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Club Presidents Report

Hi all Members.

What has been happening around the Club? Our planned working bee for Saturday 16th May has been postponed to a later date. The wild weather is on its way for the weekend and not conducive to concrete setting.

As part of the ongoing maintenance program, the strip has once again had a haircut, well needed after all the rain we had earlier in the year. In this issue of Fly About we have included the calendar for the National Ballooning Championship Northam. The more volunteers the aero club can supply the more money we can make for the club. Where we cannot supply volunteers we will be letting other interested parties cater for those functions. If you look at the 4.00am or 5.00am briefing breakfast we will require about 3 persons in the kitchen per day. After the competition the main breakfast is held and will require around 5 persons per day. The nightly bar event will only require 2 persons per evening. That equates to about 10 volunteers per day over the five weekdays giving a total of 50 volunteers from the Northam Aero Club. We have approximately 120 Members and you would think filling this quota would not be a problem but from my experience I can see it may be. So if you would like to be a part of this magnificent event please notify me or the Secretary by phone or email when and where you would like to contribute. Making the effort will make it easier for all.

Peter with his flying competitions every 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 9.00am is always interesting with good numbers of pilots participating. Last competition we had to estimate our flying times and write that down on a piece of paper. Dave McFarlane wrote, I think, 12min. 99 sec and when asked by Shaun "What is this 99 seconds?" Dave stared at Shaun and in front of all the pilots thought about it and replied 99 seconds. We all cracked up laughing then Dave realised what he had said. I believe that Dave has been involved in some very serious studying recently so we forgive you Dave ha ha ha.

If you have trouble with turning the lights on at the airstrip let me know but apart from that all seems to be ticking along nicely.

Happy flying,

Errol

Club Captains Report

9 a.m. Sunday 10th May saw Northam Aero Club conduct the Monthly Flying Comp from Northam Airfield.

All Pilots were sent full Comp details 30 days prior including all radio calls/tracks/landmarks etc.

A short cross country mini air trial was the Comp.

A really Great day for our Monthly Flying Comp.

Wind a light Easterly at 5 knots, so Runway 14.

Because it was Mother's Day some of our pilots had to put in an Apology, but the die-hards were there with their Mums.

We dedicated this Mother's Day Comp to our Mums of course.

So - In briefing room at 9 am all pilots placed their Nominated Time for the Flying Comp., in a sealed envelope, to be opened by the Judges with all pilots present at Debrief session. Each pilot nominated his own time from wheels off to wheels on.

Tasking was to take off and depart overhead tracking 300 degrees for a pool/reservoir 2 n.m. East of Toodyay, identify old airstrip, then track southerly for Toodyay Racetrack, and from there track 130 degrees for Spencer's Brook, then track for Northam Airfield.

Pilots took some of the Mothers for a local flight for MOTHER'S DAY, which was enjoyed by all.

Six Pilots and five different aircraft took part in this Comp.

JUDGES were: Shaun Bazely -Runway Judge, thank you Shaun! Dave Beech Radio Judge, thanks Dave for that!

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

Club Captains Report cont.

Results were very close across the board, all pilots are most proficient.
We will be taking on the boys and girls from RACWA in a Flying Comp in July at this stage by the way!

Bring it on RACWA!!

THANK YOU to our LADIES/MUMS for a fantastic spread of cakes etc. for morning tea!

Heather, Marg, Kate, Meaghan and also Beth, who was Ashley's Observer in the Comp as well!

One Flying Comp to go for the year!

NEXT COMP: Out to Toodyay airstrip and then intercept 140 radial at 10 miles in-bound for a STRAIGHT IN APPROACH Runway 14 Northam.

All pilots will receive full details as per usual next couple of days: tracks, Radio Calls etc. in full.

So print it off and practice flying the next Comp in next 30 days, as good a reason as any to fly more eh?

Club Aircraft is available at all times, just remember there are some duty's that need to be performed when you have finished with it:

1. Clean the bugs of the leading edges, windscreen etc.
2. Leave the interior neat and tidy, take your rubbish with you.
3. Pitot cover needs to be on, and keys put back in the usual place.
4. Report all maintenance issues to the Matt Bignell on 0407873700.
5. If you use the last of the oil contact Matt Bignell to order more.

Some people travel a very long way to fly the club aircraft and it would be very disappointing to arrive and find it US.

Please leave the aircraft as you would like to find it.

Club Aircraft Bookings: Ring Matt Bignell 0407873700 or
email: big.matty@hotmail.com

FLY THAT SKY! Peter Hill, Club Captain,[0450415947](tel:0450415947)
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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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ROYALTIES
FOR REGIONS



Mavis's Munchies

DATE PUDDING WITH CARAMEL SAUCE.

1 1/4 CUPS PITTED DATES
1 CUP WATER
1 TEASPOON BI-CARB.
60 GRAMS BUTTER, MELTED

2 EGGS – BEATEN
2/3 CUP CASTOR SUGAR
1 1/2 CUPS S R FLOUR
1 TEASPOON VANILLA ESSENCE

PUT DATES IN MEDIUM SAUCEPAN WITH WATER AND SIMMER GENTLY UNTIL THEY FORM A THICK PASTE.

BEAT IN BI CARB OF SODA AND BUTTER, THEN GRADUALLY ADD EGGS AND SUGAR. FOLD IN FLOUR AND VANILLA.

SPOON MIXTURE INTO GREASED LOAF PAN AND BAKE IN MODERATELY HOT (190C) OVEN FOR 25 MINUTES.

CARAMEL SAUCE

2/3 CUP BROWN SUGAR
2/3 CUP CREAM
60G BUTTER
1/2 TEASPOON VANILLA

PLACE INGREDIENTS IN SMALL SAUCEPAN, BRING GENTLY TO BOIL, THEN SIMMER FOR 5 MINUTES.....
SPOON OVER PUDDING.

YUM-ENJOY!!!



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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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

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

MAY							EVENT	From	To
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
					1	2	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	10	10
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OZRUNWAYS NIGHT AT NTM AERO CLUB BOB 0419 043 583	16	16
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
31									
JUNE							EVENT		
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
			1	2	3	4	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	9	9
7	8	9	10	11	12	13			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			
28	29	30							
JULY									
S	M	T	W	T	F	S			
05			1	2	3	4	NTM AERO CLUB ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER.	11	11
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	NTM AERO CLUB—CLUB COMPETITION AND COMMITTEE MEETING	14	14
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
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 for pre-dinner drinks

Followed by a scrumptious
Dinner at 7.30

Three courses - \$40 per head

**RSVP to Heather Deegan,
0402 719 857 or
secretary@northamaeroclub.com.**

Keep this date free!!

Quickies

Q: What's the difference between a fighter pilot and God?

A: God doesn't think He's a fighter pilot.

Engine Trouble

An 747 was having engine trouble, and the pilot instructed the cabin crew to have the passengers take their seats and get prepared for an emergency landing.

A couple minutes later, the pilot asked the flight attendants if everyone was buckled in and ready.

"All set back here, Captain," came the reply, "except the lawyers are still going around passing out business cards."

Q: What do you call a flying primate?

A: A hot air baboon!

Son, you're going to have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a pilot. You can't do both!

The Australian Taxation Office suspected a fishing boat owner wasn't paying proper wages to his deckhand and sent an agent to investigate him.

ATO AUDITOR: "I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them".

Boat Owner: "Well, there's Clarence, my deckhand, he's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1,000 a week plus free room and board. Then there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of Bundaberg rum and a dozen Crown Lagers every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also gets to sleep with my wife occasionally".

ATO AUDITOR: "That's the guy I want to talk to - the mentally challenged one".

Boat Owner: "That'll be me. What do you want to know?"



BAR ROSTER 2015

AUGUST		

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

SEPTEMBER		

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

APRIL		
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

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

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 14th JUNE 2015

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting
will be held at the club rooms on
Sunday the 14th June 2015 at 12:00 (noon)
