



Merry Christmas

to all our members and families from

Orange Aero Club

and

Orange Flight Training





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CHANGE OF FORMAT FOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

THE CHANGE OF FORMAT AND LOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND PRESENTATION NIGHT PROVED TO BE A POPULAR CHOICE.

For the past three years, this event has taken the form of a hangar party, but the decision was made this year to give ourselves a break from cooking and cleaning up, and “eat out” for a change.

One of the suggested venues was “The Agrarian” on Molong Rd, formerly “Totally Local”. It was checked out by a group of the Aero Club ladies, and deemed suitable.

Forty-eight members and friends attended, and the hosts did a magnificent job in accommodating and feeding us.

It was great to see a lot of new faces as well as the regulars, and hopefully those non-members present will consider becoming members.

We were also honoured by the presence of our Club Patron, Max Hazelton and Laurel Hazelton, as well as others of the Hazelton clan.



A couple of the “Flightless Birds” as Aero Club ladies used to be known, very kindly arranged for Ken to be presented with a pair of braces, to stop his pants falling down at Club BBQs and other functions.

Furthermore, they (Kerri and Jan), assisted by Ronnie Hazelton, generously installed the braces, thereby giving everyone the opportunity to “snap the elastic” for the rest of the night!



Orange Flight Training had a presence on the night, with three of our four instructors present, Gus Tobin being in China cycle racing.

There were seven Pilot Award to be presented, but unfortunately the recipients were all scattered around the globe or attending other functions.

The Pilot of the Year for 2013 was announced, and the winner, Simon Coleman, was present to collect his trophy and accolades from the other guests. Runner up in the competition was Allan Brown, closely followed by Braden Riles in third place.

Simon is shown below, collecting his award and the Perpetual Trophy from CFI Ken Pidcock, complete with party hat!



NEW TERMINAL AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TERMINAL BUILDING AT ORANGE AIRPORT IS REPORTEDLY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE



At a recent meeting of the Airport Community Committee it was revealed that the contractors expect to have the building completed by August 2014.

If so, the Council could have it ready for Occupation around the end of October, and the Aero Club would be able to move into the Max Hazelton Aero Centre by the end of the year.

This is all a bit subjective, and there will be some modifications and likely re-furbishing in some areas after it

ceases to be used as a temporary terminal, before the club re-gains possession.

Meanwhile, there continues to be a need for on-going care and attention by club members, even though the bulk of the maintenance is carried out by the council.

The club will shortly be setting up a sub committee whose primary task will be to ensure the ongoing maintenance is carried out, and to look at ways of generating sufficient income to cover the operating costs over the years ahead.

WARBIRDS OVER TEMORA

This second biennial event was bigger and better than the inaugural show in 2011, and apparently attended by around 12,000 people on the day.

A number of club people attended, and Allan Brown was the man responsible for ensuring everyone on site heard every word of the commentary, by providing the sound system and dozens of strategically placed speakers.

Allan also provided the sound & lighting for the dinner held at the Services Club in Temora.

Here's a couple of photos of some of the hardware involved in the show!



EMERGENCY EXERCISE

Sunday 1st December saw the biennial Emergency Exercise involving all the local Emergency Services - Police, Fire & Rescue NSW, RFS, Ambos and others, as well as the Orange City Council as the airport authority and Local Emergency Management authority.

Orange Aero Club was again invited to cater for the exercise, which involved cooking and feeding about 80 participants at the RFS facility at Nashdale..

Half a dozen willing helpers cooked hamburgers and sausages and provided salads and rolls - all much appreciated by the participants.

This type of fundraising activity is a valuable source of income for the club, and on this occasion the profit should be in the order of \$500 to \$600 after expenses.

The club has earned a good reputation for catering for RFS events, especially during active bushfire periods, and would encourage more members to volunteer for future occasions by contacting the secretary David Powell and nominating. It would of course be subject to availability on the day.

In order to raise our credibility, the club is arranging to conduct a Safe Food Handling Course in the near future - probably sometime in February. With several members 'qualified' we will be able to ensure that food preparation and dispensing will meet expected standards.

SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING ON THE 'NET RECENTLY, I CAME ACROSS THIS DOCUMENT.

It's (allegedly) a copy of the Customs Declaration signed by Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins before their flight to the moon on 24 July 1969.

GENERAL DECLARATION (Outward/Inward)			
AGRICULTURE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, AND PUBLIC HEALTH			
Owner or Operator NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION			
Marks of Nationality and Registration U.S.A.	Flight No. APOLLO 11	Date JULY 24, 1969	
Departure from MOON (Place and Country)	Arrival at HONOLULU, HAWAII, U.S.A. (Place and Country)		
FLIGHT ROUTING (*Place* Column always to list origin, every en-route stop and destination)			
PLACE	TOTAL NUMBER OF CREW	NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON THIS STAGE	CARGO
CAPE KENNEDY	COMMANDER NEIL A. ARMSTRONG		
MOON	<i>Neil A. Armstrong</i>	Departure Place:	MOON ROCK AND MOON DUST SAMPLES Cargo Manifest Attached
JULY 24, 1969	COLONEL EDWIN E. ALDRIN, JR.	Embarking NTL	
HONOLULU	<i>Edwin E. Aldrin Jr.</i>	Through on same flight NTL	
	<i>Michael Collins</i>	Arrival Place:	
	LT. COLONEL MICHAEL COLLINS	Disembarking NTL	
		Through on same flight NTL	
Declaration of Health Persons on board known to be suffering from illness other than airsickness or the effects of accidents, as well as those cases of illness disembarked during the flight: NONE		For official use only	
Any other condition on board which may lead to the spread of disease: TO BE DETERMINED		HONOLULU AIRPORT Honolulu, Hawaii ENTERED <i>Ernest S. Murray</i> Customs Inspector	
Details of each disinfecting or sanitary treatment (place, date, time, method) during the flight. If no disinfecting has been carried out during the flight give details of most recent disinfecting:			
Signed, if required Crew Member Concerned			
I declare that all statements and particulars contained in this General Declaration, and in any supplementary forms required to be presented with this General Declaration are complete, exact and true to the best of my knowledge and that all through passengers will continue/have continued on the flight.			



PART 61 TRANSITION DEFERRED

All those pilots looking to switch to the new CASA-issued RPL (Recreational Pilot Licence) will be disappointed.

Late news is that the much heralded transition to Parts 61, 64, 141 and 142 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulation - 1998 have been deferred till 1 September 2014.

CASA blames the industry, and the industry points the finger at CASA, citing inconsistencies, conflicts and poorly managed introduction.

Anyway, the changes have been coming for the last 15 years, so what's another 9 months?



GO PURPLE WITH OAC

Orange Aero Club has again nominated to field a team in this popular and vital community event. It runs overnight on the weekend of 8th & 9th March at Waratahs Sports Ground North Orange (behind Woolworths).

Once again, we'll aim to have someone on the track all night, so the more people involved, the easier it'll be for everyone.

Go to the website http://relay.cancercouncil.com.au/2014/orange__district_2014/, find Orange Aero Club in the list of teams, and click on the "JOIN" link.

DRAFT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

Date TBA - Fly/Drive/Ride to a relatively close destination for lunch.

FEBRUARY

4th - OAC Committee Meeting at Parkview Hotel Orange, 6.30 for 7pm - all members welcome. Optional stay for dinner after.

9th - Social Flying and BBQ and Round 1 of the 2014 Pilot of the Year. Drawing of the MHAC raffle.

Date TBA - Fly away to Nowra if sufficient interest. May be able to fly into Military Base.

MARCH

4th - OAC Committee Meeting at Parkview Hotel Orange, 6.30 for 7pm - all members welcome. Optional stay for dinner after.

8th & 9th - Relay for Life Waratah Sports Ground. See article above.

16th - Rotary Clubs of Orange 'Experience Orange' Expo at PCYC Stadium Anzac Park. OAC and OFT sharing a site - will need some help to 'spread the word'.



Laurie Chapman has asked that members be advised that he has produced a book on the history of the IFFR - International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians. If anyone would like a copy he can be contacted on 0427 155 554 or laurie@ix.net.au

Also, former club member Virginia Wykes has for sale her 1964 Cessna 150, asking around \$20K. If interested, further information can be had from Laurie - contacts as above.



ORANGE FLIGHT TRAINING NEWS AND EVENTS

SINCE THE LAST NEWS, WE'VE HAD SEVERAL NEW STUDENTS COMMENCE TRAINING, AND WE WELCOME THEM ALL.

They are, in no particular order, **Craig Anderson, Josh Fitzgerald, Ken Hazelton, Luke Patrick, David Dent, Shane Dollery, Bill Bertram and Peter Roughley.**

Congratulations to **Roland Grueneis** for completing his basic Pilot Certificate just late November, and to **Richard Campbell** and **Angus McIntosh** for their first solo flights in a J160 a few weeks ago.

Julian Barson has all but completed his PC, but finishing off became a little more difficult since he's finished his time in Orange (as a med student) and returned to Sydney.



Last month we made mention of Instructor **Bryan Clements** participating in the Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride, to raise funds for MS.

Bryan is pleased to report that he finished the ride, in a personal best time, no less, and helped his team to raise nearly \$13,000 towards the almost \$4.5M from the 2013 event.

A fantastic effort - but where's the promised lycra photo?

And while we're on cycling, Instructor **Gus Tobin** is currently racing in Qatar and then to a training camp in Thailand. Prior to Qatar, he was racing in China, where he gained First Place in one of the stages - his first podium finish in an International event.

He'll be on tour for a month, flying on two wheels rather than wings. Good luck Gus!



DURING PILOT TRAINING, THE INSTRUCTOR IS ALWAYS NAGGING ABOUT KEEPING A GOOD LOOKOUT!

A recent "Near Miss" involving one of our Jabirus and a twin Commanche serves to reinforce the need for a good lookout. Had the Jab crew not been alert, the outcome could have been very different.

This particular incident also caused an inbound Rex flight to divert as a precaution.

A pretty good philosophy is to be looking out for traffic whenever there's a spare moment during flight, and to visually sight any aircraft you hear on radio if at all possible.



PILOT OF THE YEAR 2013

As mentioned previously in this newsletter, Simon Coleman was the eventual winner of the 2013 comp. The result came down to the last round, with the other main contenders, Allan Brown and Braden Riles taking out second and third places respectively.

Both the Aero Club and OFT would like to congratulate everyone who took part in the comp on an ongoing basis, and would encourage everyone eligible to compete in the 2014 comp, starting on February 9th.

'Eligible' means any qualified pilot, or student who has reached solo standard, as most rounds are flown with an instructor.

The General Aviation division has lapsed in the last two years, for various reasons, but it is hoped it will run again next year. The best way of ensuring this is to individually let Troy Thomas know you want to be a part of it, and to lock the dates in your calendar.

See page three for a draft of the OAC calendar for 2014.