



SSAC NEWSLETTER

RFDS MAKES GOOD USE OF WENTWORTH AERODROME



The mighty Beech KingAir VH-MWH from Broken Hill Royal Flying Doctor Base visited Wentworth twice on Friday 4th July on patient pickup and transfer duties. Evidently the crew only had nice things to say about the condition of the airstrip and the facilities offered by our clubrooms.

Thanks to Owen Bray for the photo above.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

It is that time of the year again when you can have a big say in your club at our AGM. You can put your hand up to be an office bearer or nominate someone else to take on a job. I will not be seeking re-election as I have been in the chair for the last two years. I would like to thank all the committee for the job they have done in helping with the smooth running of the club over the past year.

Our Vice President Brad, Secretary Brian, Treasurer Dougal, Editor Dale and catering manager Mick have all been a great help to me as President in making my job easier. Talk at the last meeting was to form a special events committee so have a think about this and consider who you may like to nominate to be part of this role.

A brief report on the activities over the last 12 months or so. Firstly we had a fund raising sausage sizzle at Bunnings which proved to be a great financial success. Members enjoyed a great day socially while cooking the sausages. We hosted a visit from the Short Wing Piper group, then the Victa Airtourer Association for a CASA seminar and lunch in March this year. Both groups expressing their gratitude of a great time they had in the area. And of course we held a successful fly-in in June. Last Christmas we changed the format and went on the "Wentworth" cruise boat for our Christmas dinner which was very much enjoyed by all who attended. One of the suggestions for this year is that we hold a "Back to Hangar One Party" as it will be 20 years in December since we opened that building and we'd invite all past and present members to come and celebrate.

Major works for the last twelve months included roofing the verandah on number one hangar and adding a store room which is a great area for storing our BBQs etc.

Please remember Our AGM will be held on August 10th at 10 am. A general meeting will follow and a BBQ lunch will round off the day. All very welcome.

Safe flying as always

John Powell President

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Members are reminded that our next meeting is our
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

And will be held in our Clubrooms

Sunday 10th August at 10am

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

As is normal process at an AGM, all positions on the committee will be declared vacant and all members are encouraged to nominate for a position.

This year several members of the committee have indicated that they are prepared to continue in their present roles.

However!

President John Powell has indicated that he is not available for re-election this year

AND NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED FOR ALL POSITIONS.

These are important roles essential to the Club's operation and activities.

SO! Put your thinking caps on, talk to other members and nominate someone you think would be an asset to Our Club.

Nominations should be received by our secretary **Brian Middleton** preferably before the AGM

A short general club meeting will follow the AGM and then a BBQ lunch will be provided.

All members very welcome.



Ross Woodward has been making good use of the sunny skies recently, in between the windy bits that is. Rumour has it that Ross and friends are currently in USA taking in the delights of Oshkosh amongst others. No doubt he will have some stories to tell on his return. Rumour also has it that Ross secretly longs for a Jabiru. There is just no understanding some people.

ON THE INTERNET

Some great video of recent airshows overseas:

Cameron Airshow 2014: <http://youtu.be/Bu535PZzysE>

Budapest Airshow 2014: You can just imagine CASA allowing something like this here!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0px9HFIVYjY&list=UU67qNIST48Hbbwq0xLn1j>

Oshkosh Airshow 2014: By the time you read this Oshkosh for this year will be over. Rumour has it that a couple of our members made the trip over this year. To get some idea of what they may have seen go to: <http://www.gizmag.com/osh-kosh-airshow-highlights/33209/> or just google 'Oshkosh 2014' and follow what comes up.

FROM THE "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" FILE

Evidently this is a true story. The day that a jet was organized to land at Wentworth.

True story, dated 5/8/14. From the horse's mouth.

About 2pm on that day, a young person who shall remain nameless, had to be transported by air to a centre back east. A flurry of communications ensued between interested organizations, it was decided that YWTO had the sufficient runway load carrying capacity and all was organized for the transfer, until it was disclosed that the arriving aircraft was a jet! The idea was then scuttled. Maybe we'll have a bitumen surfaced runway someday in the future when these types of aircraft can fly in. (Wouldn't the locals just love it.)



Thanks to Owen Bray for this story which he assures me is true. (Alright the B747 pic was taking things a bit far.) Frankly I can't see a problem with a jet landing at Wentworth. As long as it didn't want to take off again! However there are some small jets that will happily handle unmade runways, but that's another story. Ed.

SHORT FINAL

A man staggered into a hospital with concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat. Naturally, the Doctor asked him, 'What happened to YOU?'

'Well, I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our golf balls into a field of cattle. We went to look for them and while I was looking around I noticed one of the cows had something white in its rear end.' 'I walked over, lifted its tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it - stuck right in the middle of the cow's bum. Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife, 'Hey, this looks like yours!'

'I don't remember much after that'.