



SSAC NEWSLETTER



Pete and happy crew at the Oasis Hotel in Goolwa

FLY AWAY TO GOOLWA AND BEYOND

The weekend of March 8,9,10 saw a happy group of aviators led by Peter Guest head for Goolwa.

A flight across the Backstairs Passage to lunch at a winery on Kangaroo Island was also part of the adventure. By the looks on their faces, they didn't find the going too hard.

Peter admitted that he found coastal flying 'a bit different'.

Well I guess there's a bit more water to see down that way Pete.



Above: The Murray, Goolwa and Hindmarsh Island

Below: Approaching Antichamber Bay on Kangaroo Island.



Many thanks to Peter Guest for these great photos.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Here we are into April already. We have had a busy few weeks firstly with members heading to Goolwa for long week-end fly away then the following weekend the Piper Short Wing Flyers started to arrive on Friday evening and the remainder on Saturday morning in time to enjoy a BBQ lunch cooked by our members (with thanks to you all who helped). This was followed by a spot landing comp organised by Dale. I'm sure he will fill you in on the details and results elsewhere in the newsletter. They then enjoyed a trip on the Wentworth boat with dinner and entertainment Saturday evening. The next day on their way home they stopped off at Mungo Lodge for brunch. Our members who joined them on the boat and fly to Mungo have reported it was a great week-end. Unfortunately Lorraine and I had a family commitment in Shepparton and had to leave on the Saturday afternoon.

Some members made the trip to Temora at Easter with varying reports coming back.

We have purchased a counter top fridge to house sandwiches, drinks etc. The committee have also approved the purchase of a pie warmer and door strips to help with keeping the flies outside instead of in the clubrooms.

We were very pleased to have a flying visit from Leon Eames and family last Monday. For those who don't know Leon, he was one of our very active members from Lake Cullulleraine days through to the establishment of our club at Wentworth. Also Leon was our very first Life Member. It was great to catch up and relive the early days at Wentworth.

Our next meeting is next Sunday 14th of April 10 am start. See you all there.

Safe flying as always

John Powell
President SSAC

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VALE ROGER STOKES

It was with shock and sadness we received the news of the death of Roger Stokes in an aircraft accident at Parafield on Sunday 17 March.



Roger was known to many at Wentworth as the owner and builder of replica Spitfire VH-VSF and had visited Wentworth a number of times with this aircraft. He was of great assistance to John Waters and John Raven during the construction of John's Spitfire VH-JSW.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Roger's family and friends.

Roger Stokes together with John Raven and John Waters following the first flight of VH-JSW (22 Jan 2011)

Important Information
PERSONAL INFORMATION FORMS
Now Available

Our Club has decided to instigate a system which will allow those members who wish to do so, to record their personal information, and have it filed in the Club office.

The purpose of this is to allow quick access to this information in the event of an unforeseen medical or accident emergency occurring whilst you are attending a Club activity.

The form will be accessed and handed to the appropriate authority e.g. Ambulance Paramedic, Police, Search and Rescue etc., to ensure the best outcome for you in the event of an incident occurring.

The forms are now available in the club room.

It must be emphasized that participation in this scheme is purely voluntary

If you choose to participate in the program, please do the following:

- **Fill in all the information on the form provided (Please Print Clearly)**
- **Place the completed form in the printed envelope provided and seal the envelope**
- **Print your name clearly on the front of the envelope**
- **Place the envelope in the marked folder, which is in the top drawer of the large filing cabinet in the office.**

IMPORTANT: If at any time the information you have provided changes, simply fill in a new form, place it in the folder, and remove and destroy the old form.

PIPER SHORT WING FLY-IN



The weekend of March 15–17 saw our Club hosting a visit by the Piper Short Wing Flyers (mainly Colts, Pacers and Tri-Pacers) and by all accounts they will be more than happy to come back again.

On Saturday we provided them with a BBQ lunch and in the afternoon held a spot landing competition which was open to all comers. Many thanks to our cooks Peter Guest and Dave Sammut who did a sterling job on the BBQs and to Lorraine Powell and Philip Castle who provided salads and helped man the kitchen.

The spot landing competition was a new venture for some but is always good fun and good practice. The day was finally won by the visitors with John Sconsn in his Skyfox in first place and Kevin Nathan in his Piper Cherokee taking second. My thanks go to visiting pilot Mick Molloy for helping lay out the runway markings and to John Raven and Jeff Woodroffe for help with judging and getting the aircraft underway in order.

Saturday night saw a number of our members join the visitors aboard The Wentworth for a very pleasant dinner cruise complete with live entertainment by the Captain and crew. We provided a trophy for the winner of the spot landing competition.

Thanks go to many others of our Club who helped out during the weekend. A number of the visitors commented about what a great Club we have and they weren't just talking about our facilities.



Dave and Peter did a great job on the BBQs
Thanks to Brad Pike for these Photos



Winners are grinners. John Sconsn receives his trophy for the spot landing competition.

COMING EVENTS

Things usually start to go a bit quiet at this time of year but please remember our **Annual Fly-in** scheduled for **Saturday June 8**.

This is our biggest event of the year so please plan to be there and spread the word around. More details next month.

FREE BEER!

Not really, but now that I have your attention; This is a reminder to all members who have aircraft hangared in the Club's hangars at Wentworth, that quarterly hangarage payments are now due. So, if you haven't already done so, please make our treasurer's job a bit easier and arrange payment now.

Payments can be made by direct transfer to the Club's A/c at the Wentworth branch of the Bendigo Bank
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Please remember to include your name otherwise it's hard to know where the payment has come from.

Of course, payments by cheque are equally welcome.

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