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Club Presidents Report

Hi again all, cooler weather now, thank goodness. Peter Hill organised the monthly Club Fly-in Competition to Wongan Hills on the invitation of Dave and Marg McFarlane. Weather was near perfect and the comp was very well run with 10 pilots and I think some 8 aircraft landing.

Well done and many thanks to Dave and Marg for their hospitality and a well cooked lunch was provided by Dave, not only can he fly but he can also cook a barbie. Fantastic news for our National Ballooning Championships Northam. The Northam Aero Club being the organiser of this event have at long last and with a huge effort, and I mean huge, from Gren Putland and Michelle Blackhurst, finally procured the Ministers signature for the grant money to conduct the National Ballooning Championships from 28th August to 6th September 2015.

On a sadder note we lost Graeme Dunlop, an active member of our club in the early days and a very well known figure. Phil Butcherway also has passed away and he was our Northam Aero Club inspirational instructor for both RA and GA class aircraft. Phil was an Instructor that could always make you feel relaxed when flying with him. My deepest sympathy to both their families and they will be sincerely missed.

With the National Ballooning Championships Northam coming up there will be many volunteers required so put your name down so as not to miss out.

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All the best, Cheers, Errol

Club Captains Report

Sunday 8th March saw Northam Aero Club conduct the monthly Flying Comp from Wongan Hills Airfield.

Pilots were sent full Comp details including all radio calls/ circuit heights etc, 30 days prior.

Ten Pilots and 8 different aircraft took part, arriving overhead in quick succession, ** a really good experience in the circuit AND a reminder for us all to realise the importance of radio calls in full, in standard format at any time, but especially at THIS time -- because---as our eight different aircraft poured in---China Southern had a couple of aircraft performing multiple circuits - standard, flapless, glide approach and you name it -student pilots , two aircraft/ one instructor.

Most Pilots had at all times at least 4 different aircraft filling their windscreen, with lots of radio traffic that needed to be processed in a cool headed manner by all aircrews, and thinking back, that is one of the reasons this Comp had a certain wow factor-the adrenalin was pumping eh?

New arrivals Overhead were, as per the Comp sheets with full radio details etc, at 2400ft,

Circuits were in full swing at 1900 ft (Wongan is 900 ft amsl), and strip inspections, spot landings, full stops and back tracking runway 07 saw the China Southern crews calling " go-arounds", and early cross wind turns /rejoins anywhere downwind etc., it was all happening boys and girls!

RESULTS

Congratulations to all pilots on a very nice standard of airmanship. Pilot's scores were very close to each other across the board. all good.

First	Bob Emery	Zenith Zodiac	24-7108
	Dave McFarlane	Cessna 152	VH-BFC
Second	Peter Hill	Cessna 172	VH-PGL
Third	Glen Millsteed	Tecnam	VH-IDX
	Ashley Smith	Cessna 172P	VH-PGL
	Murray Basham	Cessna 172P	VH-PGL
	Errol Croft	Cessna 172M	VH-JXI
	Geoff Winsor	Cessna172	VH-ICG
Fourth	Howie Pietersie	PA28-235	VH-CEU
Fifth	Ian Berry	Glasair	VH-IVB

Club Captains report cont./.....

Lets do it again for sure!!!

Young Ian had that glint in his eye and so did we all -- great stuff!

Dave and Marg McFarlane lives a short distance from the airfield, so of course (just try and stop them!) Marg and Dave whisked all seventeen or so of us off to their lovely property for a great poolside lunch.

THANK YOU Marg and Dave for that, I think this overall was the most enjoyable Comp in recent times!

Good flying and good company in a new environment is just the bee's knees! Ground Judges were Dave McFarlane and Dave Beech.

THANK YOU to our JUDGES, they are a very important component of TEAM NAC!

Special thanks to Marg and Dave for some beautiful Hospitality also, very much appreciated!

A warm welcome to Howie and Murray to TEAM NAC, great to have some new Pilots on Board!

OUR NEXT FLYING COMP is 9 am Sunday 12th April, Northam Airfield.

TEAM NAC will perform precision circuit work at YNTM== standard, flapless, glide approach etc. Full details will go to all pilots in the next couple of days. Plenty of time then, to practice and get your eye in eh?

Much nicer to dust off those rusty bits in a controlled and safe environment before you may need it in an actual emergency?

Matt Bignell has the Club C172 available at all times -Bookings-- ring Matt 0407873700 or email- big.matty@hotmail.com

PGL wants you to fly her to the Winners Post next comp, so practice the comp, stay current, stay safe. and enjoy .

FLY THAT SKY, Cheers, Peter Hill, Club Captain.



Some of the aircraft flown by the 10 pilots during the Wongan Fly-in

BUNBURY AERO CLUB OPEN DAY

To promote aviation to the general public,
to enable pilots to fly in, exhibit their aircraft
and enjoy a great day!

SUNDAY
22nd March
2015

More details to follow later.

NATIONAL BALLOONING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR NORTHAM

The Australian National Balloon Championships in 2015 were granted by the Australian Balloon Federation to Northam Western Australia. The Nationals were previously held in Northam in 1981 and 1984, both being successful events, with the latter of these two introducing the present Championship format. The event was organized by the Northam Aero Club in both cases.

The 2015 Championships are again being organized by the Northam Aero Club, with significant assistance from the Shire of Northam and through an event Committee.

As President of the Aero Club, Errol has signed the Sponsorship Agreement between the Northam Aero Club and the Western Australian Tourism Commission today. Championships will run from August 28th to September 6th 2015 and all information is available on the website

www.northamnationals.com



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The Around Australia Women Pilots Baton Relay of Flight



Most of us have been touched by cancer at some point during our lives. Some have had their own personal battles and many of us have lost loved ones to the disease. A group of us wanted to help make a difference and why not do it by sharing our love of flying?

Women pilots from all areas of Australia will fly their aircraft around Australia and pass a commemorative baton from each flight crew to the next.

We believe that we can really make a difference and share our passion for aviation along the way. This will be a fun filled event that will span our country, create history and support a charity that is advancing towards a cure for cancer.

Local pilots Robyn Stewart and Susan Ward are participating in this event and will keep us updated with the relay as the Baton travels around Australia.



Jo, Robyn and Susan the Pilots who form the group "Pilots With Flair".

The group will carry the Baton from Northam to Narrogin to Kojonup and then on to Albany.

Northam Aero Club Calendar 2015

EVENT	START- ING	ENDING
BUNBURY AERO CLUB OPEN DAY	22.3.2015	22.3.2015
JANDAKOT ROYAL AERO CLUB - ROTTNEST BUN RUN	5.4.2015	5.4.2015
VALLEY VIEW SUMMER CONCERT & AIR DISPLAY	11.4.2015	11.4.2015
SERPENTINE AEROBATICS COMPETITION	18.4.2015	19.4.2015
ESPERENCE AERO CLUB - MYRUP FLY IN	18.4.2015	19.4.2015
OZRUNWAYS NIGHT AT NTM AERO CLUB	16.5.2015	16.5.2015
NORTHAM AERO CLUB ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER	11.7.2015	11.7.2015

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VALE

GRAHAM DUNLOP

Graham came to Northam as PMG lineman and stayed in the area of underground services for the rest of his working life, running a trenching and location business in the town.

His knowledge about where underground services are located in this area is irreplaceable.

Possessing a very generous nature he would often use his machines at no cost to help people in need and it was difficult to pay if you were dining out with him.

Graham was at his happiest sharing a meal and a wine with friends and telling endless stories about his exploits.

Graham loved machines and spending money, ending in a fleet of cars, diggers, trenchers and a caravan that completely surrounded his house on Doctors Hill.

He leaves a large family of three children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

VALE

PHIL BUTHERWAY 1939 - 2015

Here is to the life of a lovely gentle man.

A true Gentleman.

A true Aviator.

A GREAT FLYING INSTRUCTOR with the Patience and Devotion of a SAINT.

The Life of Philip Butcherway was celebrated by many people from around the country on Friday 13th April in a peaceful chapel in Busselton.

Phil started out in flying at about 40 years of age and was very well known and respected by his peers.

Chief Flying Instructor of a very large operation, Glider operations and much more passed beneath his wings.

As a member of Northam Aero Club, and our CFI in turn,

Phil would go out of his way for his flying students often.

We loved the man, as a fellow flyer, mentor, role model, not just in Flying, but as a living example of how a man could conduct himself with honour and dignity both in good times and in adversity.

After a long illness, Phil Butcherway Rests In Peace.

When his Pilots fly, his spirit lives and does fly with them in his example.

Our thoughts and Condolences go out to his wife Kaye, Christopher and Anne, their children.



BAR ROSTER 2015

FEBUARY		
1st	-	Peter
7th-8th	-	Matt
14th-15th	-	Howie
21st	-	closed
22nd		Crofty

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

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

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

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

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

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 12th APRIL 2015

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting
will be held at the club rooms on
Sunday the 12th April 2015 at 13:00 (1pm)
