

Fly About

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Presidents Message

Hi All.

Northam Aero Club Annual General Meeting was very well attended again this year with the Executive and Committee positions being returned unopposed. A new Committee Member has been elected in Trevor Sangston. Congratulations to all.

We had the official turning on of the L.E.D. lights on Saturday night, 3rd July last. Darren West MLA did the honours and they do look impressive. I don't think even Kevin Lathbury will be complaining. See photos.

The wet weather has proved a bit too wet and the farmers are having trouble getting on to the paddocks to spread Urea. We had the pleasure of watching it being loaded into planes and being spread from the air, an awesome sight. See photos.

The bar is now open again and a big thanks to Marg and Dave Mac who provided soup and sweets on Saturday's bar.

I would like to welcome our new members, Dominic DeStefano, Brianna Nicholson, Ben Sharplin, Tony Soteriou and Camille Vissouarn

On a sad note and on behalf of the Northam Aero Club I would like to extend our Deepest Sympathy to John, Greg and Scott Voak on the recent passing of Sandy Voak, R.I.P. Sandy your hard work within the Club will not be forgotten.

The hot air balloon Championships is nearly on us and we still require volunteers as Northam Aero Club will be providing the meal free of charge with all goods supplied by our very generous local businesses. A huge thank you to Quinns Meats, Northam Bakery and Brenton from Northam Paper Products for their very generous donations.

Anyone interested in helping out with preparing meals give me a call

A big thank you to Shire of Northam for the upgrading of the light system on our runway. The original lights were installed and paid for by Northam Aero Club and associated groups that used the Airfield over 40 years ago.

It is still very cold out, keep using that carby heat .

Cheers, Errol 0428 880 149

Club Captains Report

TEAM NAC PILOTS and CREW gathered in the Flight Office for a nice hot cuppa for our July Flying Comp.-first comp for 2021/2022 season....

First item of business was to announce Club Champion and Awards Presentation, (see the pictures).

Club Champion **IAN BERRY** well done and well deserved!

Not bad for a Kid, eh? A third Club Championship at 80!

Runner up James Hill, close third Jesse Stewart.

Well done all, and that goes for all 14 pilots flying 11 different aircraft last 12 months.

Results for July 2022 Comp as follows:

First place NICK KOSTOV in his very nice Jabiru, smooth as!

Equal Second Jesse Stewart C172 and James Hill C152

Third Peter Hill C152

Fourth Ian Berry, (happy boy is he), C172

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is SUNDAY 8th August 2021

WONGAMINE RECON - a short cross country air trial.

All pilots have full Comp sheets with 3 weeks to go so plenty of time for a practice run.

Hope to see all TEAM NAC PILOTS and CREW at next Comp

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST at Northam Airfield 9am start

Thanks,

Stay safe, Peter Hill, Club Captain 0450415947

My Flying Life



My Flying Life.

In 1958 I began to have thoughts of obtaining my Private Pilot's Licence. I went over to Cunderdin to the Aero Club where I flew a few hours in a Tiger Moth and didn't think much of it, possibly because it was winter, and it was cold and uncomfortable.

In February 1962, Ray Millard and Don O'Sullivan developed MOSA Aviation at Perth Airport. My first flight there was in a Pacer, followed by a Piper Tripacer. In these aircraft, I had found something I liked.

In August, I obtained my Pilot's Licence and converted to flying in a C150 Patrol model, followed by a 1956 Cessna 172. At this point, I had found love.

I had never liked horses, nor motorcycles or jeeps and mustering sheep at a farm I was developing west of Moora in an aircraft was sheer delight.

In 1966 I bought property east of Mukinbudin where I would hire aircraft from Airflight. Neighboring farmers would see me mustering out of breakaways and bush and quickly I was asked to do a bit for others who had similar country.

Not long after a note appeared on my door asking if I would consider piloting a new C172 given my ability to muster with no ground support. I began servicing properties at Mooliabeenee, Mount Dale and Waroona in addition to their mining and interstate transport operations.

It had been suggested to me by Instructor Bill Robertson while obtaining my PPL to regularly fly in competitions as a way of maintaining currency requirements for my licence. This was wise advice which I took on board and have flown in competitions ever since.

I flew for several years in the RAAFA Ceremonial Team, performing formation flyovers for numerous events. I also attend fly-ins all over Australia when the opportunity presents.

Since leaving full time employment, I began flying at Northam where I have always enjoyed the competitions and companionship and have finished well over the years. I don't get to every competition due to other travel plans, some in my own plane and others overseas. My love of flying has never waned, and I hope to stay in the air for many more years to come.

Ian Berry
July 2021

(Ian Berry is our Club Champion 2021 Season. Ed.)

NEXT FLYING COMP.

NEXT COMP Sunday 8th August
 ENJOY Peter Hill Club Captain



NAC FLYING COMP.

PILOT: _____

WONGAMINE BROOK RECONNAISSANCE.
 NOMINATED TIMES WITH RADIO .

CALL SIGN: _____

Take off at 15 minute intervals....

124.2 NORTHAM CTAF.

TAKE OFF AND CLIMB TO 2,500 Ft EAST OF AIRFIELD.
 Make OVERHEAD DEPARTURE at 2,500 ft tracking 010 degrees.

RADIO: "Northam Ground ___ ___ Radio Check" 10 Points.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___ Enter, Backtrack
 Runway ___ Northam" 10 Points.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___
 Rolling Runway ___ Northam" 10 Points.

SHORT FIELD TAKE OFF < 300 Metres from start of blacktop 10 Points

TIME STARTS: WHEELS OFF

Hours	Minutes	Seconds

Climb to 2,500 ft East of Airfield, make OVERHEAD DEPARTURE

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___ Departure Overhead
 maintaining 2,500 ft Tracking 010 * Northam" 10 Points.

At intersect of 010 * and Northam Pithara Rd:
 IDENTIFY 5 Acre Farmlet on East side of road..
 WHAT DO YOU SEE RELATING TO AFL FOOTBALL?

Write/ draw image here: 10 Points.

NOW track 330 degrees and turn left at ABBOTTS LAKE....
 HOW MANY SILVER SILO MODULES AHEAD? 6 or 14 10 Points.

NOW track 210* from silos to Reservoir East of Toodyay.

Is there a square pond AND a rectangular pond in Complex?
 YES or NO 10 Points.

RETURN TO NORTHAM tracking 120 degrees.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___ 10 Miles N/W @ 2,500 Ft
 INBOUND for circuit arrival time ___ Northam". 10 Points

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___
 JOINING MID FIELD CROSSWIND RWY ___ Northam" 10 Points.

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___
 TURNING MID DOWNWIND RWY ___ FULL STOP Northam" 10 Points.

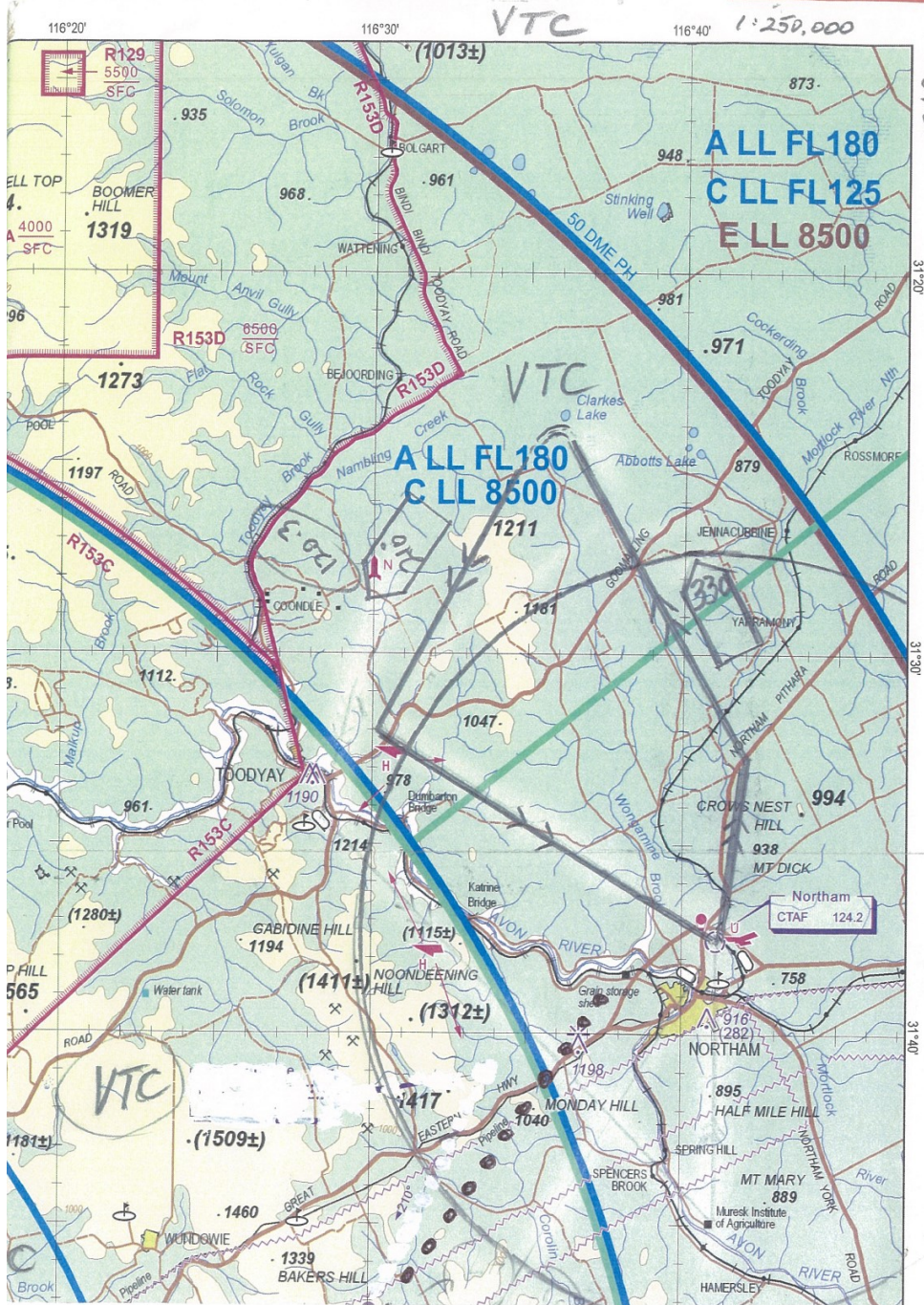
BONUS POINTS: LAND ON KEYS 10 Points.

TIME FINISHES WHEELS ON

Hours	Minutes	Seconds

RADIO: "Northam Traffic ___ ___ LANDED AND CLEAR
 RUNWAY ___ Northam" 10 Points.

NEXT FLYING COMP.



FLYING COMP.



Nick Kostov comes home in First Place for first Comp 2022 season in his shiny Jab



Ian Berry kicks up the flour on landing at July Flying Comp

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Ian Berry NAC Club Champion with runner up James Hill on his right and Jesse Stewart



Ian Berry NAC Club Champion 2021

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



Club Champion Ian Berry with James Hill , Runner Up and Third place Jesse Stewart, smiles all round at awards presentation.



The runway lights in action at Northam Airfield

VALE - SANDY VOAK

SANDY VOAK. (Nee - KIEL) 1941 - 2021.

Sandy moved to Northam in the late 1950's with her mother Maisie, older brother John and step father Arthur Couttes. They settled on a property near Seabrook.

She trained as a Ladies Hairdresser in a salon opposite Hailsham Chambers in Fitzgerald St.

She met and married John Voak and had two sons, Scott and Greg, a couple of "live wire boys" who kept she and John on their toes. They had a very good business which involved them erecting most of the TV Antenna towers for housing in the Central Wheatbelt. They both worked hard in extreme conditions, but always left customers satisfied with their work. After that they were involved in Airconditioning installations around the Northam area. Sandy was not afraid of hard work and spend a lot of time crawling around in ceilings installing ducting, usually in summer.

Both sons were involved in Model Aircraft and spent many hours flying with a group from a little airstrip alongside the Goomalling Rd on my property. Sandy gave them great encouragement. She was involved in the early days of the NAC and when ballooning started she became a great participant as a crew member. On occasions she would be retrieve driver for Gren Putland. She had one problem with that job, she was not a competent reader of maps. I would often get a phone call from Gren saying that she was heading off somewhere and could I help out and get her back to where the balloon had landed. It had its hilarious moments.

As a crew member she became a big part of ballooning with Barry and Sylvia Bristow - Stagg. Many trips to the Seppeltsfield events, sorties to many other parts of Australia, a trip to France in 1983 for the World Championships and the 200th Anniversary of Manned Flight.

Sadly, in her latter years her health deteriorated, due in part to a lot of hard physical work in her younger days. She was a wonderful friend to many and will be missed. She always spoke highly of the Northam Aero Club and its members. She was also involved with Community groups in Northam in various capacities.

BAR ROSTER



NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Bar Roster

2021

Opening Hours

Saturday 5pm - 7pm

July		2021
3rd	-	Matt
10th	-	Dave
17th	-	Howie
24th	-	Peter
31st		mike

October		
2nd	-	Crofty
9th	-	Dave
16th	-	Sue
23rd	-	Mike
30th		Peter

AUGUST		
7th	-	Crofty
14th	-	Dave
21st	-	Sue
27th-3rd Sep	-	Ballooning

November		
6th	-	Matt
13th	-	Dave
20th	-	Howie
27th	-	Crofty

September		
4th	-	Peter
11th	-	Dave
18th	-	Matt
25th	-	Howie

December		
4th	-	Mike
11th	-	Dave
18th	-	Sue
25th	-	closed

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

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Great little economical plane with low engine hours

Located in Northam WA

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Contact Geoff 0419 709 053



Next Club Competition

**NEXT NAC FLYING COMP is scheduled for:
Sunday 8th August 2021**

**Next Club Committee meeting at 13:00 (1pm)
Sunday 8th August 2021, at NAC 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!



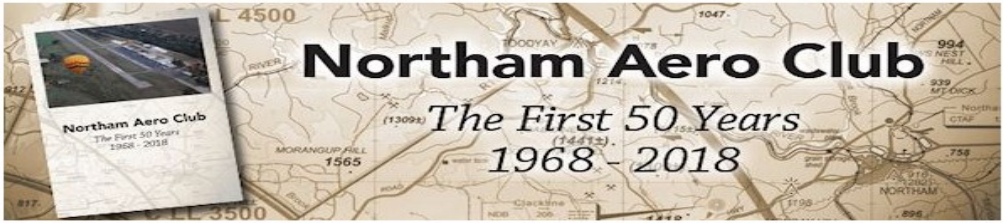
(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)



NORTHAM AERO CLUB

July/Aug 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 AGM	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



\$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

Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____ Not Renewing
Address: _____
Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (email) _____

Type of Membership: Adult (\$55) Junior (\$10)

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 A/c Number:69-2937

Apparel: Club Polo Shirt (\$35) – 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 5XL . (185 GSM 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 (\$20) plus \$8 postage. (* Caps are also available from the bar)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an Invoice please tick

‘Fly About’ Magazine: Yes I would like to receive it by email (preferred) post

No I do not wish to receive it

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$20

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35 (Personalised)



FUNNIES

There are optimists and pessimists in aviation. The optimist invented the aeroplane and the pessimist invented the parachute.

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Warren and his wife Joy went to the local Air Show every year, and every year Joy would say, "Warren, I'd like to ride in that helicopter." Warren always replied, "I know Joy, but that helicopter ride is fifty quid, and fifty quid is fifty quid". One year Warren and Joy went to the Show, and Joy said, "Warren, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance". To this, Warren replied, "Joy that helicopter is fifty quid, and fifty quid is fifty quid". The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I will take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I will not charge you. But if you say one word, it's fifty quid". Warren and Joy agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over, and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Warren and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!" Warren replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Joy fell out, but you know, fifty quid is fifty quid".

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After an overnight flight to meet my father at his latest military assignment, my mother wearily arrived at Rhein-Main Air Base, in Germany, with my eight siblings and me, all under age 11. Collecting our many suitcases, the ten of us entered the cramped customs area. A young customs official watched our entourage in disbelief, "Ma'am" he said, "Do all these children and this luggage belong to you?" "Yes, sir," my mother said with a sigh. "They're all mine." The customs agent began his interrogation "Ma'am, do you have any weapons, contraband, or illegal drugs in your possession?"

"Sir" she calmly answered, "if I'd had any of those items, I would have used them by now"!!

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—\$20.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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