

## LONG TIME BETWEEN DRINKS!

THE AEROCLUB NEWS HASN'T APPEARED FOR SOME TIME ... BUT THEN THERE HASN'T BEEN A LOT HAPPENING! A NEW YEAR AND AN INCREASED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY WILL SEE THE NEWS RETURN, ALBEIT IN A SINGLE PAGE FORMAT, RANDOMLY ISSUED WHEN THERE'S SOMETHING TO REPORT.

The Aerodrome Advisory Committee finally made good its threat to take a plane load to a Temora Aviation Museum flying day. Sunday 10 Feb was the chosen day, and they managed to fill the King Air for the trip. As al-



ways, it was a great flying display, which just improves with each performance!

Matt Southwell, one of our Mearly Juniors and Recreational Pilot has finished up as baggage handler/marshall for Rex and taken on a traineeship in Avionics Engineering with the RAAF, initially at Wagga Wagga. Similar to Joe Evans only military! His place has been taken by another Matt - Matt Dillon, also currently learning to fly in the Jabiru. (Pic: Matt Southwell a few years ago!)



There was to have been a number of potential new Junior members along on 15 th but this didn't eventuate. The plan is to re-form the junior training program, so if anyone knows of 14 or 15 year olds (or thereabouts) with an interest in aviation, put them (or better still, their parents) in touch with Ken, Bryan or Paul.



Pic: some of the juniors about 8 years ago. The guy on the right, Steve Ridgewell, will be visiting Orange on leave from Walhallow Station in in NT during March.

Friday 15th saw about a dozen members and friends take advantage of the long days to do a bit of



flying in MUB, XPH and the Jabi 160, and follow up with a BBQ and a few beers.

We'll continue on with Friday evening activities, at least until the end of daylight saving, so if you feel like a bit of a fly and basic BBQ, c'mon out from about 1700 hrs. If you feel like a beer or vino - its BYO.

On the same day as the Temora trip, Orange Ultraflight Centre held its first round of the OAC Pilot of the Year - Ultralight Division. This comp is open to all recreational fliers, and includes members & non members, flying in the OUC Jab or the competitor's own aircraft. We had five starters on the day and a further six throughout the following week. The winner on the day was Angus Tobin, who gets his flight free.



Congratulations to Angus, and sincere thanks to everyone else who flew. Next round in early April, when we'll hopefully have the GA division running too. Anyone heard rumours of a new instructor for Orange Aviation?