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On the 16th July, 20 aviators from the Sunraysia Sport Aircraft Club flew over to Stonefield or should I say the Stienfield Flugplatz. Fifteen stayed for a fabulous evening of fellowship, pizza and red wine.

Our hosts Stephen and his lovely lady Janice with the assistance of Ross, Pam, John Glennys, John, Peter, Phil, Ian and Des made it a night to remember, The snoring from the hangar was only overshadowed by the chiming of the wall clock

Stephen a big thank you for a great time and can we please do it again next year.

On the 14th of August at 10am we have our AGM please mark on your calendar and don’t forget we will be having a BBQ lunch afterwards, get your nominations for a position on the committee into Brian before the meeting.

I along with Karen and Dougal will be standing again but more of that and other club matters in my Presidents Report to be presented at the AGM. As you know Brian will be retiring from the position as Secretary, he will be sadly missed, his commitment to the club over the past 25 years will be a hard act to follow.

We have one nomination for that position and I urge all members to get behind the incoming secretary and give her or him every assistance to make to transition as smooth as possible.

See you at the Club.

Stay safe and keep flying

Jeff Woodroffe
President
Dear SSAC Members and Friends, as this is my last secretaries report I would like to take this opportunity to recognise some of the past and present members who have contributed to the development and present existence of our SSAClub based at Wentworth.

The start of our clubs journey began almost 37 years ago on the 11th of December 1979 when an advertisement placed in the Sunraysia Daily By Les Stack, seeking like minded aviation enthusiasts to join together to form a Sunraysia SAAA chapter, The foundation members consisted of Les Stack ,Pearce Dunn ,Laurie Smith, Ron Robertson, Jill & Terry sparks Rupe Wheatlands ,and Stan Brabender. From this beginning grew the SSAC as we know it today.

I first became interested in becoming a member after attending the Queens Birthday Culluleraine Fly ins, when Ultralights mostly were basic rag & tube machines. These fly-ins were the foundation of the development of our club under the visionary and enthusiastic input of people like Doug Pardew, Doug Clark ,Leon Eames, Ian Gregory ,Laurie Smith and later ,Mike Watson ,Graeme Milne, and others.

Since I first became a member of our club about 25years ago I have had the privilege of contributing as an executive member in both the President and Secretaries rolls for about 18 of those years, but now feel it is time to stand aside to make way for new people and ideas. However compared to the Founding members of the group and early years members I am a relative new chum. I have always been mindful that the development of our club to this present day has in the past ,and continues to be to this present time, the result of the many dedicated members who have given generously of their time and talents from its beginning up to this present day.

Without disrespect to all others who have contributed, several of our members have been recognised for their exceptional contribution to the club by awarding of Life Memberships, These being Leon Eames (Past President), Lorraine Powell (Past President) Peter Johnston Dec. (Long serving Treasurer and Secretary ) Cliff Banks (Long time CFI ) who has contributed substantially to the development of our group through the training of a significant number of pilots over the years, finally Mike Watson (Catering & general all-rounder). Mike is still very active around the club.

My apologies to anyone who I have failed to include in the above historical acknowledgments, but be assured that all contributors and trades skilled members contributions are valuable and appreciated.

I wish to thank Tracy Taylor for offering to take over my Secretaries duties for the coming year. I also wish all those who will offer their services as executive members ,committee members, or general volunteers , an enjoyable and satisfying year ahead,
Please find a separate attached sheet depicting the past office bearers from 1979 to the present day (unfortunately I have been unable to fill in some blanks from the 1982/1989 period.)

If anyone can assist in completing this information it would be much appreciated, I will continue to try and complete this list in recognition of our past leaders.

Cheers to all.
Brian W. Middleton
SSAC Secretary (Retiring)
Email brianmiddleton12@iprimus.com.au
Mob. 0408690650

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Well once again, Welcome all to another edition of the Sunraysia Sport Aviation Newsletter.

This July edition is again about good folk doing good things, which is the moto of this publication.

It does not matter if you are a high achiever or just one of those everyday good folk who assist along the way. Each and everyone has a place in this publication and a place at Wenty.

One can only be appreciative of the comments made by Dave Sammut at the last meeting of the SSAC in the Wenty Club rooms Sunday 10 July 2016. Dave spoke of his commitment as a volunteer (as well as others) to the club and how he has supported the Wenty Club over time. Dave’s little talk certainly was moving and gained a well earned applause from all the gathering. Well done.

Also included in this July addition is a number of venues, places or interest near and far that perhaps Aviators and Friends may wish to visit and enjoy the local hospitality. You don’t need much - just your commitment.

Like with other committee members the Publicity officers/editors position of the SSAC will be made vacant at the AGM. I wish all nominees for the publicity officer’s role all the best

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Pooncarie Aerodrome.

Wentworth Shire Council operates both Wentworth and Pooncarie Aerodrome as registered aerodromes in accordance with CASA’s Manual of Standards, Act and Regulations. The day to day operations at Pooncarie are the responsibility of Mr Tony Holgate, Wentworth Shire Councils resident town ganger.

Tony holds the same accreditations as an Aerodrome Reporting and Works Safety Officer (ARO) as all involved in the operations at Wentworth Aerodrome and accordingly Tony must maintain the aerodrome to the standards dictated by CASA. Wentworth based ARO’s assist to cover times of leave and maintenance at Pooncarie as required.

Pooncarie Aerodrome is situated 1.1NM as the crow flies from Pooncarie, the aerodrome services the town and local farming community, with regular visits from RFDS, the Flying Chaplin and the occasional visitor. The aerodrome has basic services of public telephone and toilets. It’s a short 15 minute stroll to town or you could ring the Pooncarie Pub (03 5029 5205), who would be only too happy to pick you up and drop you at the main bar.

The aerodrome has a well maintained gravel RWY 06/24, sealed taxiway and apron with PAL operated lighting, as well as portable emergency lighting should it be required. The most significant improvement at Pooncarie has been the installation of RWY lighting which was born out of the tragic loss of Mr Bill Gilfillan who passed away as a result of injuries received during a motor vehicle accident between Menindee and Pooncarie in 1979, RFDS were unable to land on the unlighted RWY and Mr Gilfillan sadly lost his life.

This saw the formation of the Gilfillan Memorial Lighting committee who raised $15000.00 toward the total cost of $40000.00 for the lighting. The lighting was official commissioned on the 3rd of June 1983 by the Member for Riverina Mr Noel Hicks, with speeches from Member for Murray Mr Tim Fisher, Wentworth Shire President Mr Ron Gebert and Committee Chairman Mr Ted Smith. The official commissioning of the Gilfillan Memorial Lighting was attended by 300 people with a fly over and activation of the lighting by the RFDS. Memorabilia of the event can be found at the Pooncarie town hall and at the aerodrome.
Once upon a time. Far far away. In a little sou’ west town of Wentworth in the state of New South Wales, wise men had gathered for the final completion stages of the upgrade to hangar 3 at the Wentworth Airport

Wentworth Council Airport takes delivery of 5000 litres of Aviation fuel 6/7/16

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Querky Road Laws still enforceable (NSW)

#Not restrain vehicle properly? $106 (maybe a horse thing)

#Not sit astride Bicycle riders seat facing forward $106

#Drive vehicle in Disrepair cause damage to road

#Use fog lights not in fog/mist etc $106
These pics were taken 3 July 2016 of Brad, just one of those nice blokes attending to his prided and joy, a Jabiru 160 Registration 24-4486 which is hangared at Wentworth. Brad is a retired Victorian Ambulance officer and runs an orchard in the Coomealla district near Dareton / Wentworth. Well done mate and shiny too, Cheers Ed’
Recently an email went out from our good friends at the Mildura Sporting Aviation Club (MSA) based in Mildura. As a result of that email 6 aircraft, 4 from the MSA and 2 from the Wenty Club flew to Mungo Lodge airstrip for lunch to say good by to both Glen and Bec the managers out there. Glen and Bec are off back east to manage a caravan park near Coffs Harbour. Over time Glen and Bec have provided all aviation good folk with a serviceable airstrip to touch down on and great meals as well.

From the Mildura Sporting Aviation club, Garry Kellor, Paul Sheen, Peter Greed and John Sheedy, From Wenty Mike Watson and Owen Bray made their way to Lake Mungo. Information for all you away types who are looking for somewhere to fly too. Well why not Mungo Lake. From the aircraft parking area it is less than 100 meters to the lodge

YLMU height 270’ There are a number of youtube videos about, one is listed below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGcHFd2Ftk8
Peter Luckraft

Peter is picture working on a RANS aircraft fitted with a Rotax motor,
pic dated 22 July 2016

Frosty morning Steinfeld Flugplatz
The 60th flood Rally 1956 – 2016 was held at Wentworth over the Friday 8th Sat 9th and Sun 10th July 2016. Some suggested close to 300 tractors mainly Fergusons (fergies) were in attendance.

The Picture was taken on an overfly of one of the Wentworth Ovals depicting an image of a Ferguson Tractor.

Administration stuff

For you types who wish to have a cup of coffee, tea and biscuits or a meat pie.
Please don’t forget the honesty box system in place in the Wenty Club rooms.
All donations go towards providing a continued service to all aviators and friends.

When entering the Wenty Club rooms please either latch the western side door back or close it so the door hinges are not damaged when the door is blown about in the wind.

Looking forward for being of service  
JOHN PEEL
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Spare Parts and Repairs
Sunraysia Sporting Aviation Club (SSAC) members and other aviators flew from a number of locations and tracked to a private airstrip near Truro in South Australia. Steinfeld Flugplatz translated from German to English means - Stonefield Airport.

SSAC Club members in the flyaway included.
John Waters, Rod Taylor - Jodel, Mike Watson - Jabiru, John Raven and Rong - Cessna Bruce and Trevor Church – Cessna, Peter Hupfeld, Bernadine and John Castle – Cessna Jeff and Pat Woodroffe - Piper Tri pacer, Dave Sammut and Peter Skipsey – Jabiru, Owen Bray – Jabiru.

Dave Sammut, Jeff Woodroffe
and Peter Skipsey. Loading extra fuel
Wentworth Airport.

Pic; 10.55am Saturday 16 July 2016

Arriving Steinfeld
A number of aircraft including local aircraft parked at the airstrip

The weather was on its best behavior on the flight over.

Just a nice day to be flying.
The SSAC wishes to thank the following at the Steinfeld Flugplatz.

Stephen Nitschke, Glennys Searle, Ross and Pam McCubbin, John Holmes, Janice Eames, Peter Eglinton, Phill Lee, Ian Josh and Des Quinn.

The morning after

Stephen and Janice

Stephen Nitschke, Ross McCubbin and John Holmes
Glynns Searle.

Pictured at the Steinfeld Flugplatz 17/7/16
Showing the editor her pride and joy a Ford Mustang. See pic below.

Bruce Church.

Besides aircraft, a number of photos were shown about of a red ford Galaxy owned by Bruce Church from Broken Hill.

Winjeel restoration project

Now the story about this Winjeel A85-430 restoration goes a something a little like this. The aircraft is complete with a zero timed 985hp, Pratt and Whitney engine. Fuel consumption is about 70gph. The airframe has 3000 hrs TT. Stephen Nitschke is interested in selling this project. Stephen’s email can be sourced from the Publicity officer/editor of the SSAC
Delivered to RAAF 06/65.
Served with 38 Sqn - Det "A" in New Guinea from 12/10/65.
Still with Det "A" on 13/11/70 the crew of this aircraft confirmed the position of a wartime aircraft wreck that had been reported. This wreck was later found to be an RAAF Dakota missing since 1945 (identity unknown at this time).

Served with 38 Sqn 1971.
Sent to Townsville to help out after Cyclone Althea 24/12/71.

Was in service 38 Sqn, Retired to storage Oakey by 11/2009
One of 7 Caribou involved in a failed disposal sale to Amrok Aviation Pty Ltd in 09/2011.
11/2015 Request issued by Aus Tender for Expressions of Interest from Australian Historical Organisations. Disposal of 6 Caribou aircraft located at Oakey.
The successful tenderer was the South Australian Aviation Museum

The transport equipment departed Adelaide 22nd and scheduled to arrive at Oakey Army Airfield Oakey Qld midmorning on Monday 25th The loading process will start PM on the 25th and be completed on Tuesday 26th The two (2) Police escorts & (2) Pilot Vehicles will arrive at 0230 Hrs and the Caribou Fuselage will depart Oakey at 0300 Hrs, the trip from Oakey to the Qld-SA Border will take approx (3) days, The trip from Qld-SA Border to Lyndhurst SA will be Via the Strzelecki Track, two (2) SA Police & the (2) Pilot Vehicles will travel with Caribou Fuselage all the way to the South Australian Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide South Australia.

Trip Duration: (8) Days
Police Qld: (2)
Police SA (2)
Pilot Vehicles: (2) all the way.

Article and pics - by John Holmes
28.06.2016. 11:16am

On the 28th of June, David Matusch and his son Marcus departed from Warrnambool, Victoria on route to Alice Springs Northern Territory.

David stopped over at Wentworth to refuel before departing for Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Birdsville etc

David and Marcus are flying in their Jabiru 170 for the trip into the red centre. Local club members were able to help David out with information for part of the way.

Located at 150B, Renmark Road Wentworth Airport.

For all your composite, fibreglass manufacturing and repairs.

Phone Scott on 0458948092 or call in and discuss your needs.
2. New member Len Bradbury welcomed to our club.
3. New members Steve and Fiona Turlan welcomed to SGC.
4. Tom O’Donnell re-soloed on 16/04/2016 after years of RA and Ultra-light flying.
5. Lachlan Turlan took his father Steve on his first passenger flight on 09/04/2016.

**SGC Fleet Status 19/07/2016**

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**Unloading pavers donated by a community member**

Back: Brian and Heather Rule, Dave Nugent, Owen Bray  
Front: Ian Bennning and Rhonda Brown.  
Photographer; Graeme Brown

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The Sunraysia Gliding Club operates every Saturday (weather permitting). If your thinking about learning to fly and be part of a group of like minded good folk you can find out more by visiting the below link.  
http://www.sunraysiaiglidingclub.org
Both Scotty and Ombre, both members of the Sunraysia Sport Aviation Club are pictured right at the Merbein police station (Vic) discussing cross border operations, most likely something to do with flying.

Pic: 11 July 2016

Wentworth Airpark development

Plan attached, price is $260,000 plus GST

AIRPARK DEVELOPMENT

Take note, the Wentworth main runway will be sealed this year. There will be high demand for blocks in this Airpark. Great opportunity for astute Investor / Developer.

Jim Girdler 0409 616 684

www.burnsandco.com.au
The Nanua Races is held every year on Beverley Station south west of Broken Hill and close to the South Australian border. This year celebrates 71 years of the Nanua races being held. It is a great gathering of kind good folk who enjoy the company of others in an outback setting.

For all you fly boy and girl types, Well - why not - save this date. The president of the Nanua Races committee has advised this editor just overfly the gathering and they will send someone out to pick you up from the airstrip. It is about a kilometer from the bar and other amenities. Or just walk it. If well, you may wish to drive it, that is ok too. There is plenty of camping sites available and amenities to cater.

For more information. Please visit the Nanua Race website on the below link

http://www.nanua.net

Learn to fly with Cliff Banks. Registered with Recreational Aviation Australia as a Chief flying instructor.
1 October 2016

The Pooncarie Airstrip is well maintained by the Wentworth Council and is somewhat reported to be one of the best gravel airstrips about. This airport shares a common boundary fence with the Pooncarie Race course and ladies if choosing, you may wear your high heels from the runway parking area to the race course audience and gathering.

However the ladies may have some trouble climbing through the barbwire boundary fence in their frocks, but it does save the blokes paying at the gate.

In addition after the races are over, Stay awhile at the Telegraph Hotel Pooncarie or even partake in a meal with Val at the Pittstop Café in Pooncarie. I am sure you will be well catered for.
1 October 2016

If you love Oysters, this has got to be seen to be believed.

You have got to be kidding me!

Published with permission of Ceduna Oyster Fest tourism

EVENT PREVIEW 2016

The 2016 Ceduna Oysterfest is set to be another spectacular showcase of Far West Coast hospitality, with a varied entertainment program, activities, competitions and more! This year our focus will be on expanding the variety of the freshest and best in local seafood to complement our signature Far West Coast Oysters, sourced from selected growers in Smoky and Denial Bays. Watch this space!

THURSDAY 29TH OF SEPTEMBER

WestArt will proudly present the ‘Oysterfest Art Exhibition’ in the Ceduna Memorial Hall. This year’s exhibition has an open theme, and will include mixed media from artists across the Eyre Peninsula as well as a photography section.

FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

The Ceduna Business & Tourism Association will once more host their free Seafood Tasting in the CBD from 11:30, with a special guest Chef, alongside demonstrations of oyster opening and fish filleting.

Our Opening Night Dinner, hosted by the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel, promises to tantalise the tastebuds with a gourmet west coast experience to accompany the CBTA Business & Tourism Awards, Oysterfest Fundraising Auction and appearances from some of our feature artists and our celebrity Chef.

The SA Sail Training Vessel the One & All will again be returning to Ceduna for the Oysterfest, and they will have a program of open-ship visits and short-sails available for interested visitors.

For those seeking a music experience, plans are underway for live music at the Oysterfest site for Friday evening.
Saturday 1st October

Chris Sperou will once more take to the skies to let everyone know the Oysterfest has well and truly begun!

Our Oysterfest Street Parade will lead everyone down from the CBD to the Oysterfest site on the shores of Murat Bay, where the official opening will take place. From there a series of community arts workshops, live music, cooking demonstrations, kids activities, carnival amusements and competitions will be happening around the site, extending from the Ceduna Sailing Club to the Day Tce Carpark.

After the AFL Grand Final concludes, local oyster growers will be pitted against each other to claim the title of the 2016 Ceduna Oysterfest Biggest Oyster, and then a variety of musical entertainment will take us into the evening headlined by Tamworth Country Music Festival regular Amber Joy Poulton.

Sunday 2nd October

Sunday morning will see the return of the revered Pancake Breakfast alongside the traditional combined Church Service in the McEvoy Marquee. Popular events such as the Kids Iced Coffee Hold and Treasure Hunts will be happening alongside the coveted Stein Holding competition before the signature competition of Oysterfest – the Oyster Shuck & Eat! Before we get underway we’ll have a demonstration from some of our fastest professional shuckers to show us how it’s done! An emerging local talent showcase will begin the evenings entertainment before Amber Joy Poulton returns to the stage with her band for a family concert. Once again the Oysterfest Fireworks Spectacular will light the skies over Murat Bay, but it doesn’t end there! We’ll be kicking on with a glow-themed after-party where a DJ will take us through a non-stop musical journey from the 80’s to today.

Event Review 2015

Plan Ahead for 2017

2017 Oysterfest will be celebrated from Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October, with the Labour Day public holiday being on Monday the 2nd October 2017.

Editorial: Ladies and Gentlemen, Pilots and aviators, girls and boys, Wow! The Ceduna Oyster fest, which is held on the foreshore at Ceduna has some of the best oysters ever, and in all sorts of flavours. Ceduna is a small community half way across Australia. And for a little place in the middle of nowhere, they do a grand job. So if your seeking adventure, flying or driving and tasting some lovely seafood on arrival. – Pencil this event into your calendars.