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Club Presidents Report

Hi Members.

We have arrived at the end of another financial year and have lots coming up in July.

Our Annual Presentation Dinner on 11th July, Club Competition on Sunday 12th July and the Annual General Meeting with elections on Friday 24th July.

Bookings for the Annual Dinner need to be made for catering purposes so please see Advertisement. We usually have an excellent roll up for the competition the day after because the pilots stay over then recover at the competition/barbeque.

The National Ballooning Championship's Northam will be upon us before we know it from 28th August til 6th September.

It is now gaining even more momentum and we require members to donate their time in the catering area to help make money for the Aero Club.

Between the Annual Dinner and our Ballooning Championships we have the very important Annual Elections. See the Nominations Forms and if you would like to be a part of the Committee follow the requirements and nominate. Our club is as strong as the Committee. We will be having a series of busy bees around the clubrooms and if you would like to participate please email or phone myself or Heather with your interest so as I can email or phone you the times and the dates.

If you have a Hangar to let for the Ballooning Championships could you please contact Graeme King or myself, to express your interest.

Once again, happy flying and try to stay out of the rain when it finally comes.

Cheers,

Errol

Club Captains Report

Hi Members!

We had another good Comp day Sunday 14th June.

Be nice to see even more of you at the monthly Comps, but to those who do come along, thank you!

Pilots also took some of our many visitors for a local tour, which every one enjoyed....

The June Flying Comp was a nice little trip out to Toodyay Airstrip, followed by a Straight In Approach from 10 miles at Goomalling/Toodyay Road on 140 radial, with radio calls etc.

This Comp was well received and something we do not often perform.

TEAM NAC are really cooking, all Pilots are on the ball and most proficient.

JUDGES: Runway: Shaun Bazely

Radio: Dave Beech.

Many thanks to our judges your input is pivotal to the building success of our Monthly Flying Comps!

To our Pilots: all pilots flew well and flew safely, scores were very close across the board.

First	Ashley Smith Errol Croft	C172P C172M	VH-PGL VH-JXI
Second	Dave McFarlane	C172P	VH-PGL
Third	Peter Hill	C152	VH-BFC
Fourth	Ian Berry	C-172P	VH-PGL
Fifth	Bob Emery	Zenith	24-7108
Sixth	NSD		

Beth, Marg and Kate did some yummy morning teas as usual

THANK YOU LADIES!

Club Champion for the year will be announced at the Annual Dinner/Awards night which is Saturday 11th July in the NAC clubrooms, please book your spot with Heather our Secretary -email secretary@northamaeroclub.com or ring 0402719857.

Next comp will be a mini air trial and outlanding in Grass Valley area etc.

-all pilots will receive full and detailed sheet in next couple of days as per usual.

Thank You All. FLY THAT SKY! Peter Hill, Club Captain. 0450415947



Peter Hill finally gets it on the Keys at Northam.



Papa Gulf Lima in Competition Mode Sunday 14th June.

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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FOR REGIONS



NAC FLYING COMP WINNERS 2014/2015 FINAL RESULTS

July	August
First Dave McFarlane.	First Peter Hill.
Second Errol Croft.	Second Errol Croft.
Third Peter Hill	Third Dave McFarlane
Fourth Ashley Smith	Fourth Ashley Smith
	Fifth Bob Emery
September	October
First Peter Hill.	First Ashley Smith
Second Errol Croft.	Second Peter Hill
Third Ashley Smith./Bob	Third Geoff Winsor
Emery/Ian Berry	Fourth Dave McFarlane
Fourth Dave McFarlane	Fifth Errol Croft
November	December
First Errol Croft	First Bob Emery.
Second Peter Hill/Ashley	Second Peter Hill/Geoff
Smith/Dave McFarlane.	Winsor
Third Bob Emery/Ian Berry	Third Dave McFarlane
Fourth Geoff Winsor	Fourth Darren Barnes
	Fifth Errol Croft
	Sixth Ian Berry/Ashley
	Smith
January	February
No Competition	First Peter Hill.
	Second Errol Croft.
	Third Ashley Smith/Geoff
	Winsor
	Fourth Tony Rees
	Fifth Dave McFarlane
	Sixth Ian Berry
March	April
First Bob Emery / Dave	First Bob Emery
McFarlane	Second Errol Croft.
Second Peter Hill	Third Peter Hill
Third Errol Croft/Ashley	Fourth Dave McFarlane
Smith/Geoff Winsor/Murray Ba-	Fifth Ashley Smith
sham / Glen Millsteed	Sixth Steve Bedells
Fourth Howie Pietersie	
Fifth Ian Berry	
May	June
First Peter Hill.	First Ashley Smith/Errol
Second Errol Croft.	Croft
Third Ashley Smith	Second Dave McFarlane
Fourth Dave McFarlane/Bob	Third Peter Hill
Emery	Fourth Ian Berry
Fifth Ian Berry	Fifth Bob Emery

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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"Short Field Take Off at YNTM COMP."

Hi everyone,

See inside back cover for full details next Competition at YNTM

It is likely that this may change to be the AUGUST COMP because RACWA are coming up to compete with TEAM NAC on Sunday 12th JULY Comp, and they are not permitted to do out landings in RACWA aircraft.

TEAM NAC will offer RACWA TEAM Runway 14 STRAIGHT IN APPROACH Comp instead, please refresh yourselves with last month's Comp and do TEAM NAC proud.

Peter Hill, Club Captain.

FRIDAY 28 AUG	SATURDAY 29 AUG
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.
TUE 2 SEPT	WED 3 SEPT
Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar Pizza/Curry Night 5pm – 9pm
SAT 6 SEPT	SUNDAY 7 SEPT
Weather Permitting Key Grab VIP Breakfast at NAC Evening Presentation Dinner Northam Rec Centre	Return Home

There will also be free ongoing coffee facilities at the NAC as well as ba

SUNDAY 30 AUG	MONDAY 1 SEPT
Practice Day NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9 am Dinner Country Club Northam NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm
THUR 4 SEP	FRIDAY 5 SEPT
Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm	Tea/Coffee 4am Breakfast 9am NAC Bar 5pm – 9pm

rista coffee for sale.

Northam Aero Club Calendar 2015

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31									
JUNE							EVENT		
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JULY									
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26	27	28	29	30	31				

Northam Aero Club Annual Presentation Dinner 11.07.2015



NAC Annual Awards Night Saturday July 11th 2015

Bar open at 7pm for pre-dinner
drinks.

Dinner starts at 7.30 – three courses
- \$40 per head

RSVP to:
Heather Deegan 0428738808

secretary@northamaeroclub.com

Keep this date free!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the Members

Annual General Meeting

NORTHAM AERO CLUB

Friday 24th July 2015

NAC Club Rooms

7.30pm

AGENDA ITEMS

**Election of Office Bearers
Notices of Motion**

**(Please bring a small plate of food for
fellowship at the conclusion of the
meeting)**

Nomination Form

Nomination is hereby made for the position of:

*President *Vice President
*Secretary *Treasurer

*3 x Committee Persons (1 year)

Nominee: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____

***To be in the hands of the Secretary by Friday
03/07/2014**

(PO Box 247 Northam WA 6401)

Quick Quiz

The following is an extract from ERSA for the runway characteristics at a particular aerodrome. Questions 1 - 3 apply to this extract.

03/21 033 47a 5700/450(65PSI) Sealed.
RWY WID 23

09/27 085 30c 5700/450(65PSI) Gravel.
72(236) E end, 58(190) W end sealed
RWY WID 18

- 1. Runway 21 is aligned:**
 - (a) 213 degrees magnetic
 - (b) 213 degrees true
 - (c) 210 degrees magnetic
 - (d) 210 degrees true.
- 2. The physical length of runway 03 is:**
 - (a) 4700 m and the runway width is 23 ft
 - (b) 5700 metres and the runway width is 23 ft
 - (c) 4700 ft and the runway width is 23 m
 - (d) 5700 ft and the runway width is 23 m.
- 3. The maximum tyre pressure permitted is:**
 - (a) 450 kPa unless the landing weight is below 5700 kg
 - (b) 450 kPa with a maximum of 65PSI in the oleo strut
 - (c) 65 PSI with a maximum of 450 kPa in the oleo strut
 - (d) 450 kPa or 65 PSI maximum.
- 4. During the starting of a turboprop engine the starter/generator operates as:**
 - (a) a shunt motor, and during normal running it operates as a compound DC generator
 - (b) a series motor, and during normal running it operates as a shunt/ compound DC generator
 - (c) series motor, and during normal running it operates as an AC generator
 - (d) shunt motor, and during normal running it operates as an AC generator.



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

NAC COMP FRENCH RESISTANCE COURIER RUN. with RADIO.

Take off from Northam for Grass Valley area to North East.

Land at Darlington International Runway 24 (uphill slope).

Pick up sealed message envelope for return to base Northam.

Track 060 degrees and Take off from Darlington International Runway 06 (downhill). climb to 2,500 ft.

Return to Base YNTM.on Westerly heading.

Hand sealed envelope to Judges for De-brief in Flight Office.

*** 15 minute intervals between take off times. CTAF 124.2 ***

TAKE OFF YNTM short field <220 me from start of blacktop 10 Points.

"Northam Traffic ROLLING Runway _____ Northam" 10 Points.

Perform LOW LEVEL CIRCUIT (1,000 ft.indicated for TOUCH & GO.)

"Northam Traffic

Downwind low Level Runway _____ Touch and Go Northam" 10 points.

*** Maintain 1,000 ft until turn on to final is complete.***

BONUS POINTS ON KEYS 10 Points.

DEPART CROSSWIND 1,500 ft tracking 060 Degrees

for Darlington International Grass Valley.

"Northam Traffic Departure off crosswind Rwy _____

tracking 060 degrees 1,500 ft. Northam". 10 Points.

Range 5 miles. Altitude 1,500 ft indicated.

Marker is road to Grass Valley with shallow V shape.

"Grass Valley Traffic

... . . Downwind for strip inspection Runway 24

Darlington International Grass Valley" 10 Points.

Perform STRIP INSPECTION Rwy 24,

*** USE 1,000 ft indicated on ALTIMETER. ***

10 seconds at 70 knots =350 metres of runway:> 20 seconds is"safe."

***** CLIMB TO 1,500 ft indicated for DOWNWIND Runway 24.

West end of strip is 850 ft amsl. East end is 800 ft amsl.

So--NOT BELOW 1,350 ft indicated until turn onto FINAL is complete.

LAND UPHILL.Runway 24.Hangar and windsock up at West end of strip.

"Grass Valley Traffic

... . . Low Level Downwind Rwy 24 Full Stop Grass Valley "10 Points.

LAND, turn aircraft around at West end of strip for a 06 take-off.

STOP ENGINE. Pick up a sealed envelope for return YNTM.

START UP.

"Grass Valley Traffic ROLLING Rwy 06 Grass Valley." 20 Points.

SHORT FIELD TAKE OFF DOWNWIND Rwy 06 to East,

Maintain Runway Heading.

Climb to and maintain 2,500 ft .

TURN LEFT tracking 240 degrees.

RETURN YNTM .

"Northam Traffic

8 miles North East at 2,500 ft INBOUND

estimate circuit time Northam 20 Points.

JOIN BASE.

"Northam Traffic joining base Runway ____ Northam". 20 Points.

BONUS POINTS ON KEYS 10 Points.

Northam Traffic landed and clear Rwy ____ Northam". 10 Points.



BAR ROSTER 2015

AUGUST		

MAY		

SEPTEMBER		

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

APRIL		

JULY		
4th-5th	-	Howie
11th-12th	-	Crofty
18th-19th	-	Ashley
25th-26th	-	Peter

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 12th July 2015

NEXT CLUB MEETING

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