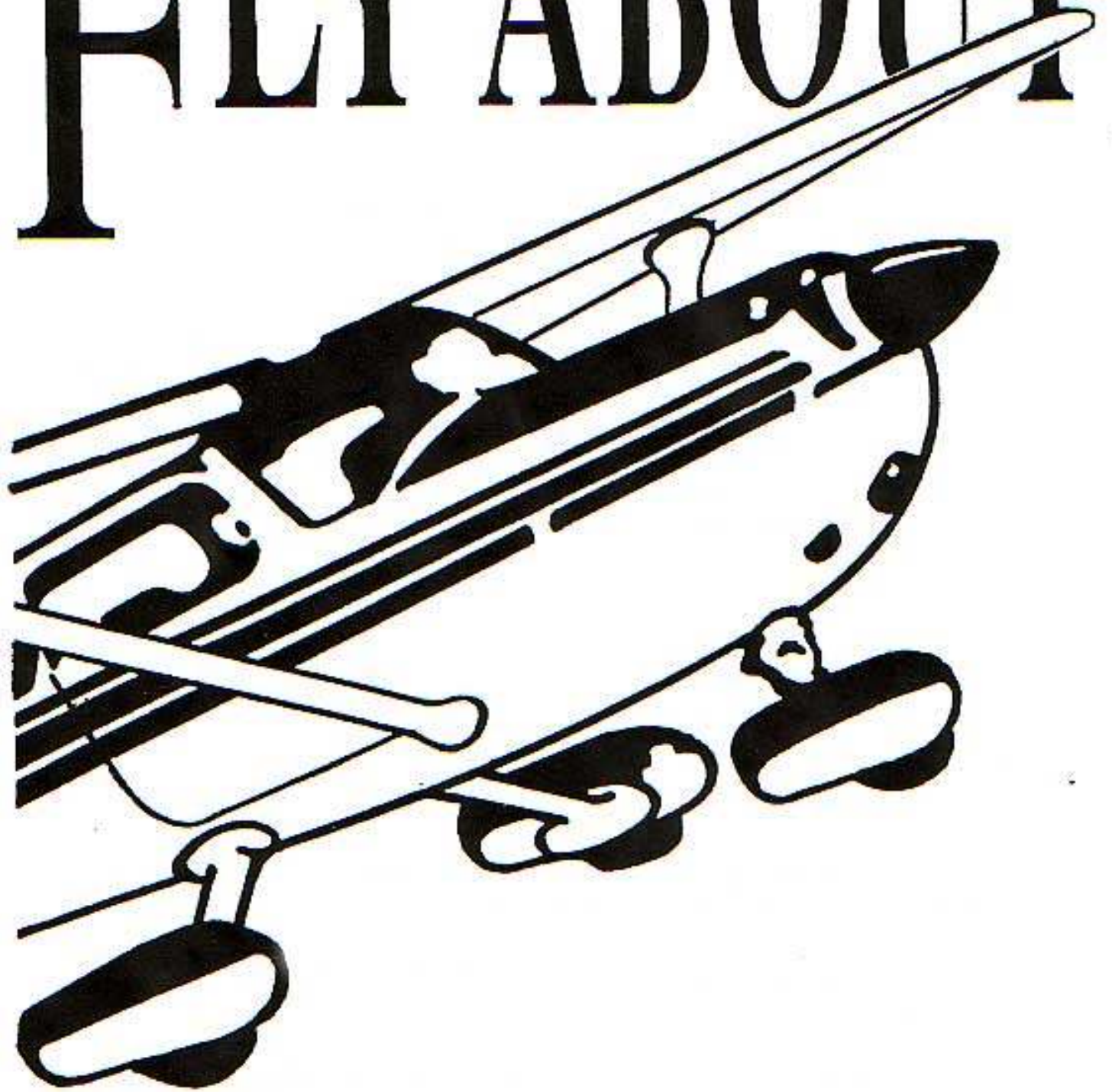


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## **President's Report**

**October 2011**

Well doesn't a little bit of paint make a difference?

The hangar, old briefing room (tin shed) & the front of the briefing room have been painted & it looks great. The concrete entrance to the briefing room has been painted along with the toilet floor. Future painting is to continue, and any help is welcome. Thanks Peter & Dave for your efforts, keep it up.

Just a reminder to all hangar owners that the first season is upon us, the grass & rubbish needs to be cleaned up before the shire ranger sends out notices. Also in front of the club hangar & surrounding area needs to be kept clear for the fire fighters.

The Dawn Raid has come and gone.

I hear it was delayed due to a thunder storm, so it turned out to be a mid morning raid. You can't control the weather.

There was no president's cup and the comp was held separately.

1<sup>st</sup> place for NAC was Peter Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Capt. Croft, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Berry, well done.

1<sup>st</sup> for Royals was Rod Garnaut.

We had six pilots from Royals and five from NAC.

Next club comp is 13<sup>th</sup> November; next committee meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm. Our next major event will be the Christmas luncheon & special comp in December.

Matt Bignell.

President.

## **Club Captains Report**

Hi all once again. Unfortunately couldn't make the September comp due to my commitment to my son's wedding in Cairns, of all beautiful places for a wedding. It was very special. Might try to organise a fly-in there. I noticed the winner of the comp, Ashley Smith & even Kate did not put pen to paper. Ha Ha!

Octobers comp on 9<sup>th</sup> October involved the Royals from Perth, which was another Dawn Raid. They had trouble, as always, getting out of Perth, but finally did arrive. We held the same comp as September, so had the edge on them. It was an engine failure over the strip & then a spot landing as well with power still off. We judged the six Royals & 5 NAC pilots separately. Two pilots only managed to land on the spot. Rob Garnault from Royals & Peter Hill from Northam, both winning for their respective clubs. Well done!

Thanks to Les "The Chef" & his band of helpers. Also to Denis and Andrew for judging. It was an enjoyable comp with 24 odd members showing up for the breakfast. Well done all.

Note: I arrived at 06:30 hours to make sure the urn was hot for one only Tont Rees, who complained last Dawn Raid about not having hot water for his coffee, or was it tea? Only to notice Tony did not arrive. Ha Ha! Plenty of hot water Tony!

Cheers all, till next time.

***Errol***

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PETS SEEKING  
A GOOD HOME.....**



## **Dawn Raid on the Northam Aero Club**

On Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, pilots from the Royal Aero Club Jandakot flew into the Northam Aerodrome for the annual 'Dawn Raid' flying event. Fortunately, they were expected and were in time for a hearty breakfast, then comparing of notes and a briefing session for the flying to come.

Six pilots attended to compete against the Northam Aero Club's six pilots .

Flying activity was based around safe and proficient airmanship with sound procedures ,starting off with standard take-off Runway 14,and circuit, then precision delivery of a simulated engine out event from over the start of Runway 14 at 1,000ft above ground and a consequent safe glide approach on a left circuit for Runway 14 with a safe landing in all cases.

Competing pilots were to land on the " Piano Keys" white paint markings at the beginning of Runway 14 proper.

Two pilots achieved this, thus gaining maximum points and winning the competition for their respective clubs being Rob Garnaut for the Royals and Peter Hill for Northam.

The competition was organised by the Club Vice-President and Captain Errol Croft and judged by Dennis Beresford, Preston Smith and a member of the Royal Aero Club Jandakot.

The competition was narrowly won by the Northam Aero Club with Peter Hill in his Cessna 152 placing first (in only his second attempt and much to his surprise), second place awarded to Errol Croft, followed closely by Ian Berry.

All pilots displayed good flying skills, although one found he needed to bring his engine back to life to make the strip, which cost some points, but the main thing is all arrived safely.

The Northam Aero Club welcomed many new faces at the 'Dawn Raid' with spectators partaking in the delicious cooked breakfast and some even taking up the opportunity of a free flight. Thanks must be extended to Les Ballantyne and his merry band of chefs and the Northam Aero Club committee for organising such an enjoyable morning.

Following on from the Annual Dawn Raid the Royal Aero Club departed 11 am and flew over Avro Anson Rd Mokine Memorial site on their return flight to Jandakot as a mark of respect to four RAAF aircrew whose Anson W2262 crashed and burst into flames there on the 9<sup>th</sup> October, 1942 at 11:42am (0342 z). This aircraft was out of Pearce for Geraldton after performing D/F exercises.

The Northam Aero Club extends its respects to the family, friends and comrades of the pilots and crew who were:

F/O. Birt, Lynton Vennel Howard (406823)

Sgt. Nixon Noel Louis (414073)

Sgt. Hugo, Kenneth Colin (415255)

Sgt. Debenham, Geoffrey Lancaster (411295)

The remembrance ceremony itself is an annual event hosted by the Northam R.S.L. and Air Force Association on the site of the crash on Avro Anson Road, Mokine. This year it was very well supported with over 130 people attending to commemorate and remember the pilots.

Next month, the Northam Aero Club competition will take place on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> November. The competition begins at 9am and all members of the public are invited to come along and enjoy the flying and complimentary sausage sizzle. For any enquiries call Peter on 0450415947.

Or...





## FYI

- November 18- Quiz night- NAC would like to represent the club at the Avonvale Primary School Quiz night-come and help raise funds for the kids of our community. Table of 8 to 10 people needed-places still available. Contact Debra at 0429 207 502.
- December Christmas luncheon date to be advised-all members welcome, please do come out.
- Possible opening of the bar on New Year's Eve-to be decided by committee asap.
- Joker up to \$40. Thanks to Kate and Ashley for the Bar grub!
- **Suggestion to Pilots via Claude:**

Pilots should read CHOGM Notam (H50/11) as YNTH is well within NO Fly Zone...

[www.airservicesaustralia.com/PUBLICATIONS/current/sup/s11-h50.pdf](http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/PUBLICATIONS/current/sup/s11-h50.pdf)

Please note: All Committee Members-The Monday meetings which were previously moved to Sunday have been moved back to Monday at 7 pm Please **DO NOT** show up **SUNDAY!!**

Or.....



## Update on Northam Aero Club House and Gardens

I would Just like to update all the Northam Aero Club members regarding the committees vote on the go ahead for some cosmetic improvements to the Hangar, club rooms and gardens, some of you may have already noticed that the main hanger door for PGL and the airfield side of the ops. room has had a much needed coat of paint, also painted floors in the toilets along with some culling of bushes and the half dead tree that was overhanging the barbeque area now completely dead thanks Peter and Ashley.

Peter Hill and myself mainly Peter as he is now retired and doesn't have much else to do (only joking Peter) have been organizing and doing the preparation/painting as and when time permits and will continue to plod on with the work, however if there are any club members who feel that they would like to contribute some time we would be only to pleased to see you, maybe you could phone myself or Peter?

We plan to completely repaint the hangar and club rooms in the same colour (green) install a new Northam Aero Club sign above the hangar door and brighten up the existing signs also whatever else within reason that will enhance the buildings, well that's the plan anyway.

Look forward to seeing you there

Dave Beech, House and Gardens

Or.....







September 30, 2011

The Royal Flying Doctor Service was about to depart Jandakot for Bunbury when the priority diversion to Northam came in. Goomalling Ambulance brought road crash victim to Northam airfield for RFDS pick up, however a decision was made to rush patient to Northam Hospital to stabilise the patient for two hours before returning to airfield and carefully loading patient on board for the mercy dash to Perth. Photo above. PC 12

Peter Hill

Or...



## **Thursday October 13, 2011-10-18 Visitor to Northam Aero Club**

Dr Olga Ward in the RFDS Warrior landed on the Northam Airfield early Thursday due to stress of weather and enjoyed the hospitality of NAC clubrooms until the weather cleared enough after 1 p for her continue on to Jandakot base.

Dr Ward is the inaugural winner of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Brian Williams Award 2009-recognised by her peers as making a significant contribution to the personal and professional welfare of rural doctors. She continues to put her aircraft to good use flying around the Eastern Wheatbelt and Western Goldfields conducting women's health clinics, surgical lists and back-up emergency cover. She is thinking of using Northam Airfield more often.

Dr. Ward flew to outlying country clinics in Eastern Wheatbelt on a regular basis and is well known.

Peter Hill

**"WHEN ONCE YOU HAVE TASTED FLIGHT YOU WILL ALWAYS WALK THE  
EARTH WITH  
YOUR EYES TURNED SKYWARDS .**

**FOR THERE YOU HAVE BEEN AND YOU WILL ALWAYS BE" .**

**Leonardo Da Vinci .**

Or Especially.....



# Errols Club Calendar 2011

	September	October	November	December
1		Bar-Denis		
2		Bar-Denis		
3				Bar-Denis
4				Bar-Denis
5			Bar-Errol	
6			Bar-Errol	
7				
8		Bar-Heather		
9		Bar-Heather CLUB COMP and Dawn Raid NAC.MEETING 4PM		
10				Bar-Heather
11	CLUB COMP 9AM			Bar-Heather CLUB COMP 9AM CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
12	NAC.MEETING 7PM		Bar-Dave	NAC.MEETING 7PM
13			Bar-Dave CLUB COMP 9AM	
14			NAC.MEETING 7PM	
15		Bar-Ashley		
16		Bar-Ashley		
17				Bar-Ashley
18				Bar-Ashley
19			Bar-Gren	
20			Bar-Gren	
21				
22				
23		Bar-Steve		
24		Bar-Steve		Bar-Closed
25				Bar-Closed
26			Bar-Peter	
27			Bar-Peter	
28		Newman Fly Out		
29		Bar-Matt Newman Fly Out		
30		Bar-Matt Newman Fly Out		
31	BAR-MATT			NEW YEARS PARTY?????

## Circuits and Bumps

Good to see VH-CMP (aka Charlie) on the strip with the happy new owner.....some members forgot we sold it years ago...

Beaut paintwork all over the place...

Who's b-day was it? Some other secret b'days shortly?

Dawn Raid came and went...

Grass mowed. At least one can see the runway...where is Flame? Was supposed to be back...

Joker in and out, got to stay to the end to be in it...

Canteen sessions getting interesting, tks to the organisers...

Two NAC members showing their homebuilt a/c at Langley park under watchful Tres's eyes...

Seem IB brand spanking new Rebel, when will he show it off at NTM?

Seen Tony H. at Langley, Whos? Photo on the wall...

For sale at NTM: Specials of the month:

Several hangars, some finished, some will never be finished...good cheap

Several a/c: one antique Cessna (Good cond. Needs paint), two Aerostars, one rain proofed).

*Please call your local Aeroclub Treasurer Ashley to arrange a new farm home.....* (but please no Russian Hamsters)





During a private "fly-in" fishing excursion in the Alaskan wilderness, the chartered pilot and fishermen left a cooler and bait in the plane. And a bear smelled it. This is what he did to the plane.



The pilot used his radio and had another pilot bring him 2 new tires, 3 cases of duct tape, and a supply of sheet plastic. He patched the plane together and FLEW IT HOME!

Duct Tape? Never Leave Home Without It.

**NEXT CLUB COMPETITION**

13th November

**NEXT CLUB MEETING**

14th November at 4 pm

**BAR ROSTER**

Opening hours

Saturday 5pm – 7pm

Sunday 5pm – 7pm

NOVEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Crofty
12th-13th	-	Dave
19th-20th	-	Gren
26st-27th	-	Peter

*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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