



SEPTEMBER 2012

*A joint publication of the Orange Aero Club and Orange Flight Training.
Published monthly, more or less!*



NO SURPRISES AT AGM

ORANGE AERO CLUB'S AGM AT SPRING HILL HOTEL SAW THE PAST COMMITTEE RETURNED UNCHALLENGED.

Around 30 members and guests attended the fifteenth Annual General Meeting held at the Spring Hill Hotel on Sunday 26th August.

Under the rules of association, such a meeting must be held within six months of the end of each financial year, and the club has done this in the latter part of each August.

Orange Aero Club has had a chequered history since it was first formed in the 1940's, and there's probably no-one from those years still alive. It folded in the early fifties, when Orange Airport was the area on the corner of Forest and Huntley Roads now known as Jack Brabham Park.

The club was re-formed sometime in the 70's, housed in the building now used by R&M Aircraft, after being used by Orange Aviation for many years, but again folded in the early 80's.



The current life of the club started with a public meeting (in the Vic Pub in Orange no less), called by a big bearded man in a red shirt in 1998, waaay back last century.

No, not Santa Clause - Bob Nash! And Bob is still big, still bearded, and still very much a driving force behind the club today.

Bob recalled some of the people who were at that meeting, and who banded together to form the Orange Aero Club we have today.

After welcoming members and guests, and receiving apologies, the meeting heard a report from retiring President Phil Robertson, in which he highlighted some of the achievements of the year, and also gave tribute to the contribution of late member Ron Pullen, who died in early June, shortly after his 90th birthday.

The retiring Treasurer John



McKenzie revealed a profit for the 2011-2012 year of some \$3000 plus, and noted the healthy state of the club finances.

All positions were declared vacant, and elections were conducted under the interim chairmanship of member John Ellis. This resulted in the same committee being re-elected unopposed.

Before closing the meeting for a great two course roast dinner prepared by the hotel staff, Vice-President John Pullen gave members an inkling of recent developments with the Max Hazelton Aero centre, and promised to reveal the full details as soon as current negotiations were completed.

See separate article on page 3.



FEEDING THE HOARDS - SWELLING THE COFFERS



CATERING FOR THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE OVER FOUR DAYS OF TRAINING PAYS OFF.

Not only was the club paid for providing the service, but there's a strong possibility that we could be called on to provide meals & refreshments during periods when RFS are actively involved in fire fighting efforts.

The training was specifically directed at RFS Aviation Support personnel - the people who crew bombers, spotter aircraft and Air Attack Helicopters, and those on the ground involved in marshalling, re-fuelling and loading aircraft.

It also included the communications people who keep track of aircraft and coordinate with other services.

There were actually two separate courses, each run over two days. The first day of each course was held at the RFS Training Facility on the corner of Forest Rd and Cadia Rd, and the second at the Orange Airport.

In spite of the un-cooperative weather - snow & rain showers on Thursday, rain & low cloud on Friday (which messed up the flying activities), our part of the event was very successful.

Conditions at the Training Centre were great, but pretty dismal in the old Orange Aviation hangar at the airport, with a very dodgy electricity supply!

Nevertheless, the job was completed to the satisfaction of the RFS, and everyone seemed pretty happy with the food.

Many thanks to all those who assisted on site or by providing the cakes, biscuits and slices for morning & afternoon tea each day.

A special thanks to David who organised the whole event and did most of the shopping.



AUSFLY
Australia's private & sport aviators together under the one sky

Narromine Airport
13th-15th September 2012

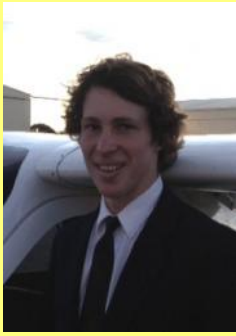
Note the main days are Friday and Saturday!

PILOT ^{OF} THE YEAR

DON'T FORGET THAT THE 5TH AND PEN-ULTIMATE ROUND OF THE 2012 PILOT OF THE YEAR COMPETITION WILL BE HELD THIS COMING SUNDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER.

DETAILS OF THE SEQUENCE TO BE FLOWN BY RECREATIONAL PILOTS WILL BE EMAILED OUT SHORTLY - OTHERS SHOULD CONTACT TROY THOMAS FOR DETAILS.

**Congrats to our newest Pilot,
Vaughn Higgins.**



Vaughn is a boarder at KWS and lives in the Griffith area. No stranger to flying as his dad has an aerial agriculture business using Airtractors and an Airvan.

IS CASA GUNNING FOR ME? REMEMBER THAT CHARACTER FROM THE LIL' ABNER COMIC STRIP FROM ABOUT 50 YEARS AGO?

Well, there might be two or three of you who remember Lil' Abner, Moonbeam McSwine, Jubilation T Cornpone, Marryin' Sam and all those other characters.

Ah'm feelin' a bit like Joe Bftsplk, the little guy with the permanent black cloud over his head. Walking disaster zone! A trail of death & destruction left behind wherever he goes!

I must be the only guy who flies around in a little 2 seat Recreational Jabiru, who's ever had a CASA ramp check followed a few months later by a CASA Drug & Alcohol test!



They say things happen in threes, so I'm making damn sure I wear my ASIC for the rest of the year!



Adam Wiseman was mentioned last month as having gained his Pilot Certificate on Chuck Brown's J230.

Well, he's now added to that and completed his passenger endorsement, so he can take family and friends to share the joy. Congratulations Adam.

We welcome two new Student Pilots - **Quenten Jones** and **Angus Brown**. Quenten is in business here in Orange, and Angus is an Intern at Orange Health Service. Welcome guys, and we hope you enjoy your new experience.

Nathan Morris recently went solo in his dad's J430 VH-BBS, as part of his conversion to PPL with Thomas Aviation.

Congratulations Nathan! That's a bit tongue-in-cheek, as Nathan gained his PC in the J160, then his "type endorsement" on Chuck's J230, which is the same as the J430 without the back seats.



LIKE ORANGE FLIGHT TRAINING ON FACEBOOK

Orange Flight Training now has a Facebook page!

Yes - finally joined the social network, thanks to a lot of help from my daughter Tamara.

Look to Facebook for the latest snippets of info, student successes and events.



**You can find us at
www.facebook.com/OrangeFlightTraining**

MHAC

The Max Hazelton Aero Centre

Those present at the Annual General Meeting heard John Pullen allude to negotiations which were almost concluded, ensuring the completion of the facility in the first half of 2013.

The club committee is very excited about the proposal, which will see the body of the building put to an alternative use for up to two years, but one which is entirely in keeping with it's original broad purpose.

The concept of the aero-medical interchange facility will not be affected, and will in fact be operational at an earlier date than was previously envisaged.

The committee looks forward to being able to make a full announcement in the very near future.