have a merry Christmas & a happy new year.

Matt Bignell
President

Club Captains Report

Happy New Year to All ! May you have many hours of enjoyable flying.

The weather permitted us to hold a January flying comp with 6 pilots showing up, including Bruce and Shirley Rowley from Pearce. The comp was a Procedural Straight-in approach, which involved an orbit before setting up the straight-in approach. Extra points were awarded to the pilot that touched down on the keys. Pilots could fly their own planes and as many passengers as were legal. Denis Beresford was once again our very astute judge, thanks Denis !

The winner, flying his own plane while still practicing 8 days/week was once again Peter Hill, who was also again the only pilot to land on the keys. Well done Peter ! 2nd was Ashley Smith. Im not sure whether Kate wrote this comp up for the Advocate ? Third, but still a good pilot was myself. Ha Ha !

Thanks again to Denis for judging, Bruce and Shirl for flying over, Matt for cooking the barbie. It was great to see Debra come for the barbie, but we missed Les who must still be nursing his hand that had the tiniest of splinters in it. Luck Les used his shovel and not me.

Coming attractions that need feedback :

Wave Rock & Serpentine Fly-Ins

April 29th looks good for our NAC Open Day
Any other ideas that may promote flying !

Cheers,
Errol

Events and News :

Please pay your membership fees asap, to those who havn't already !

NAC Hats still available at the bar, or contact Ashley to arrange for postage-\$15.

April 29th- Open Day-please contact Errol Croft for details, or to volunteer your time.

Joint club competitions to be arranged with Jandakot Flying Club-dates to come.

NAC elections to be help soon-please give some thought as to who you would like on the committee.

Chase the Joker won by Les Ballantyne-now at \$30

Pilot's Challenge

The club's pilot challenge has been running now for three years. Interest has waned so I would like to ask the clubs pilots if they think it should continue. Member feedback is that the challenges are too expensive to fly ! but to be a challenge they need to have a degree of difficulty. Suggestions please for the new challenges that you think would attract more interest.

Denis Beresford

denis.beresford@bigpond.com 0408 747 182

Ventilogist a great success at our NAC Christmas event...please contact **Roger Webber** if you would like to have him at your event...9641-2807

Functions, parties etc. Happy to do local engagements for a very reasonable fee.



Earth Rounder visits Northam

Northam aviators were honoured in January with a visit by Mooney round-the-world veteran CarolAnn Garratt.

CarolAnn, on her third circumnavigation in her Mooney J-model MSE, stopped over in Northam for repairs and R & R under the stewardship of Claude Meunier, Northam resident and founder of Earthrounders, the organisation that supports and records flights around the world in small aircraft.

For someone who has achieved more than the rest of us put together, CarolAnn is disarmingly modest and self-deprecating. She sees her epic flights more as successful examples of thorough planning than derring-do or particular skill on her part. I beg to differ, and see her as a pioneering role model for all – particularly women – who fly the Mooney marque.

We met at Northam Airport, where LAME Ian Bristow-Stagg sorted out undercarriage problems that had plagued N220FC since Kuala Lumpur. CarolAnn had to fly with wheels half-retracted, which reduced her speed by 15-20 knots, all the way to Northam.

She was pretty philosophical about this, and some other minor problems, but was happy that everything was put right with a minimum of fuss. Just as well, because her boyfriend, Heinrich, was arriving from Germany a couple of days later to share a quick tour of Uluru and Tasmania before CarolAnn departed solo for Hawaii and her home in Orlando, Florida.

CarolAnne dropped in the club to share her experiences with anyone who had a question to ask. You'd never have imagined that this gracious, friendly woman had conquered some of the toughest summits in the topography of aviation.

CarolAnn made her first round-the-world flight – solo – in 2003. Five years later she was off again, this time with a co-pilot, to set a world record and raise funds to find a cure for motor neurone disease, of which her mother died in 2002. The pair completed the flight in seven days! This time she's solo again, and enjoying a more relaxed schedule.

If you would like to follow CarolAnn's exploits, and read about her achievements, go to www.earthrounders.com

– TONY REES



Claude, Robyn, CarolAnn And Tony at the NAC

FLY-IN

24th & 25th March 2012

At Myrup Fly-In Estate (YMYU)

[33 47.2S 121 57.4E 120ESP010]

Aviation enthusiasts and friends are invited to the



Saturday Lunch available (if you let us know)

BBQ Saturday Evening - \$20 per person

Sunday Breakfast available (if you let us know)

Limited billet accommodation (first come first served)

No formal flying program but plenty of opportunity for aviating and sight seeing.

For more details contact Dick 0438 179 088 or David 0407 036 173

NORTHAM AERO CLUB

HIRE RATES FOR C172 AIRCRAFT

AS FROM 1/12/2009

- **Dual Hire -----\$240 per hour**
- **Private Hires-----\$190 per hour**
- **TIF-----\$100 per hour**
- **Instructor only**
Pilot provides own aircraft-----\$80 per hour

Landing fees & Air Services Charges :
Where applicable-these are to be paid by the pilot or
Student Pilot

Hire of life jackets-----\$10 per jacket

**INTRODUCTION OF REDUCED CLUB
AIRCRAFT HIRE RATES:
PRE-PURCHASE HOURS AND RECEIVE THE
FOLLOWING REDUCTIONS TO HIRE
RATES:**

5 HRS-5% TAKES PRICE TO \$181/HR

10 HRS-10% TAKES PRICE TO \$171/HR

20 HRS-15% TAKES PRICE TO \$161/HR

MUST BE USED WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF PURCHASE

Errols Club calendar 2012

	February	March	April	May
1			Bar-DAVE	
2			Bar-DAVE	
3		Bar-HEATHER		
4	Bar-DAVE	Bar-HEATHER		
5	Bar-DAVE			Bar-HEATHER
6				Bar-HEATHER
7			Bar-GREN	
8			Bar-GREN	
9				
10		Bar-ASHLEY		
11	Bar-GREN	Bar-ASHLEY		
12	Bar-GREN			Bar-CROFTY
13				Bar-CROFTY
14			Bar-DENIS	
15			Bar-DENIS	
16				
17		Bar-MATT		
18	Bar-PETER	Bar-MATT		
19	Bar-PETER			Bar-MATT
20				Bar-MATT
21			Bar-PETER	
22			Bar-PETER	
23				
24		Esperance Fly In Bar-CROFTY		
25	Bar-DENIS	Esperance Fly In Bar-CROFTY		
26	Bar-DENIS			Bar-DAVE
27				Bar-DAVE
28			Bar-ASHLEY	
29			NAC OPEN DAY Bar-ASHLEY	
30				
31		Bar-DAVE		

N.A.C.

Bar roster

2012

Opening Hours

*Saturday 5pm
- 7pm
Sunday 5pm -
7 pm*

February		
4 th -5 th	-	Dave
11 th -12 th	-	Gren
18 th -19 th	-	Peter
25 th -26 th	-	Denis

May		
5 th -6 th		Heather
12 th -13 th		Crofty
19 th -20 th		Matt
26 th -27 th		Dave

March		
3 rd -4 th		Heather
10 th -11 th		Ashley
17 th -18 th		Matt
24 th -25 th		Crofty
31 st		Dave

June		
2 nd -3 rd		Gren
9 th -10 th		Peter
16 th -17 th		Ashley
23 rd -24 th		Denis
30 th		Heather

April		
1 st		Dave
7 th -8 th		Gren
14 th -15 th		Denis
21 st -22 nd		Peter
28 th -29 th		Ashley

July		
1 st		Heather
7 th -8 th		Crofty
14 th -15 th		Dave
21 st -22 nd		Matt
28 th -29 th		Peter

Circuits and bumps

Anyone got a clean pair of tweezers ? I have a splinter...

How many people voted for day light savings in the last referendum ?

What are the procedures for leaving Jandakot air strip EC ?

Is it really worth scrathing your car for a chicken treat, HD ?

Birthday wishes to AS

Come out for a sausage sizzle on the mornings of club competitions...everyone welcome !



NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

February 12th at 9 am

NEXT CLUB MEETING

February 13th at 7 pm

BAR ROSTER

Opening hours
Saturday 5pm – 7pm
Sunday 5pm – 7pm

February		
4 th -5th st	-	Dave
11 th -12 th	-	Gren
18 th -19 th	-	Peter
25 th -26 th	-	Denis
4 th -5th st	-	Dave

Well! Sometimes one just has to do it!!

**Please make arrangements to swap
with someone if you are not available
on your rostered day(s)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
THE AERO CLUB CONTACTS ARE;

08 9622 3248
0429 202 597

PO BOX 247
NORTHAM WA 6401

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE NORTHAM AERO CLUB (Inc.)
PO Box 247 NORTHAM WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6401

**SURFACE MAIL
POSTAGE PAID
AUSTRALIA**

' FLYABOUT '

PRINT POST APPROVED PPN: 639955/00013