



## AUGUST 2012

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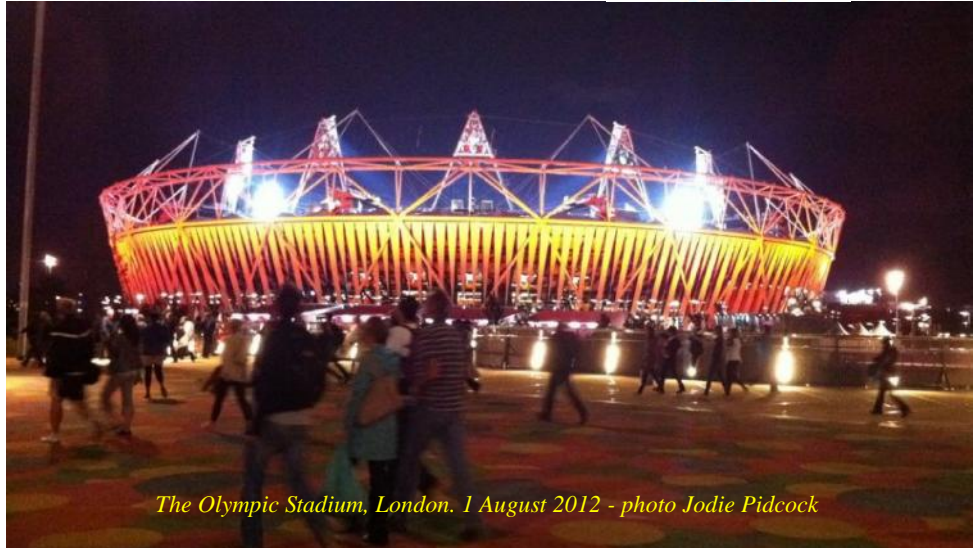


*The Olympic "Tower", London. 1 August 2012 - photo Jodie Pidcock*



### BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER?

Not sure what its called, but the London Olympic Tower above has generated lots of controversy since construction started. Some say its a testament to the East London garbage tip previously occupying the site... What do you think?



*The Olympic Stadium, London. 1 August 2012 - photo Jodie Pidcock*

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

WERE YOU AMONG THE MILLIONS OF AUSTRALIANS WHO GOT UP EARLY TO WATCH THE OPENING CEREMONY ON TV, AND ARE YOU STILL BURNING THE MIDNIGHT OIL CHEERING ON THE ATHLETES?

At the time of writing (Sat night), Australia has 17 medals - a team gold, ten silvers and six bronze, and is in overall 19th place.

Already, when a team or individual doesn't live up to the very high, even unrealistic, expectations of the media-fed public, that same media gives them a pretty hard time.

I think we all need to step back a little, and realise the tremendous success achieved by these sportsmen & women in reaching the level to allow them to compete.

Us "armchair athletes" need to ap-

preciate the years of dedication and training the majority of Olympic Athletes have put in to reach their present level.

Not only the athletes, but the virtual army of support people along the way - parents, siblings, coaches, teachers etc, these are all part of any individual's success story.

And of course, the same philosophy applies not just to the Olympics, but in any field of human endeavour.

Lets enjoy the games, but lets also not be too critical when a performance isn't quite perfect.

### ***MHAC - The Max Hazelton Aero Centre***

*There's some pretty exciting developments being worked through as we publish this news edition. The Aero Club committee is confident the project will start growing out of the ground in the near future.*

*A big vote of thanks to Pres Phil Robertson, & especially VP John Pullen, for all the behind-the-scenes work that's been their constant companion.*

# MIXED RESPONSE TO NAVCOMP

## THE FOURTH ROUND OF THE PILOT OF THE YEAR DIDN'T ATTRACT MANY STARTERS ON THE DAY, BUT THOSE WHO DID RECKONED IT WAS A GOOD FUN EVENT.

Perhaps the biggest change to the format was the ability to take a friend along as an observer, rather than an instructor, for those who hold the necessary qualification. Others had to take an instructor. The instructor didn't know the route or the questions to be asked.

Scoring principally looked at the piloting skills of following the set course by visual reference to landmarks, and setting and maintaining the nominated altitudes. A maximum of 200 points out of a possible 260.

The remaining maximum of 60 points was earned by the observer answering the questions along the way and trying to identify the photograph.

All this is possible by the use of a GPS based tracking device known as TrackStick, which records the aircraft's position and time every few seconds. The resulting information can be displayed on Google Earth, where it's a simple task to compare the aircraft's track to the planned track (above). Google Earth also allows measurements between any pair of points.

All this is reduced to a point score based on the aircraft's position and altitude at each turning point and at a nominated point along each leg.



First place this round went to Mark Holle, with Murray Evans second and Phil Robertson in third place. Congrats to everyone who took part, but especially to Mark and his mother as observer. Mark is a relatively new pilot, and it was his first time in a comp round. Mum was on her first flight in a lightie!

What a team! For this effort, Mark wins the cost of his flight.

We'll have a similar event for the final round.



## AERO CLUB CALENDAR

### AUGUST

7th - O.A.C. Committee Meeting - Parkview Hotel, Orange - 6.30pm for 7pm - members welcome.

10th - Club BBQ (gold coin donation) at Orange Flight Training - from 5pm - take the opportunity for an late afternoon flight, join those present for a social gathering around the BBQ - BYOG. **BBQ DUTY ROSTER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS: PHIL ROBERTSON, MIKE SECOCOMBE.**

16th - 19th - Catering for RFS training exercises at Orange Airport and RFS Fire Control Centre, Orange.

26th - O.A.C. A.G.M. - Railway Hotel, Spring Hill - from 11.30am - meeting followed by lunch - members welcome - information will be circulated prior.

### SEPTEMBER

4th - O.A.C. Committee Meeting - Parkview Hotel, Orange - 6.30pm for 7pm - members welcome.

9th - Pilot of the Year Competition - facilitated by Orange Flight Training (RA) and Thomas Aviation (GA) - qualified and student members encouraged to participate - information flyer circulated prior - timings subject to season and weather - Club BBQ (gold coin donation) for those involved in the competition and those that wish to socialise - BYOG - available subject to numbers and weather. **BBQ DUTY ROSTER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS: JOHN OMRD, DAVID POWELL.**

13th - 15th - AUSFLY, at Narromine Airport, inaugural event to celebrate and unify all aviation organisations.



*Narromine Airport 13-16th September*

*Visit the website <http://www.ausfly.com.au/>*

*Haven't renewed your Aeroclub Membership yet?*

*Please take a moment to do so now, so you'll be financial before the AGM on 26th August.*



## NEVER TELL YOUR SECRETS WHEN THE NEWS EDITOR'S AROUND

Allan Brown made that mistake the day after his aerobatics in the Skybolt with Daniel Thomas driving.

Just after refusing a coffee, and looking decidedly second-hand, Brownie confessed to painting the interior of the biplane with the content of his stomach the previous day.

Of course, we were all very sympathetic.. but not sufficiently so to prevent telling the Orange flying community all about it! Apparently all was well up to a point - then the next second it was all over - literally!

A bit earlier in the day, Dan's father Ian was heard to say "If anyone can make 'em sick, Daniel can!"

Cheer up Brownie! I'm not even game to have a go!



## ORANGE FLIGHT TRAINING STUDENT NEWS

The latest Student Pilot to graduate to Pilot status is **Luke Eberle**. Congratulations Luke!

Luke is a boarder at Kinross School, and flies during term time. He started training in March this year and completed his check flight just this week.

Luke hails from Stockinbingal near Cootamundra, and the Coota Herald published this pic of Luke as the Tin Man in the school's recent production of the Wizard of Oz.



Congratulations also to Dubbo man **Adam Wiseman**, who completed his Pilot Certificate in the Jab 230 a couple of weeks ago.

He's the first person to do the majority of his training and graduate in the 230.

Unfortunately, no pic of Adam, due solely to Ken not remembering to take one when he's here for a flight

**Kate Porges** graduated last year, but just recently commenced her Cross Country Endorsement.

This may be a little premature, but I confidently expect Kate to gain her endorsement on Monday 6th August.



This will allow her to fly around the countryside pretty much unrestricted.

Kate is a doctor at Gosford Hospital, so she's done all her training in intensive blocks. And if the name sounds familiar, yes, she's Jann & Stuart Porges' daughter.

Congratulations also to **Jack Yeomans** and **Zac Grindrod-Burge**, who've both recently gained their Passenger Carrying Endorsement.

Like Luke, both are boarders at KWS. Home for Jack is Walgett, and Zac comes from Warren. Both have flying grandfathers, so I guess aviation is in their blood!

## ORANGE AERO CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will once again be held at the Spring Hill Hotel, and will follow the same format as the last couple of years.

Ownership of the hotel has changed since last year, and further improvements made.

The club secretary will publish the official "proclamation" required by law shortly, but rumour has it that a roast dinner is on the menu for lunch.

The meeting itself is a pretty painless affair, but as well as election of office bearers for the next 12 months, it's members' opportunity to ask questions and find out what's happened and what's in the pipeline.

The date is Sunday 26th August for lunch, and details will be out shortly.

Prior to that, the club is catering for an RFS training course which will be partly at the airport and partly at their training facility on Forest Rd. More about this from the secretary.

**WELCOME TO THE NEW LADY IN PRESIDENT PHIL'S LIFE.**

*Liz has made the move to Orange from Tasmania, and of course can't help but be involved in the Aero Club. Liz & Phil have known each other for a looong time - old flames re-kindled?*

**WELCOME TO NEW STUDENT PILOT GANESH KAMALAHARAN.**

*Ganesh is a Uni Student here in Orange, and comes from Wallerawang, near Lithgow. He started in Mid June and has completed 3.5 hours training so far. Photo next month maybe!*