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Club Presidents Report

September has gone now, not long til Christmas. Heather and I took a week off for our friends 60th birthday party in Bali. We all arrived over there except for the birthday boy. He unfortunately tore his knee ligaments and while they were treating his knee they found a melanoma on the sole of his foot. They operated and the good news is that it had not gone past his groin. So lucky.

When we arrived back home, we hit the ground running. I believe the Fly-In to Serpentine went well. Our next Fly-In will be the West Australian Light Aircraft competition in Bunbury on Saturday 7th November 2015. The Northam Aero Club is going to field teams of 3 or we can compete individually on Saturday afternoon in a precision circuit or a spot landing competition. We can fly our own aeroplanes so if you are interested, please call me.

I would like to welcome our new member Doug Andrews to the club. Doug was over from New South Wales and was part of the Ballooning Championships. He was so impressed with the Club he joined up there and then. The Northam Aero Club made a modest profit from the Ballooning Championships. Thanks to all those volunteers that made it such a success.

If you intend to be part of the Northam Aero Club flying competition on November 8th keep in contact with either Peter Hill or myself because PGL may be offline and not available during this time. It is having the mandatory SIDS done. Northam Air Services are very busy and it may or may not be completed at the planned schedule time.

Our Instructors are steady with students. If you have booked lessons please be sure to contact your Instructor if you are unable to make the scheduled time.

Happy Flying, Errol

Club Captains Report

Sunday 11th October was another beautiful day for Flying!

Our FLYING COMP was a mini cross country-MOKINE SORTIE. Northam / Spencer's Brook / Mokine / Muresk and return. Nominated Times. With Radio calls, five changes of course/height etc.

As part of this Comp. TEAM NAC Pilots overflew the Dedicated Memorial at Avro Anson Rd Mokine where four RAAF 68 Squadron aircrew lost their lives at 11.42 am October 9th 1942.

On a DF training mission from RAAF Pearce, Avro Anson W2262 tracked 111 degrees for approx 20 minutes then turned sharply to Port on a new track instruction from Radio Controller Guildford.

It was on this turn that the aircraft developed a descending sidetrip and impacted rising ground, the wreckage coming to rest up against the rock outcrop of the Dedicated Memorial site.

The four aircrew were all thrown out on impact and died instantly.

A few minutes later the wreck exploded and burnt itself out.

Full and complete Comp Sheets were sent to all pilots of TEAM NAC 30 days prior, this gave us all 30 days to prepare /do a practice run etc.

--as good a reason as any to go flying!

JUDGES : RADIO /Runway :Matt Bignell. THANK YOU MATT.
 Mokine Site :Gail Pietersie! Thank you, your sign was excellent!

Judges Comments: All pilots flew safely, Radio calls are excellent.

Thank You ladies for the great morning tea.-

Marg, Heather, Beth!

Club Captain

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RESULTS:

FIRST PLACE : PA28-235 VH-CEU Howie Pietersie Well done -your first podium!

C152 VH-BFC Peter Hill

SECOND PLACE :PA28-235 VH-CEU Ashley Smith-great flyng!

THIRD PLACE : C172 VH-PGL Geoff Winsor -thanks GW.

Fourth: C172 VH-PGL DavE McFarlane.

C172 VH-Jxi Errol Croft.

Fifth C172 VH-PGL Ian Berry.

All Pilots scores were very close to each other,we had a great day.

NEXT COMPS:

November Comp: Straight In Approach etc.

December Comp: Timed Circuit.

or maybe a trip to Brooklands organised By Denis Beresford?

Club aircraft is available at all times.

Bookings:ring Matt Bignell on 0407873700 or email:big.matty@hotmail.com

Thanks everyone, until then----

FLY THAT SKY! Peter Hill,Club Captain,0450415947

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A great picture by Gail Pietersie at Mokine crash site memorial Sun11th October



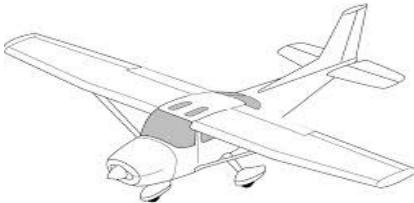
Mokine Memorial ,Avro Anson Rd Mokine.

Photos by Gail Pietersie



NAC welcomes new member:

Doug Andrews



We hope you will enjoy the flying,
social activities and fellowship at the Club

Just a little fun

Q. How can you pick a pilot at a party?

A. Wait a few minutes and he will tell you!

Q: Whats the difference between a jet engine and a flight attendant?

A: At the end of the flight the jet engine stops whining !

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

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

Q: What do you call when you're sick of being in the airport?

A: Terminal illness!

Q: Why do 747s have humps?

A: So the pilot can sit on his wallet!

Q: What do you get when you cross an airplane with a magician?

A: a flying sorcerer!

Q: Wanna know how to make a small fortune running a charter airline?

A: Start out with a large one.!

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/peoplejokes/pilotjokes.html>

Instructors' corner – Flight reviews

Just a short note about flight reviews. Prior to the introduction of Part 61 licences in September 2014, one Flight Review covered you for all your flying, except ratings such as instrument and instructor ratings. As of last September, you now need a Flight Review for your:

Single-engine aeroplane (SEA) class rating;

Multi-engine aeroplane (MEA) class rating (a Flight Review for MEA covers SEA);

Night VFR rating;

Low level rating; and

Private Instrument Rating (PIFR).

As before, the ratings don't expire. They're permanently valid, but you need an AFR if you want to keep using them. The flight reviews are all valid for two years, apart from the low level rating, which needs a review every 12 months. The ratings that didn't require a flight review prior to September 2014 are usable as long as you have done a flight review in the last two years, which of course means until your current flight review expires. For instance, if you have SEA, MEA and NVFR ratings, and your AFR is due in January 2016, you can use all your ratings until that date. To continue using any of them after January 2016, you'll need a flight review for all of them.

The main one that will affect some club pilots is Night VFR. Once your old (pre-September 2014) AFR expires, your NVFR rating currency will expire. So you'll need to do your normal AFR by day, and also one by night if you want to keep using your NVFR rating.

A useful snippet: if you complete a flight review any time in the three months before it is due, your original renewal month remains unchanged. This means your new review will be valid for two years after your current one expires, even if you renew it early. For example, if your single-engine aeroplane flight review is due to expire at the end of April 2016 but you'll be on your round-the-world cruise in March and April, you can do your AFR in February 2016, and your next flight review will be due at the end of April 2018, not February 2018, so you don't "lose" a couple of months' worth of validity by doing it early.

As always, please give Charles or me a call if you have any questions.

Kevin

A Note from the Editor

Hi All, well I thought I was done with work and was looking forward to a very relaxing retirement with plenty of flying the in little Cherokee 160.

Unfortunately it was not to be!!

I am back at work in the Northern Territory and will be for about the next year.



It is hard to believe that only 5 minutes before I took these photos we were in solid cloud at 10,000 ft!

I am working on a project which involves building 40 new houses for the local community. I am on a 3 weeks on and 1 week off roster so this means plenty of flying as a passenger in charter aircraft. My first “swing” started a couple of weeks ago with an almost complete “IFR conditions” trip from Darwin to Elcho Island, we were in solid cloud for about an hour and a half. I managed to get a few good shots out of my window once we cleared the cloud just before arrival. I have included them on the next couple of pages.

Clear skies, light winds and safe returns.





The view from the project office



The Marthakal Motel our home

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BAR ROSTER 2015—2016

AUGUST		
1st-2nd	-	Matt
8th-9th	-	Ashley
15th-16th	-	Howie
22nd-23rd	-	Peter
29th-30th		Crofty

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

SEPTEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Ashley
12th-13th	-	Matt
19th-20th	-	Howie
26th-27th	-	Peter

DECEMBER		
5th-6th	-	Peter
12th-13th	-	Crofty
19th-20th	-	Matt
26th-27th	-	CLOSED

OCTOBER		
3rd-4th	-	Crofty
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Howie
31st		Peter

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

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 8th November 2015

NEXT CLUB MEETING

The next Northam Aero Club Committee Meeting
will be held at the club rooms on
Sunday the 8th November 2015 at 12:00 (noon)
