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Painted Hills (S.E.) of Coober Pedy: pic Ombre
President’s report

As this April edition of our new and amazing newsletter goes to press Pat and I will be flying home from the Gold Coast where we have been enjoying our Grandson’s sixth birthday and like him our newsletter is getting bigger and bigger, thanks to the support that Owen has been receiving from you the members. Well done to one and all please keep it up, from the many reports I have received members and friends of SSAC are eagerly looking forward to the next publication.

Congratulations goes to John Peel who has now endured the scrutiny of CASA and passed their Audit with flying colours, The club wishes John and Caroline all the very best with their new business venture at Wentworth.

The extensions to hangar 3 are still progressing nicely with the working bee on the 8th putting the roof on thanks to all involved especially Jim Girdler who provided the refreshments afterwards, Pat and I couldn’t stay as we flew out at 3.40pm to join the Mildura Guys (a total of 20 aviators) for a very enjoyable weekend in Kingston.

Council has again been busy with drainage works and the end results after a little inconvenience should see us with a much better all weather airfield both on and off the runway.

Recreational Aircraft Australia (RAA) and the Mildura club have also undertaken a review of their constitution and I am confident that with the work that Roger Hall is doing We will have ours sorted out before our AGM. But more on this in coming weeks.

Our May flyaway is shaping up to be another wonderful adventure, don’t miss out, get your names in to Karen, if you haven’t been to ‘Reola’ Station and seen the three story woolshed now is your opportunity.

And remember June is OUR flyin, your ideas as to how we can make it more successful are welcomed, and let’s make it the event to remember.

Until next month, safe flying with blue skies and tail winds

Jeff Woodroffe

In a RAA theory exam the Student was asked the following multiple choice question of an engine out event and as best, as I can remember it.

a) Do you Aviat, Communicate, Navigate
b) Do you Communicate, Aviat, Navigate
c) Do you Navigate, Aviat, Communicate
d) Do you Spin, Rotate, Hippy Shake

The student selected ‘b’. When in the results, the Examiner asked the Student why he had made ‘b’ his selection. The student replied. “Shouldn’t you call for help first!”

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Secretaries Report

I have received an email from Roger Hall advising me that Win Smales, has gone into full time care in Bendigo due to her Alzheimer's condition having worsened, however she is now in the same care facility as her brother and feels she is helping care for him.

For those newer members who don't know Win, She was a longtime friend of our late member Eric Szereini and shared the property (Now owned by Peter & Bernadette Hupfeld ) where she had a separate hangar and frequently flew her Cessna 150 Aerobat from Bendigo to Wentworth.

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Our next Monthly meeting is normally scheduled to be held on Sunday May the 8th of May, however as this may fall on Mother’s day after consultation with President Jeff as in past years this meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday the 1st of May, Sunday at 10:00am.

As the May meeting will be our last before our June Queens Birthday Weekend Fly-in we will be hoping for a good roll up, I have forwarded details of our Fly-in to both the RAA and AOPA magazines for inclusion in their coming events calendar.

We look forward to your attendance to help organize all of the details required for our annual event. We will need volunteers as usual to help with the many tasks required to make our Fly-in a success, please advise me ASAP if you can assist for inclusion on our roster.

Karen Luckraft has organized the details of a fly-away on Friday 20th May. With the following details. WENTWORTH depart Friday morning - MENINDEE Morning tea and smoko -WHITE CLIFFS BYO Lunch - THARGOMINDA Overnight Stay -DIG TREE / NOORCUNDRA / COOPER CREEK - INNAMINCKA Overnight Stay - CAMERON CNR - STEPHENS CREEK Afternoon tea arranged by Peter Jinks - RETURN to WENTWORTH. 30 Places available so get in quick.(This will also be notified by direct email) Contact Karen Luckraft MOB.0427502791 EMAIL gskmluckraft@gmail.com

GRANTS APPLICATIONS expressions of interest have been sent to 2 Commonwealth Government organizations (Sussan Ley office ) & (Murray Darling Basin Economic Diversity Program ) seeking assistance toward the construction of our No.3 hangar extension and concrete floors, I am have received a repines from Sussan Ley's office advising me that the grant does not apply to establishing a business however they will keep me informed if a grant fitting this criteria becomes available.

I also received an email on 20/04/16 from the M.D.B.E.D P. advising me that the grants were to lodged electronically but were closed from 2:00pm on 19/04/16 however if there is any surplus left over from the No2 Grant issue it could be possible to re-lodge a claim application.

A further Application will be submitted to the Wentworth Council when all quotes for the concrete floor are received.

SSAC CONSTITUTION REVUE, under the guidance of Roger Hall, Dianne West and Scott Taylor is still under revue and will be considered by your committee at the earliest convenient time.

Cheers
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Editorial

Once again thanks to all those good folk who have taken time to contribute to this News Letter. Great Photos and articles. Just for the relief of some, the trophy page has now been replaced by a funny photo page, pictures of, or about the Wentworth airport, pilots and planes in general or connected to the Sunraysia area. Send in any funny, quirky photos you may have, include a caption or two for the next newsletter.

Dougal Plummer the SSAC Club Treasurer and our resident computer guru supplied the following information see attached pic (right). It is apparent that from a small beginning there is some interest even globally of what we as a club do at Wentworth airport.

In addition if you are an internationally interested person in aviation please feel free to be included in our email out list and also to any other interested person or aviator. Please email the editor ombre495@gmail.com. And you will be included in the email out list. Cheers all.

Hangar 3 works continue

Hangar 3 extension roof goes on.

Working bee attendees. Peter Skipsey, Jeff Woodroffe, Jim Girdler, Dave Sammut, John Peel and Doug Pardew, thanks to all.

Hangar 2 works progress

John Peel has now moved his work shop into the northern end of Hangar 2

Flying is a hard way to make an easy living.
Scotty and Tracey fly the LightWing from Wentworth NSW to Maryborough QLD.

Summary: Scotty and Tracey departed Wentworth on the 1st of April 2016 and flew Tony Cathcart’s Lightwing aircraft via Menindee, Wilcannia onto Bourke, Staying overnight in Bourke. First leg of the flight to Maryborough. Scotty says he had a small head wind reducing his ground speed to about 65 knots at 3,500.’

Scotty informs me that when Tony asked him to fly the Lightwing by phone on the 2nd February 2016, he took less than 3 seconds to say he would do the flight. Cliff Banks, the Wentworth CFI checked Scotty’s flight preps before he flew out. Mick Watson also assisted with GPS Nav equipment and with a personal locating beacon.

Departing from Bourke on the 2nd of April Both Scotty and Tracey tracked to St George in Queensland. Refuelled at St George then onto Chinchilla where Scotty and Tracey stayed overnight. With a small tail wind Scotty average 75 kts at 3,500’. Pic: Scotty shares the St George Airport with something a little larger.

Day 3 Both Scotty and Tracey departed from Chinchilla and Wondai, then onto Maryborough where the plane was handed over to Tony. The flight took about 12 hours and Scotty was happy to call the trip over. He does make special mention of his best friend/ wife/navigator for the company.

The original submitted story by Scotty has been printed and is available for all to read at the Wenty airport club rooms.

Please view Scotty’s full report at the SSAC Club.
Sunraysia Sporting Aviation club news:

Watto doing some maintenance on his newly installed heater.
12/4/2016

Karen and Sam Luckraft of Bulgamarra Stn, Pooncarie. Next to a RANS aircraft 19-3965 at the Wentworth Airport 17 April 2016. Co-owned with son Peter.
My plane is a Bushby Mustang 2. The flying surfaces are copied from the P51 Mustang and was designed in 1964 by Robert Bushby and the first example flew in 1966.

My Mustang 2 was scratch built by Hedley Smith in Hamilton Victoria and completed in 1996. Hedley sold the plane to Colin Wilson from South Australia in 1998, I bought the plane off Colin. Airframe and engine have just clicked over 500 hrs, Colin didn't do a lot in the plane.

Bushby Mustang 2's usually have a glass canopy like an RV. Hedley made a fibreglass roof with gull wing doors and this was moulded onto the Aluminium empennage.

Power is a Lycoming io-320 which is a 320 cubic inch fuel injected air cooled flat 4 fitted with a constant speed propeller producing 160 hp. When travelling, plan for 145 knots at 32 litres per hour, can be leaned to just under 30/hr at cruise doing 2300 rpm with 23 inches manifold pressure.

Nice Plane and love the shirt! (Editor)

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Pilots are people who drive aeroplanes for other people who can’t fly. Passengers are people who say they fly, but really they just ride.
John Waters,

John Waters driving the dozer at the Wentworth Airport upgrades

JP Aircraft Maintenance

Looking forward for being of service
GA, Experimental and RA registered Aircraft
Fixed price servicing – No surprises
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Hangar 2 Wentworth
Wentworth Council Airport update from Trevor Wilcock
Team leader Civil Projects and Maintenance

Aerodrome upgrade works are continuing with completion of RWY drainage, installation of drainage around the apron Council hanger and aero club facility. These works will see the construction of retention basin outside the aerodrome fence line with outlet into a nearby creek and from there to Thegoa lagoon.

Council understands there is a need to periodically close the aerodrome for these works. Closures of the aerodrome are required on an ongoing basis to ensure the safety of not only all aerodrome users but those involved in the construction works, to allow the free un-restricted movement of manpower and machinery in and around the aerodrome.

Councils and Director of Roads and Engineering Mr Simon Pradhan wishes to thank all aerodrome users for their patience and understanding during these times. These works show Councils commitment to the continued upgrade of the Wentworth aerodrome with the sealing of RWY 08/26, planned for the 2016/2017 financial year.
NOTAM’s
By Trevor Willcock

NOTAM’s are a Legal document issued by Reporting offices under the authority of CASA. At Certified and/or Registered Aerodromes (Wentworth is a Registered Aerodrome) NOTAM’s are issued when there are; changes in availability or serviceability of the movement area. Changes in information tabulated in AIP Work in Progress which falls outside time limited works; changes in availability or serviceability of aerodrome aids. (obstacle lighting, RWY & taxiway lighting and markings) Temporary obstacles to aircraft, Any significant increase in wildlife hazards, Any other significant event that affects the safety of aircraft using the aerodrome.

All NOTAM’s are published in UTC time which has been one reason for misunderstanding the information. All pilots should be aware that Air Services only publish NOTAM,s in UTC time and never Eastern Standard Time. The interpretation of the abbreviations has also caused confusion at times and care should be taken to clearly understand these abbreviations.

Every ARO must attend CASA accredited training prior to commencing duties on an aerodrome, this training consist of Both Theory and practical based training on an operation aerodrome. This training requirement has seen Councils ARO’s training at aerodrome such as Ararat, Horsham, Broken Hill, Nihill to name few. This training must be completed every three years to keep accredited and up to date.

The latest Aerodrome Operation.
During CASA aerodrome audits each ARO’s accreditation is check and verified current by CASA’s aerodrome surveillance officer. Each ARO is well trained and able to assist with any questions you may have relating to NOTAM’s. Should there be any confusion with the interpretation of NOTAM’s issued at Wentworth, contact should be made to Councils. Aerodrome on call number displayed on the fuel compound and also listed in the ERSA.

Regards

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Current Wentworth Council Airport reporting officers include, Vic Richards, Col Gray, Barry Parfrey, Ty Treager and Tony Holgate (Pooncarie)

Fighter Pilots are steely eyed, weapons systems managers who kill bad people and break a lot of things, however they can also be very charming and personable. The average fighter pilot, despite sometimes having a swaggering exterior, is very much capable of such feelings as love, affection, intimacy and caring. (However, these feelings don’t involve anyone else).
Funny Pictures

Collections submitted by

Yes you can have a window seat, You don’t need floaties on this trip, Just waiting for baggage. and ‘Bit hot mate.’ (Editor)

Pics by Peter Skipsey. “He looked left, he looked right then he was gone.”
Aircraft manoeuvring - St George Airport.

First Aid at Wenty Airport

Just for the information of all who may fly into, or visit the Wenty airport. The club rooms are equipped with a comprehensive first aid kit located on top of the refrigerator in the Club kitchen area. In addition the Wenty Club has recently installed a heart ‘jump starter’ located in a very visible location near the glass sliding door exit. A number of ambulance staff are also Wenty Club members.

Use the general chat radio frequency on the coded door pad to give access to the club rooms.
Fly aways

The Mildura Sporting Aviation Club had a recent fly away to Kingston in South Australia. One of our members Watto (Mick Watson also flew along as a passenger in Roscoe’s Zodiac with a Jabiru 230, 6 cylinder motor.)

Other SSAC Members included Jeff and Patt Woodroffe in the Kingston Fly away

Pic, Courtesy of Jeff Woodroffe shows Mic Watson at Kingston

See the Full story about the Kingston flyaway in the next Mildura Sporting Aviation newsletter.

Editor.

An old pilot is one who can remember when flying was dangerous and sex was safe!

Apprentice Mildura Airport controller
Ombre and Ned Smith departed Wentworth airport Friday 22nd April 2016 and were met with about a 15kt head wind all the way to Warrnambool, landing at Horsham on route. Saturday was overcast. The two got a hire vehicle, (a fiat of all things) and toured Port Fairy and the foreshore of Warrnambool. Sunday 24 Ned and Ombre departed Warrnambool and flew along the coast to Port Campbell National Park where the rock outcrops along the southern coast line offered some great photo opportunities. The flight then turned north and Ombre and Ned overflew the Grampians and Halls Gap before landing at Horsham on route back to Wentworth.
**Aviation Community News**

Brian has been a very active member of the Sunraysia Aviation Community and an active member of both the Sunraysia Gliding Club and a lot of other flying organisations as well. You often hear Jabiru 722 on the aviation air frequency’s. Brian and Heather are about to head off to Stradbroke Island, QLD for a 1 Year to take up the position as the local airport manager, on their first leg of their round Australia get away.

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Hi, just letting all past and present SSAC members and aviators know that they are invited to fly into north Stradbroke Island anytime and will be greeted warmly and shown around. We (brian & heather rule) will be taking up the position of caretakers at Straddie aero club on May 1st. It looks like an awesome place to live/holiday. The aero club has a website with all the information you will need. The ferry to the island leaves from Cleveland and is only 30 km from Brisbane or the airport. You can phone/email the airfield or us on 0447101494 or email brianrule56@bigpond.com It would be awesome to see you on the island.

Brian & Heather rule

Keep in touch and send a pic or two every now and again, tell us what you are doing. All the best from the SSAC mob.
Sunday 24\textsuperscript{th} April saw much aircraft activity again at the Wentworth Aerodrome. Four aircraft from Renmark and one from Loxton flew across to join us for lunch in our clubroom and were joined by some of our friends from Mildura.

Weather conditions on the day were absolutely magnificent. Rod says he has ordered the same conditions for our trip away at the end of May!

Mick Watson took care of rounding up the food, Ross Woodward handled the cooking side of things and two or our ladies volunteered to prepare the salads. They are most welcome to visit again.

Along with a number of our members and wives, twenty two of us enjoyed a very tasty meal and enjoyed the very social pleasant aspect of the day.

Article and pics Courtesy of Brad Pike
Scotty of Composite services located at 150B, Old Renmark Road Wentworth currently has a number of projects underway including the restoration of a Jabiru 230 aircraft that was involved in a misadventure. The below 3 pics shows Scotty replacing the top cabin section on his 230 project. The bottom right pic shows Scotty attending to a Jabiru Calypso belonging to Tim Middleton and purchased from the United States and imported into Australia as a restoration project.
ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL 2016
John Waters fly’s his Spitfire over the Wentworth Anzac Day services
Photo Picture Pilots Log Book. Hard Back

Makes a great gift idea for the pilot who has everything. A personalised Pilot’s log book, Have your favourite pics included on the cover or any other page in the log book, priced about $40 for 24 pages at A5 size, (20cm x 16cm) designed by the editor and constructed by vistaprint. (Postage not included).

Glider Pilots, pages altered to suit your requirements.

Inquiries contact the editor.

Wenty Annual Fly away

Join the Wenty Mob in a fly away to White Cliffs, Thargomindah, Dig tree, Innamincka, Cameron Corner. From Friday 20th May returning Sunday 22nd May 2016.

Please contact Karen Luckraft without delay if your interested in a fly-away commencing Friday 20th May 2016.

Details. Depart Wentworth Friday morning - MENINDEE Morning tea and smoko – WHITE CLIFFS BYO Lunch - THARGOMINDA Overnight Stay -DIG TREE / NOORCUNDRA / COOPER CREEK - INNAMINCKA Overnight Stay - CAMERON CNR - STEPHENS CREEK Afternoon tea arranged by Peter Jinks - RETURN to WENTWORTH. 30 Places available so get in quick.(This will also be notified by direct email)

Contact Karen Luckraft MOB.0427502791 EMAIL gskmluckraft@gmail.com
Dear all aviators

The Sunraysia Sporting aviation club is again hosting the June Long week end fly in which it has done now for many years. This event has always been well patronised and it is expected, as always to be the same again in 2016.

The SSAC club is very fortunate to have so many members who avail themselves to make sure that the fly in runs smoothly. The Wentworth airport also is very fortunate to have a very supporting and motivated council. The Wentworth Shire Council.

The Wentworth airport has debit /credit card refuelling facilities and you don’t need an ASIC card. Or an access code to access Wenty.

A large and modern kitchen, club rooms, ample tie down space, Meals, Lunch, dinner and Breakfasts are available during the fly in. So Pencil this event into your calendars

Wentworth (YWTO) is easily accessible from NSW, VIC and SA & for the Daring and long distance types, Yep see you at Wenty

As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you (and one of them will).

A) One day you will walk out to your aircraft, knowing it is your last flight.
B) One day you will walk out to your aircraft, not knowing it is your last flight.
So be careful out there Guys and Girls, Editor