



SSAC NEWSLETTER

AIRTOURERS ENJOY WENTWORTH



Our Club President John Powell together with Airtourer Association President Mike Fisher grin and bare it for the camera as photographers from the Sunraysia Daily do their stuff. The local paper gave good coverage to our event.



Approximately twenty five Airtourers covering nearly every model ever made converged on Wentworth for the weekend of 21 - 24 March for the AGM of the Airtourer Association. Thanks to Brad Pike and Mike Watson for the Airtourer photos in this issue. More page 3.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

I will start this report with a very big thank you to all those members who helped out with the Victa Airtourers weekend. This would be one of the best weekends I have seen at our club for a long time. There are too many helpers to name and I would surely miss someone out. We had a fine spread of cakes, slices and sandwiches for our guests for morning and afternoon teas and once again a very big thank you for your grand effort. It certainly makes the President's job a lot easier with a large number of helpers behind him.

Reports I received back from the Airtourers were overwhelming positive. The group was very well organised before the weekend. It was their A.G.M and they had a rep from CASA as a guest speaker talking on the importance of the maintenance of old metal frame aeroplanes. They also had a trip to Mungo for lunch on the Sunday with a number of our members joining them. Those who didn't go to Mungo enjoyed a trip on the Wentworth cruise boat for lunch.

For all you members who missed out helping there: do not despair! Our annual June Fly-in is coming up on the Queen's birthday weekend. We will be looking for lots of helpers that weekend as it is our major fund raiser for the year. We have a roster drawn up which I believe Brian has emailed out. It is based on last years' roster. If your name is on it please confirm that you are available again this year. If your name is not down please advise if you can help out on the vacant spots by phoning or emailing Brian or myself on 0428727152.

Owing to our May meeting falling on Mother's Day this year, we have changed the meeting date to the following Sunday the 18th May. This is a most important meeting as there is lots of planning for the fly-in to be done. Please come along if you are at all able.

Safe flying

John Powell
President SSAC

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Karen Luckraft realizes there is more to flying than just Jabirus as she samples the cockpit of a New Zealand built AESL T6, one of a number of different Airtourer variants that visited Wentworth recently.



The welcoming committee was kept busy on Friday afternoon with a constant stream of arrivals and below: The CASA presentation on Ageing Aircraft on Saturday morning was well received.





Another recent visitor to Wentworth was this beautiful Stinson Reliant owned by Kevin and Vicki Bailey from WA. That's Vicki 'walking' the prop thru, an essential part of the pre-flight on the big Lycoming R-680 radial. They were on their way home after being part of the Point Cook Centenary Airshow and also the recent Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia National Fly-in at Temora.

Below: Possibly at the other end of the scale of single engine flying machines is Tim Middleton's Xair. Tim has been making good use of the pleasant autumn flying weather lately with his new possession. (And he doesn't have to walk the prop thru every time he wants to start it - he just grabs it by the spinner and gives it a bit of a twist!)



COMING EVENTS

FLY AWAY TO GIPPSLAND: John Peel is organizing a Fly-away to his old stamping ground.

Dates are Friday May 2 'til Monday May 5 incl.

Proposed Itinerary: Day 1: Mildura - Swan Hill (morning tea) - Wangaratta (lunch BYO)

Then overfly Falls Creek and Mount Hotham for Benambra Underwing or pub stay. (You can land at Mt Hotham on the way for the experience if you like) Total approx 341 nm

Day 2: Benambra - Mallacoota (Lunch and bus tour) - Bairnsdale (Overnight) Approx 241nm

Day 3: Bairnsdale - Leongatha via 90 mile beach and Wilsons Prom Overnight Leongatha Pub. Approx 129nm

Day 4: Leongatha - Shepparton - Mildura. Approx 335 nm

Everyone is invited to join in

Looks like a great way to see a lot of interesting country. Contact John Peel for more info.

OUR OWN JUNE FLY-IN: SATURDAY JUNE 7. You should know all about this by now.

Help wanted. See President's Report in this issue.

PORT PIRIE INAUGURAL FLY-IN: 23-24 AUGUST. Port Pirie Flying Group supported by

Rotary, Lions, local RSL and Council. A number of activities planned for the week-end.

For more info phone Greg Fidge, President, Port Pirie Recreational Aircraft Fly-inn Committee Ph: 0418 891 149

WENTWORTH AERODROME LOCAL NEWS

Club member Scott Taylor and partner Tracy McSwain have purchased the block and hangar previously owned by Steve Alexander. They plan to expand Scott's fibre glass fabrication business with the view to operating full time in the future. Welcome to Wentworth Scott and Tracy.

SHORT FINAL**A PILOT'S VIEW OF HOW TO DISCIPLINE YOUR KIDS**

Most people today think it improper to discipline children, so I have tried other methods to control my kids when they have had one of 'those' moments.

Since I'm a pilot, one method that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behavior.

I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc.

Either way, my kids usually calm down and stop misbehaving after our flight together. I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results.

I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with my son, in case you would like to use the technique...

