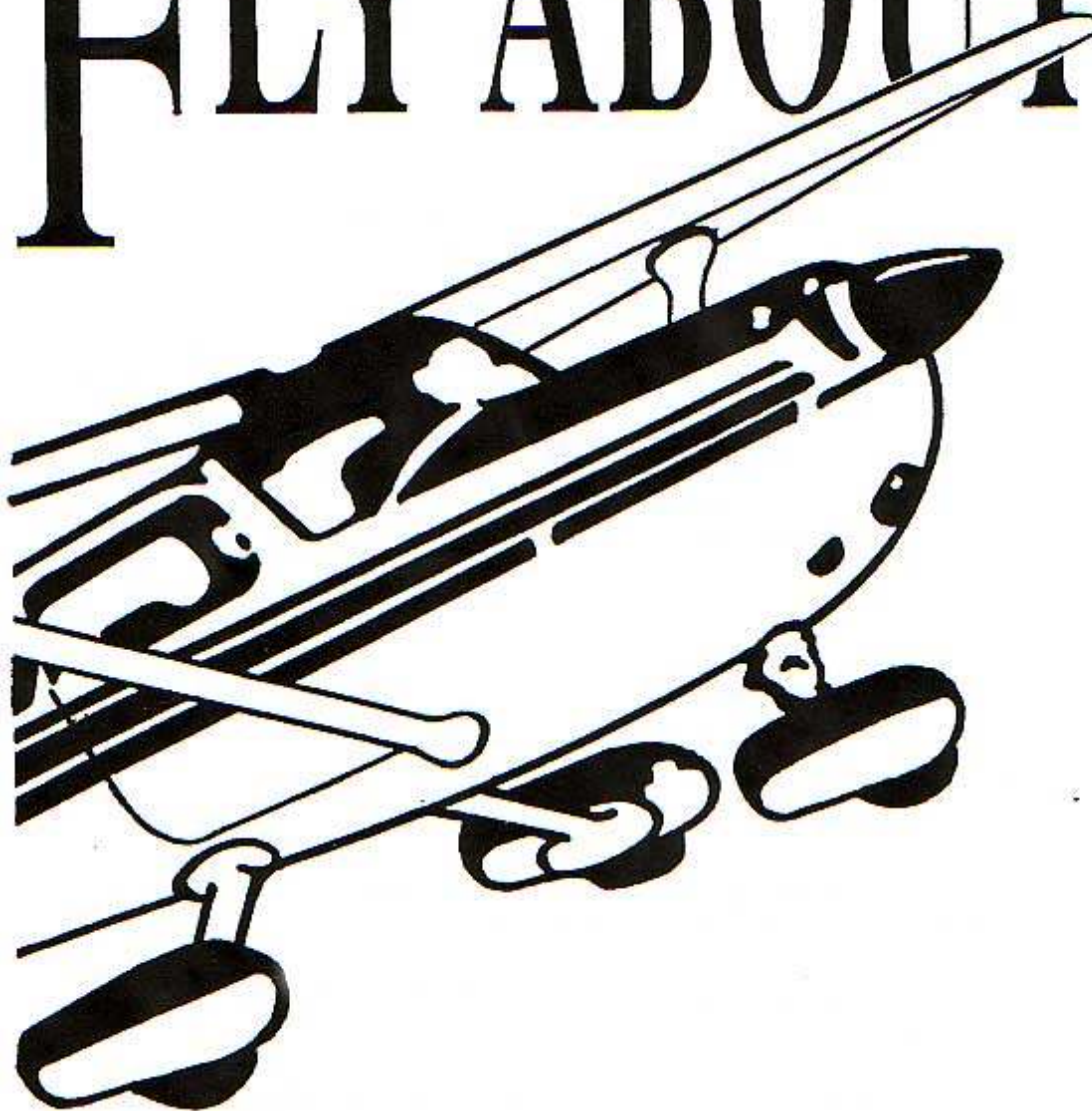


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President's report

November 2011

Well Christmas time is upon us & it won't be long before we'll be complaining that it's too hot & wishing for the cool weather to return, but before that happens we'll be having our Christmas luncheon. It's on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> December around 12pm, this year we'll be having entertainment (no not Errol eating all the ice cream ) we are having a ventriloquist , who is a local that has retired from the international scene, I've been informed that he is spell binding, suitable for all ages, so please let us know if you are attending, contact Peter Hill 0450415947 or myself 0407873700 ( note my new number ), please let us know if there are children coming so we can inform Father Christmas , cost for the lunch is \$15 per head children free.

The comp on Sunday was a timed flying comp which was won by Capt. Croft, 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Hill & 3<sup>rd</sup> was Ray Howell.

Next comp is the 11<sup>th</sup> December & is our social one for none flying members to be part of, so come on down, join in you could win a silver mug.

We are seeking interest from members & friends for a New Year's party at the Aero Club (New Year's Eve), if we get enough numbers we will go ahead with it but we do need interest so let us know.

Painting is still going ahead & the place is looking really nice, Peter & Dave are doing a great job. Anybody is welcome to help if they have an hour or two.

Chase The Joker has become very interesting with \$90 up for grabs this weekend so come down to the club Saturday or Sunday, the next winner could be you, so see you there!

Matt Bignell

President

## **Club Captains Report**

Our November Comp held on 13<sup>th</sup> was very well attended by Pilots and spectators being approx 20 in all. 6 Pilots competed, including Graeme King in his RA aircraft, which was fantastic to see. I try to organise comps for both RA & GA aircraft to compete on the day. This comp involved nominating your own time from wheels off tarmac, flying around the 6am aerial & water tank to wheels on tarmac. The pilot flying closest to their nominated time would win, followed by 2<sup>nd</sup> closest etc. Of the 6 competing pilots, I managed to sneak in 1<sup>st</sup>, with Peter Hill flying his C150 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ray 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ashley 4<sup>th</sup>, Ian 5<sup>th</sup> & Graeme 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done all pilots, great flying.

Big thanks to our new time keeper, Simone from JFC & once again Harold for assisting in the comp. Thanks to Les for the after comp barbie.

Next comp is FX on 11<sup>th</sup> December. This involves bringing a friend or friends as bombers & then enjoying lunch. We need children, because I believe FX will be dropping in on his way to the South Pole. Would love to see as many members & friends on this day especially some members who have not been around the club for a while to see the many changes that have taken place.

Cheers,

***Errol***

- ***NAC COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING THE BAR ON NEW YEARS EVE BUT REQUIRES INTEREST TO BE SHOWN BY 12 PEOPLE OR MORE...SO FAR WE HAVE 8!!***

***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME OUT FOR NEW YEARS DRINKS AND NIBBLES, AND BRING IN THE NIGHT WITH A FEW FRIENDS, PLEASE LET ME (THE EDITOR) KNOW...***

***PARTICIPATION MUCH APPRECIATED!!!!***



- ***CHASE THE JOKER IS NOW AT \$90....***



- ***Also....next club competition will be the annual FLOUR BOMBING EVENT!***

***Held morning of Sunday December 11 at the NAC grounds---9 .a.m. for those of you who fancy yourself bombardiers....***

- ***Please RSVP to PETER HILL for the Christmas Luncheon, held on the same day...Entertainment provided***

### **Fly in Newman weekend 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> Oct**

*We left Northam Aero Club at 8.25am on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct under cloud with a great tail wind. The Cessna travelled at a smooth 113 knots and we passed Lake Walyomouring 2 mins early. We counted every minute in line with Errol's calculation and thought this would be a nice quick trip up to our first stop at Paynes Find.*

*The landscape changed as we crossed the vermin proof fence line (is that to keep them out or to keep them in?) And the wheatbelt was left behind entering station country. The weather cleared and a hot blast hit us when we landed and we both screamed "You can turn the heater off now Errol".*

*Landed perfectly at Paynes Find about 10am and Bruce and Shirley Rowley next to their Maule aircraft from Pearce Aero Club were waiting patiently to take off for the next leg of our journey northwards.*

*Departed at 10.30am and made good time to Meekatharra by 12.13am for a quick lunch on the lawn. Still no sign of a coffee happening and it has occurred to me as a novice I need to plan better in the future, either take a thermos or phone ahead to order take out. The flies are thick and the air is hot I need a change of clothes by now and dreaming about that fly hat I have at home.*

*Flew out of Meekatharra at 1.09pm just in time for some good storms brewing up ahead, bumpy ride for a while and only a few lightning flashes, sometimes it pays to be a novice and now is not a good time to share those stories of other frightening times in the sky. Errol handled it all like a true pro and flew through a good shower of cleansing rain to*

*land at Newman at 3.17pm. It is good to be on the ground and by the colour of Shirley's face I can see she appreciates the ground as much as the rest of us.*

*Bruce landed ahead of us and was surprised we even got there. He had seen us heading out towards Parapadoo and stuck with his own calculations, luckily. We explained we were going "around the storm" I think he bought that story, truth was we got off track a bit but found our way back.*

*Errol's wonderful sister Lorraine put us up at her home and we were very comfortable and air conditioned. Lorraine had organised a mine tour for all and we got to see first hand how the great Mt Whaleback operations run 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Our weekend was organised with a very generous hostess and I don't think I have eaten that well for a long, long time. Thank you Lorraine you spoiled us all rotten and it will be a while before we get waited on so well again. There were a lot of card games won and lost but the best fun was the drive to the Aboriginal Rock Etchings at Wunna Munna. An 80 kilometre trip out to Wunna Munna was supposed to take about an hour turned into a one day affair of cross country driving into uncharted areas and I have never spent so much time down dry creek beds in a four wheel drive. When we finally found this wondrous place we marvelled at the amazing rock paintings that have been part of indigenous culture for hundreds of years (if not more). It was a beautiful spot to enjoy a cup of tea and the best carrot cake I have tasted thanks to Shirley.*

*At night we enjoyed card games and also a new one none of us had played called Chronology which Suzy beat us all hands down with her amazing memory. Does anyone else know what year J.F. Kennedy was assassinated? Do you know the year the first fuel powered rocket ship was launched?*



*Bruce and Shirley headed up to Mt Tom Price on Sunday to visit their family and friends and the weather was looking brighter so hopefully they had a much nicer flight we look forward to seeing them both again and thank you Bruce for your cultural knowledge which helped us all to understand the paintings and their meanings at Wunna Munna.*

*Our trip home on Monday was interesting playing dodge the thunderstorms and we kept ahead of the worst of it to arrive safe and sound at Northam at 1.30pm. Thank you for a great weekend Errol, Suzy, Bruce, Shirley, Lorraine and Rob – great weekend had by all.*

*Heather Deegan*



Bruce and Shirley Rowley, Lorraine Keatch, Errol and Sue Croft





At the Mt. Whaleback Mine Tour with Bruce and Shirley Rowley  
Bruce and Shirley Rowley, Lorraine Keatch, Errol and Sue Croft



Photos from Langley Park Fly In



Claude Meunier's antique Jodel above

And Ian Berry's brand spanking new Murphy Rebel



**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON-SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AT 11:00 ONWARDS**

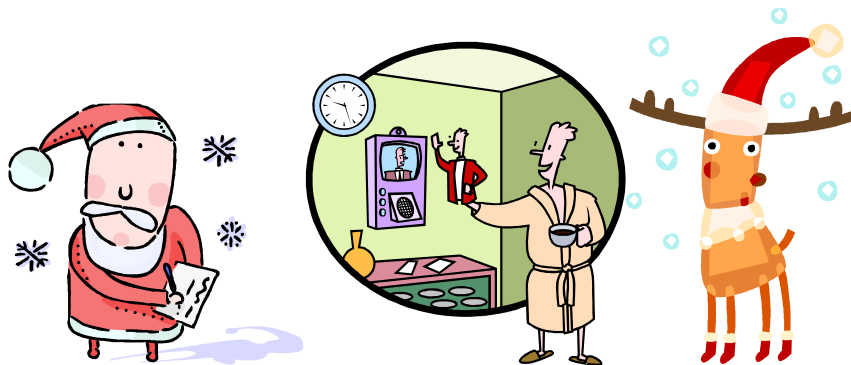
**AT THE NAC CLUB ROOM**

**\$15 A HEAD, CHILDREN FREE.**

All members and family welcome!

Please come out and support the NAC!!

RSVP to Peter Hill [prh@aurora.net.au](mailto:prh@aurora.net.au) or 0450 415 947



Father Christmas arrives at 11:30 by helicopter  
Ventriloquist of note at before lunch  
Bring your family, especially your children.  
Everyone will love it!!

Club rooms air conditioned and drinks available.

N.A.C.

**Bar  
roster**

**2011**

**Opening Hours**

*Saturday 5pm - 7pm*

*Sunday 5pm - 7 pm*

<b>August</b>		
20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	-	Matt
27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	-	Croft

<b>November</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	-	Croft
12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dave
19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gren
26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	-	Peter

<b>September</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Dave
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Heather
17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Gren
24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Peter

<b>December</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>	-	Denis
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	-	Heather
17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>	-	Ashley
24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	-	Closed
31 <sup>st</sup>	-	?????

<b>October</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Denis
8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	-	Heather
15 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	-	Ashley
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	-	Steve
29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	-	Matt

<b>January</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	-	Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	-	Steve
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	-	Heather
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	Matt
28 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	-	Croft

## Circuits and Bumps

Smile... you are on the NAC tarmac candid camera...

Still searching for a pet, try a Pterois Volitans or Pseudonaja affinis...or a Latrodectus hasselti...

A sad ending in the local ballooning scene...

Commiserations to IB for his loss...the Rebel strikes back...

New fad ad NAS...water drinking competition

Jack pot building up nicely...got to be there on Sunday

Reward offered for finding a yellow RC A/C towards

Meckering...or Southern Cross...or Sea

Brook...

Fly 040 for 23 minutes...where does this get you...

Where is the alpaca?

Quote of the year,

*“If you don’t think this old Cessna is safe to fly then how do you think it got this old Tony?”*

Good one EC

## NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

11<sup>th</sup> December

## NEXT CLUB MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm

## BAR ROSTER

Opening hours

Saturday 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 5pm – 7pm

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31 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup>		?????

*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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