

LUCKY WEATHER BREAK FOR FLY-IN

IT'S PRETTY MUCH AN ACCEPTED FACT, THAT RECREATIONAL PILOTS WILL HAVE A LOOK AT THE WEATHER ON THE DAY, NOT JUST THE FORECAST, BEFORE THEY MAKE THE DECISION TO TAKE TO THE AIR FOR A FLY-IN.

Saturday 21 April was no exception. Until the day dawned, David had expected a "handfull" of participants, but the great flying conditions, coupled with the weatherman's promise of it staying that way, bolstered the numbers. By about 1130, we had two aircraft from Cowra, two from Coonabarabran, three and a ute from Bathurst, and an apology from some coastal flyers who weren't having the same conditions!

Together with a smattering of Orange Aero Club and Orange Flight training, we provided lunch for about 30 people, in-



Some of the 'Theorists' taking a lunch break. And Daniel!



cluding Thomas Aviation's theory class taking a welcome break from Martin Wookey and the book-bashing.

Aircraft flying in for the day included a Eurofox and a Jab 160 from Coona, a Decathlon, Gazelle and Streak Shadow from Bathurst and the brand new high wing Brumby from Cowra, ready to go to work as Cowra Aero Club's training aircraft.

Also from Cowra, the old faithful C210 of Ray and Doug Heilman, aptly registered VH-RAT.

Of course, there was a lot of hangar talk - mainly bull I suspect - and Brian Harvey and Brian Ryan had a great time comparing the

scars of their heart surgery. I caught them flashing their chests to OAC member Leonie Mazumdar, but she didn't reciprocate!



The new Brumby High Wing training aircraft

All things considered, the day was a success, and there will hopefully be more similar inter-club visits in the future, in both directions.

Pilot of the Year - 2012

The first two rounds of the 2012 Pilot of the Year have now been completed, the Recreation Division being contested by eight pilots. The results won't be released till the end of the competition, but the standard has generally been pretty good.

Of course, everyone's a winner by being able to brush up or practice some of those skills that we should all practice regularly, but often don't. Doing so with an instructor present adds to the benefit.

The next round on 10 June, for Recreational Pilots at least, will include an instrument segment. Prepare by making sure you're familiar with the EFIS, and maybe booking an instrument training flight with an instructor. A power point presentation on the Dynon D10A is freely available for those who would like it.





NATFLY - THE RAAus NATIONAL FLY IN AT TEMORA - HAS WOUND UP FOR ANOTHER YEAR, AND ORGANISERS WERE HAPPY WITH THE RESULT

This was the third year at Temora, and the final year under the current contract with Temora Shire Council, but the decision has been made to hold the event at that location for the next three years.

Principal organiser, Carol Richards, has finished her 'tour of duty' on a high note, and future events will be co-ordinated by someone else. A big 'Bravo-o-o' to Carol for a tremendous effort over many years.



A Foxbat on floats! Henry, you'll have to put in a dam!

The main days of the Fly-in were Friday and Saturday over Easter, and there was a full program of workshops and seminars, presentations by manufacturers and distributors and off site attractions. The program was advertised and listed in advance on the special Natfly website, so attendees could plan their whole weekend in advance from home.



Some pretty flash Gyros were on display

Many aircraft were on display, not only from manufacturers and distributors, but also privately owned aircraft competing for various categories of award.

CASA was there in force, 'welcoming'

many of the pilots who flew in on Thursday by randomly conducting 'Ramp Checks' to make sure pilots and their aircraft met all the requirements for conducting cross country flights. It was purely educational, they said, but one wonders if there aren't better ways to educate! (I was one who got checked and had everything in place, so I don't know what may have happened to those who didn't meet regulations.)



Looks like some sort of pretty mean shark!

One very popular product on display was the iPad/iPhone App OzRunways - an EFB application for flight planning and conducting a flight.

I've been using this product since its early days, and am really impressed with it. Integrated with their NAIPS App, its a breeze to access all the information necessary, plan the flight, submit a flight plan or SARtime into the AirServices system and go fly. Judging by the numbers at their presentations, the product has been a 'runway' success (S'cuse the pun!)

The 'Official' Dinner held on Saturday night at the Temora Ex-Services Club

was a sell out, and although the ceremony part tended to present a bit 'formal', the food was good and plentiful. A top line speaker to enthuse and entertain would have been a bonus.

CASA's General Aviation Task Force manager, Peter John, led a seminar where he spelled out some of the proposals for the future of GA. Such ground-



Official Dinner at the Ex-Services Club. (Just can't get used to a camera with the lens on the end!)

breaking changes as a CASA issued Recreational Licence to pilot singles up to 1500 kg, a driver's licence medical standard, instructor ratings for experienced PPL holders and many other issues are all being investigated with a view to decisions being taken by the end of this year.

However, all these proposals will come with strings attached, so we shouldn't assume too much. As always, the devil's in the detail! More information is contained in an article in the April/May issue of 'Australian Pilot'

COMING EVENTS

MAY

1st - OAC Committee Meeting (conducted 1st Tuesday of each month) - Parkview Hotel, Orange - 6.30pm for 7pm - members welcome.

6th - Cowra Aero Club's fly-around will visit Orange for Afternoon Tea. See secretary's email.

11th - Club BBQ (gold coin donation) at Orange Flight Training - from 5pm - take the opportunity for a late afternoon flight, join those present for a social gathering around the BBQ - BYOG.

BBQ DUTY ROSTER, COMMITTEE MEMBERS: JOHN MCKENZIE, MIKE SECCOMBE.

B-B-BENNY AND HIS JET

(with apologies to Elton John)



OAC member and neighbour in Taxiway Charlie - Ben Wheeler, recently took delivery of his new toy - an immaculate Cirrus SR22, shown here still sporting its US registration.

Its a far cry from his previous steed, a Piper Archer (which was pretty nice too), and even further from the weight shift Trike, still tucked in the back corner of the hangar.

Ben, its great to see you've got with the strength and got yourself a plastic aeroplane with a glass cockpit - a bit like those Jabirus opposite!



LOST IN TRANSLATION

Athens hotel - Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11am daily.

Leipzig elevator - Do not enter the lift backwards, and only when lit up.

Tokyo hotel - It is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not a person to do such a thing is please not read this notice.

Bangkok dry cleaners - Drop your trousers here for best results.

Sarajevo hotel - The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid.

Hong Kong tailor shop - Ladies may have a fit upstairs.

Moscow hotel - You are welcome to visit the cemetery where famous Russian and Soviet composers, artists and writers are buried daily except Thursday.

Swiss menu - Our wines leave you nothing to hope for.

Hong Kong advertisement - Teeth extracted by the latest methodists.

Copenhagen airline - We take your bags and send them in all directions.

Acapulco hotel - The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

ORANGE FLIGHT TRAINING PILOTS

Some of the more recent graduates and students. More over the next few editions of the newsletter.



Jack Yeomans is a Year 12 student at Kinross-Wolaroi. Jack is a boarder at school, living in Walgett, and is the grandson of Peter Hazelton. Jack commenced training in February 2010 and completed his basic PC in November last year. He's just about completed his Pax Endorsement. Jack's involvement inspired his dad to start learning at Walgett!

Sorry - no photo available

Rob Morgan commenced training after Xmas last year, and in 3 months has completed his Pilot Certificate and Passenger endorsement. A native of USA (Las Vegas),

and a high voltage lineman by trade, he's been working for the contractor duplicating the slurry concentrate pipeline from Cadia to Blayney. Currently, Rob is holidaying home in Vegas, but due back soon. He's wondering where his next job will be!



Andrew Long started training with OFT late March, after starting a six month contract at Newcrest. The job's now wound up, so Andrew's re-located to WA. During

his month with us, Andrew completed 19 hours training and unfortunately didn't quite make it to solo standard. Hopefully, he'll be able to continue in WA.

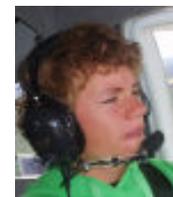


Mark Skidmore received one of those very expensive Xmas presents from his wife - a TIF! He's now well on his way towards his Pilot Certificate, but since daylight saving ended,

he's had to miss the Wednesday lesson as he travels back from his job in Wellington.

Next issue we'll profile Adam Wiseman, Nichole Puxty, Tom Harbison, Zac Grindrod, Vaughn Higgins, Luke Eberle and Angus McIntosh.

Apologies to Angus - we called him Andrew last edition!



Braden Riles is a Year 11 student at Orange High who commenced training at age 14 in July 2010. Brade had to pace his training because he couldn't solo till age 15.

He completed his PC last December and has now completed his Pax Endorsement. Dad Stuart was his first passenger!



Roland Grueneis hails from Austria and is employed as a miller with Manildra Mills. He commenced training in November last year and is steadily progressing towards his first solo

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Mark Holle is the latest student to complete his Pilot Certificate. Mark, who is an Engineer with Electrolux, commenced training in July last year, and is currently working towards

his Passenger Endorsement.

