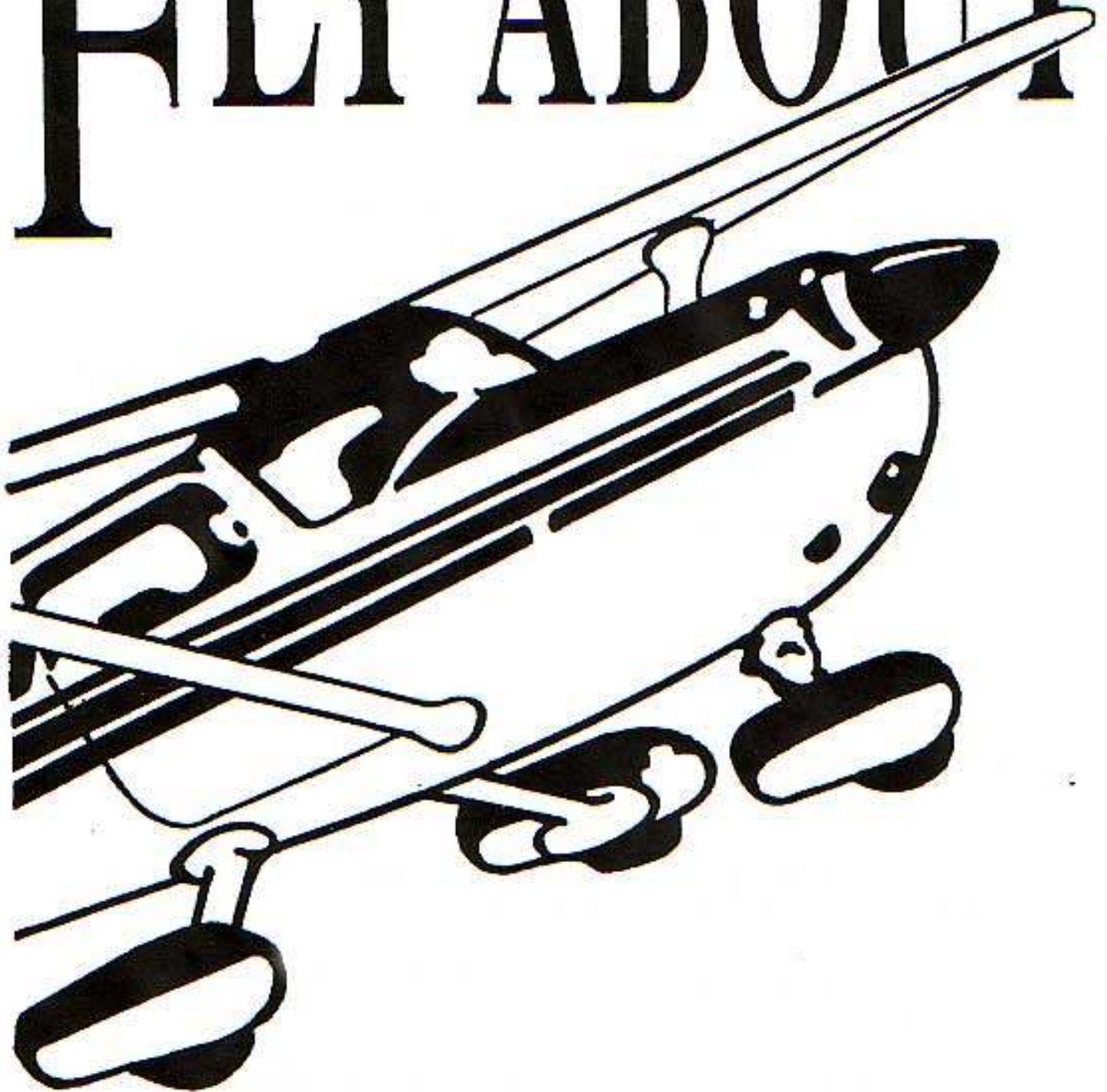


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From the President July 2011

The Northam Aero Club Annual Dinner and Award Presentation night was held Saturday night. It was typical of these sorts of Club events, with a great atmosphere, plenty of laughs and some amusing anecdotes. It was great to catch up with lots of people, as well as meet some new faces – including the new and improved version of Simon Cooper who has recently relocated back to WA from Queensland. I outlined some of the highlights of my association with the Club, whilst also thanking all those that have contributed their time and means to Club activities.

Of particular note was the official handing over of the airfield ceremony and open day that the Club hosted in April. In spite of my not being able to be present, or perhaps because of it, the day was a resounding success! Errol Croft kindly handled my official responsibilities, whilst Gren Putland spoke about the formation of the Club, its history and the key players who built this wonderful community asset that we come to enjoy today.

NAC continues to remain popular with pilots, with PGL flying around 172 hours in the last year. This is a great result and indicative of the continuing popularity of the Club aircraft.

We currently have around 125 members on the books and the next 12 months will be an opportunity for your new Committee to lead the Club forward. Please join me in welcoming Bruce Sharper as our newest member.

A RADS proposal has been submitted by the Club which, if successful, will see further investment in maintaining and improving airfield infrastructure.

As I mentioned at the Annual Dinner, I'm deeply humbled to have been given the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful Club. Having been a member of a few Aero Clubs, and visited many, I can honestly say there is something special about this one. My family and I will continue to visit Northam from time to time, and so I'd love to catch up with you at the bar for a beer and a chat. To the Club, the Committee and the Members, I wish you all the very best for the future.

Thanks,

Simon Cooper
President
Northam Aero Club

Club Captains Report

Well another year is over and we started the 10th July competition with our traditional HMAS YNTM. Our old stayer in Ray Howell unfortunately could not make it due to having a bad bout of the flu. We only had three competitors: Ian, Ashley and myself. We had to take off at a given distance, fly two circuits and land on the deck of HMAS YNTM. Extra points were awarded for landing on the piano keys. Ian flew first and landed on the keys, being the only one to do so. Ashley Smith scored very well in the air and between the two of them they drew in equal 1st place with the same number of points, which meant I came in last! HAHA.

Thanks again to Harold for judging and Les for the barbie. It is grand to see Debra arrive very late just in time for the barbie!

The Annual Dinner was held on the 16th July and all who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. It is always great to see everyone at the dinner but the down side was the number of regulars that couldn't make it due to other commitments. They missed a good night.

The overall Club Champion was awarded to Ashley Smith with Ray Howell and myself equal 2nd with Ian Berry 3rd. Les Ballantyne was recognised for his contribution over the years and I thank him and Harold for their efforts during the years. Thanks also to Ryan Bristow Stage for his input during the years that I have been involved. I hope he continues to add his input around the club.

Our next club competition will be 14th August. We intend to fly into Newman 28th – 31st October so try and pencil this date in. We also intend to fly to Murrayfield for WALAC but will keep you posted on the date.

Cheers,
Errol



*Three generations of Smiths at the Murrayfield Competition
June 12 ; Preston, Ashley and Dylan*

Please Note - there has been posted to all members a ballot for the election of committee members. Please have these into to NAC by the night of the Annual General Meeting, 29 th July.



Also, special thanks to out outgoing President Simon Cooper-thanks for your efforts over the years-, and good luck to all those on the ballots !

Pilots Invited to FLY-IN

Gnowangerup

Sept 24-25

For the second year in a row, Gnowangerup is the destination of choice on the aviators' calendar as they host their FLY-IN on the long weekend of Sep 24-25.

Famous as the Gateway to the Stirlings, YGNW is one of these nice, uncomplicated and mostly undiscovered country airports, sporting a great bitumen runway and plenty of room for an overnight swag camp!

This Fly-In is clearly aimed at the whole family with plenty of things to do in and around Gnowangerup.

It's also the wildflower season with organised wildflower walks and mystery bus tours to the town.

Vintage cars are on display and games for the kids plus a bouncy castle.

Scenic flights in Albany Aviation's B58 Baron can be booked on the spot.

Food and drinks are available with a BBQ and a guest speaker for the early hours of the evening.

Bring your swag or tent and enjoy the camp atmosphere. There will also an undercover sleeping area for those without a tent.

Plan to arrive on Saturday by mid morning with departures on Sunday afternoon.

We're even trying to organise the weather so make this a red letter day on your calendar!

More info: Michael Lance 9827 1314

Gnowangerup Progress Association

Annual Awards Dinner, July 16 th, 2011- Congratulations to all who participated and all who won!!!



Les....Ashley.... Ian and Ray accepting their trophies



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Notice is hereby given to the
members that the**

**Annual General Meeting
of the**

NORTHAM AERO CLUB

will be held on

Friday 29th July 2011

at the NAC Club Rooms

at 7.00pm

AGENDA ITEMS

- **ELECTION OF OFFICE
BEARERS**

**[Please bring a small
plate of food for fellowship at
the conclusion of the meeting]**

Errols Club Calendar 2011

	July	August	September	October
1				
2	BAR-ASHLEY			
3	BAR-ASHLEY			
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9	BAR-ERROL			CLUB COMP 9AM
10	BAR-ERROL CLUB COMP 9AM			NAC.MEETING 7PM
11	NAC.MEETING 7PM		CLUB COMP 9AM	
12			NAC.MEETING 7PM	
13				
14		CLUB COMP 9AM		
15		NAC.MEETING 7PM		
16	BAR-RYAN Presentation Dinner			
17	BAR-RYAN			
18				
19				
20				
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22				
23	BAR-LES			
24	BAR-LES			
25				
26				
27				
28				Newman Fly Out
29	AGM			Newman Fly Out
30	BAR-MATT			Newman Fly Out
31	BAR-MATT			

Bar roster-coming post AGM

N.A.C.

**Bar
roster**

2011

Opening
Hours
*Saturday 5pm
- 7pm
Sunday 5pm -
7 pm*

JULY		
2nd-3rd	-	Ashley
9th-10th	-	Crofty
16th-17th	-	Ryan
23rd-24th	-	Les
30th-31st		Matt

NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

14 th August at 9am

NEXT CLUB MEETING

15 th August at 7pm

BAR ROSTER

Opening hours

Saturday 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 5pm – 7pm

JULY		
2nd-3rd	-	Ashley
9th-10th	-	Crofty
16th-17th	-	Ryan
23rd-24th	-	Les
30th-31st		Matt

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)**

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