



SSAC NEWSLETTER

A Foggy Start;



The sunrise of Saturday 7th June seemed to hold the promise of a day of perfect flying weather (and therefore perfect fly-in weather) but it didn't last long. Just after 9am low clouds rolled in from the south blanketing Wentworth and Mildura in fog with visibility at times down to less than 500 metres.

While we pondered our options should the clouds not lift, aircraft inbound to Wentworth were on the ground at Balranald, Loxton, Renmark and Mildura while Rex, Qantas-Link and Virgin could be heard on the airwaves holding over Mildura - all hoping for the same thing!

But The Sun Finally Shone Through



But all was not lost. Around midday the blue holes started to show themselves and soon after the weather we had ordered well in advance made an appearance. The good news soon got out and our visitors were on their way inbound once more. In all we had twenty six visiting aircraft with a fair percentage staying to enjoy our evening meal. More pics page 3

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Well here we are after another successful fly-in. After a slow start due to the fog rolling in, it lifted by midday to become a sunny afternoon. Due to the few faithful members who always put in 110%, our visitors were warmly welcomed, well fed and generally had their every request attended to. Our reputation for putting on good food and an enjoyable time continues. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to this band of members because without you we would never be able to keep up the high standard of hospitality we are so well known for at Wentworth. The dinner was well attended but mainly by visitors – not so many of our own members showed up.

BUT (always a but): On looking at our membership numbers, it makes the attendance of our own members look very poor, especially since this is our main fund raising event for the year. The members who have been shouldering the workload over the past 18 years or more are wanting you to ask yourselves : do you want to continue to host this fly-in. This will be a topic at the next meeting. So come along with good reasons why this small band of members need to keep working their butts off so you can continue enjoying the good facilities the fly-in helps to maintain!

We were all saddened to hear of Peter Guest's unfortunate accident and we all hope you have a speedy recovery Peter.

Another Club member not doing too well at the moment is John Peel. John has been to Melbourne for surgery and is now back home recuperating. The not so good news is that John needs to travel to Melbourne again for more treatment. I'm sure all members join with me in wishing John a full recovery.

Club member Kevin Limon and his wife Connie have left Wentworth to live in Barham to be closer to family and friends. Although Kevin has not flown for several years, he and Connie were always ready to help at club functions and fly-ins and both will be missed. All the best for the future to them both.

Hope to see you all here at the next general meeting on July 13th, 10 am.

Also a reminder that our AGM will be held at the August meeting on Sunday the 10th

Safe flying as always

John Powell President

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MORE OF OUR FLY-IN



About seven aircraft beat the weather hassles and arrived on Friday afternoon and by Saturday afternoon, after the grey skies cleared, we had a good variety of aircraft on the field.

A big thank you to all our visitors who made the effort to attend.





While leaden skies and not much flying activity (above) was the order of the day for the Saturday morning of our fly-in, who could've guessed what the coming night would bring!

The SOBS (Silly Old Buggers) flying group (their wording not mine. Ed.) headed by John Harding, a regular visitor to our fly-ins, certainly contained some real characters.

Two of the girls, evidently New Zealanders, gave us a rousing rendition of the Maori Haka war dance to the delight and enjoyment of everyone present at our fly-in dinner.

This in turn started a session of joke telling by some of their members and then ours that inevitably slowly deteriorated in quality, but not before everyone present had a good laugh.

John Harding, from Murray Bridge, and his group are to be thanked for including Wentworth on their recent travels. They had seen much of the north NSW coast before returning via the Victor One airway past Sydney Heads and across NSW on their way home.

Thanks again John and your SOBS group and we hope you will visit us again.



Photos this page thanks to Brad Pike

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to new member Tracey McSwain of Merbein. Tracey is learning to fly with Cliff and is evidently loving every minute of it. She was introduced to flying by her partner club member Scott Taylor.

NEXT MEETING(S)

Our next general Club meeting will be held on
Sunday 13th July at 10am
All Welcome

ALSO

The AGM of the Sunraysia Sport Aircraft Club
will be held on Sunday 10th August 2014 at 10am in the clubrooms
and will be followed by a monthly general meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE**AUSFLY NARROMINE SEPT 11 - 14 2014
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

The AUSFLY Committee recently issued the following press release

Tuesday, 17 June 2014

Re: Ausfly 2014

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has become necessary for the Ausfly 2014 event scheduled for September 2014 to be cancelled.

All exhibitors & persons with prepaid tickets to the event should apply to the Ausfly office for a refund. On behalf of the event organisers I offer an apology to all exhibitors that have supported us for this and past Ausfly events. Ausfly will be returning in 2015 – we hope that you will support us for that event.

The SAAA Annual General Meeting will still be held on this weekend. For those that are flying in for this, there will be a BBQ on the Saturday evening.

THE AVIATION SAFETY REGULATION REVIEW

The Dept of Infrastructure and Regional Development have recently released its recommendations following its review into the way CASA operates. Amongst its many findings are at least two that are of direct interest to many of our members. They read as follows:

#35. The Civil Aviation Safety Authority devolve to Designated Aviation Medical Examiners the ability to renew aviation medical certificates (for Classes 1, 2, and 3) where the applicant meets the required standard at the time of the medical examination.

#36. The Australian Government amends regulations so that background checks and the requirement to hold an Aviation Security Identification Card are only required for unescorted access to Security Restricted Areas, not for general airside access. This approach would align with international practice.

Number 36 above of course refers to the ASIC card, the need for which is a total pain to anyone wishing to see Australia by light aircraft.

By the time you read this the call for public comment on the findings of the review, 37 in all, will have closed. I understand a number of local aviators did respond. I guess the best we can now hope for is that CASA takes heed and implements the recommendations, although I don't know if they are under any obligation to do so.

If you wish to read the full review go to;

https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/aviation/asrr/files/ASRR_Executive_Summary.pdf

Thanks to Owen Bray for bringing the review to our attention

RECENT TRAVELS Owen Bray and Ned and "Boots" Jabiru 8267

We departed Wentworth Sat 17 May, via Broken Hill to Tibooburra, Tibooburra was packed with postie bikes on a tour. Sunday 18th; easiest nav ever to Cameron's Corner. Fly north to the dog fence, turn left and follow the fence & where the fence stops, that is the corner. There were quite a few at "The Corner" with campers, caravans, 4WD's, 40+ Postie bikes and 6 aircraft, (5 arriving from Tara QLD). Monday return flight over Mt Poole, Sturts Cairn to the SA/NSW dog fence, Hawkers gate, Smithfield gate, Umberumberka water reservoir, Silverton, Broken Hill and return to Wentworth.

Far R: Owen had to leave his Jabiru in another State to get to 'The Corner'
And R: Owen's Jabiru stops 40 postie "bikies" for "roadworthies"

Many thanks to Owen for his story and pics



ON THE INTERNET

The Red Bull Toy Box. If you would like to find out what selling lots of sugary caffeinated lolly water can buy you, have a look at:

<http://www.wired.com/2011/01/peek-inside-red-bulls-toybox/#slideid-118291>

Quite unbelievable.

Mount St Helens. This year marks the 34th anniversary of the Mt St Helens eruption. To see some amazing aerial photos taken at the time, have a look at:

<http://www.oregonlive.com/mount-st-helens/>

SHORT FINAL

Some more of those flight attendant announcements:

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one small child pick your favorite."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and keep them with our compliments."

AND FINALLY

Not exactly aviation related but since we've had a number of our members in hospital recently I thought a bit of medical humour won't go astray.

Actual Quotes From Patient's Charts ...

- She has no rigors or shaking chills, but her husband states she is very hot in bed at night.
- Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side, for over a year.
- On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
- The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears depressed.
- The patient has been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
- Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
- Healthy appearing decrepit 69-year-old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
- The patient refused autopsy.
- Patient's medical history has been insignificant with only a 40-pound weight gain in the past three days.
- Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
- She is numb from her toes down.
- While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
- The skin was moist and dry.
- Occasional constant infrequent headaches.
- Patient was alert and unresponsive.
- Rectal examination revealed a normal-size thyroid.
- She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
- I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.
- Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circumcised.
- The lab test indicated abnormal liver function.
- Patient was to have bowel resection, but took a job as stockbroker instead.
- Skin: somewhat pale but present.
- The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
- Patient has two teenage children but no other abnormalities.

Hopefully not all concerning the same patient. With thanks to many sources Ed.