



The Busselton Aviator

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From The President.

Sue and I trust all our members had pleasant Christmas and New Year. Like most of the members we also had family join us for the festive season and of course was great to see them.

By the time you receive your news letter, we are already 2 weeks into the New Year, which means that this is the time to get down to work on this year's EXPO.

As Dick will mention in this news letter we will be having our next EXPO meeting 27th at 7-30 at the Club.

Those who attended last Sunday's meeting, I advised that the RACWA will be flying through Busselton on the Australia day weekend, maybe for fuel and will not be requiring the usual meal which we have provided for them in the past, and made the club some money. This now means that we will have to put a bigger effort into making our EXPO more profitable. The Club needs all our members to carry out the tasks that they have put their hands up for and those that have not yet offered please come to the next meeting. I am asking our members to try to arrange their time so as to be available for 19th April to make this event work and I am sure you

realise this is the only big event that we do per year [we need the money]

On a lighter note on Sunday we saw some very happy new pilots doing some training, as some said to me, about time.

Dick and I went to Narrogin two weeks ago re their Jab, which turned out to be a waste of time and fuel, but I guess that if you don't try these things you don't find how other groups do business.

Happy Flying ,

Geoff

Editorial.

Well what was your New Year's resolution? Eating less carbs or doing more exercise? Good for you. Your body will thank you for it. But what about the other body called the Aero Club? I think it is loosing some weight and becoming less healthy. It needs some vitamins.

What I am saying is, that the Club is standing at the crossroads of success and its future depends entirely on the work we put into it. As Geoff said, we need **all** members to be on deck to help with our only big money raising project. At the moment, we have no idea where we are going after April and this is becoming a very large problem. We desperately need ideas or suggestions to literally get us up in the air and start training again.

Dick.

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What to Do With Your Aviator

The mind boggles - straight down the toilet, direct to the shredder, or if you receive it electronically, there is the big "D" (delete of course). Now this will be the time when you wanted to know something that was in last month's Aviator and you have consigned it to the vast and unrecoverable ether and you start ringing around members for the

information. Here's a better idea. Starting with this year's first issue, burn it to a CD or DVD. All you have to do is slide an empty disk into your computer, open Nero or your favourite burning program and select burn. But make sure you have ticked "multi session" or else the January issue will be spread over the whole disk. Since each issue is around 1 Meg, you will get plenty of issues on one CD.

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From The Secretary

Minutes of the General Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club Sunday January 11th 2009

Present : 27 members (see list)

Apologies : Brian & Rosemary Golding, Karen Dorlandt, Michael and Linda Grimwood, Raelene and Peter Hales, Dick Jackson.

Minutes : Minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted. Moved : Frances Matthews 2nd : Kath Jackson.

Matters arising : Nil.

Correspondence In: email from RACWA re. their visit. Karen to follow up.

SW Audiology ; offer of sponsorship for his year. Frances to apply.

Brand Passmore ; thank you for use of club rooms and donation.

Out : Nil

Treasurer's report : for November and December. Attached.

There were no questions.

Moved by Mike Ancliffe and 2nd by Frances Matthews. Accepted.

New members applications :

Michael McKenna Proposed by Ian Stevenson
Seconded by Peter Hales.

Vivien Jones Proposed by Ian Stevenson
Seconded by Peter Hales.

All new membership applications welcomed and accepted.

General business ;

Shire lease : Geoff has spoken to Ann Groves about the delay. Geoff advised her that Peter Hales was leaving. This evidently makes a difference. Shire needs to publicly advertise the lease

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RA training : Technam aircraft here for a short time. Available for training.

Fuel price : this has dropped thanks to decrease in the oil price.

Small change : Noel asked that people attending on Friday evenings could bring small change rather than large (i.e. \$50 or \$100) notes.

Weekend roster : Need more people for this. Please check website or notice board in club.

Storage shed : a letter and plan has been sent to the shire.

Club calendar : Mark and Terry meeting this week to finalise this. Will be posted on the club website.

Mark's Birthday Bash : will be at the club Friday 6th February. All welcome as Mark reaches a half century.

Mooney visit : Terry has sent proposal to the club and they are letting him know numbers.

Petticoat Lane : We will not have a presence this year.

Expo : Discussed all points on list. Lots of people contacted replies yet to be received.

Raffle : It was decided that the three prizes should be ; Flight for up to 3 passengers, BBQ and case of wine.

Terry Old moved that 'All financial members should receive and attempt to sell 2 books of tickets.

With a maximum of 2 books per family'.

Seconded by Brice Ellis.

Terry McGregor and Bruce Anderson spoke against the motion.

After a show of hands the motion was carried.

Clive to deal with paperwork for the raffle.

Frances to write letter of thanks to Wally Lewis for donation of wine.

Small engine club happy to attend Expo.

Brice to contact Aero modellers.

Air cadets : Peter Watson has been unable to

contact officers in charge. Probably on holiday.

Will persist.

Frances to contact Ian Farmer, from DEC.

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Secretary's Report Continued.

Ian Stevenson to follow up the use of the 'Hyder' hangar with new owners.

Frances to contact Ian Farmer, from DEC.

Peter Watson to contact Pro-Busselton organisation re. sponsorship.

Brice to follow up toilet hire with Coastal Hire.

Karen and Ian to complete flyer and mailout.

Commentary for the day : Ian to contact Alan Usherwood.

Renaming Airport Drive : Mike Tonks reported that the renaming of Airport Drive had met a hitch as there were already 'Neville' and 'Hyder' streets in nearby locations. Duplication is not permitted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.13 p.m.

Next meeting is the 08/02/09

Meal will be cold meats and salad and dessert.

Please can members bring salad and a dessert to share.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club on Monday January 5th 2009

Present ; Mike Tonks, Mark Leavesley, Frances Matthews, Geoff McGlasson, Michael Grimwood, Ross Beatty, Karen Dorlandt. Terry Old

Apologies ; Mike Ancliffe , Clive Croxford

Minutes ; Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Moved Mike Tonks

2nd Michael Grimwood.

Matters arising;

Mike Tonks reported that Hilary has reservations about the position as "kitchen co-ordinator". This will be discussed with her. Also to be raised at general meeting.

Assistant bar manager forms being dealt with.

Hercules aircraft may well not be available for Expo because of lack of funding.

Correspondence ; Inwards ; email from RACWA re. visit to Busselton. Date now to be 26th January. Karen to follow through.

Email from Bunbury Aero Club, could we please check that future events such as Christmas party do not clash with their events.

Email from Crazydomains re. renewal of website.

Outwards ; To Squadron leader re. Hercules visit.

To Busselton shire re. shed.

Treasurer's report Report to be given at General meeting.

General business ;

RA training ; Terry to contact Dick re. training. Recent problem highlighted. Dick and Geoff visited Narrogin re. X-hire of plane. Terry, Mike Tonks and Dick to visit Bunbury.

Weekend rosters; No-one rostered on after 11/01/09. Commitment needed.

Fuel prices ; Need to revise these as we are appreciably higher than Bunbury. Have had a complaint from purchaser.

Storage shed ; Letter sent to shire re. proposal.

Lease ; Still waiting for details and confirmation from Shire. Lease payment will presumably be due on signing of lease.

Club Calendar ; Well under way. Mark and Terry finalizing this.

Expo ; Ice cream vendor has been in touch with Geoff. Wishes to come to the event this year.

Re. Mooney Club visit ; Terry has worked out a package including accommodation, meals, BBQ, transfers and tour to wineries. Awaiting confirmation of numbers.

Membership lists ; Handed out for people to check. Karen is following up non-payments.

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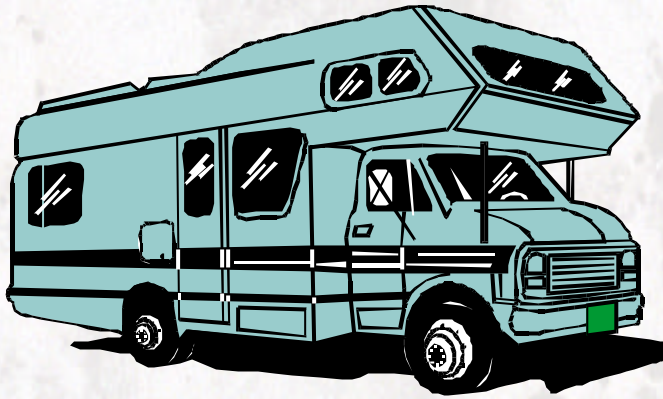
Next general meeting Sunday January 11th at 5 p.m.

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Guess What!

We all knew that Shane and Elise Parker were planning a holiday around Australia - but last Saturday, they left! With their RV loaded to the gunnels they set off bound initially for the Frankland area, north of Albany where they met some friends. By now, they will be well on their way towards the eastern horizons without a care or even a plan in their heads.

We will all miss Shane and Elise around the club and look forward to their safe return. We know they will be reading "The Aviator" as they travel along and that they will be forwarding at least a monthly report or even a photo on their adventures which will be reported here.

Happy holiday, you two!

We Welcome New Members!

Ratified at the last Committee Meeting were two new members. They are:

Michael McKenna

And

Vivien Jones

We hope to see Michael and Vivien around the clubhouse soon so that members can give them a really good welcome!

In Box is a new idea for The Aviator. With the support of our readers, In Box will brighten up the magazine and hopefully provide members with tips, tricks and bits of gossip. The idea is to send any news to my inbox (dick_jackson@westnet.com.au) and I will put it in the In Box column. You may remain anonymous if you wish. We would like to hear of good news about our members, birthdays, trips or even a great recipe, so don't keep it to yourself - phone or email me so other members can share in the news.

So lets kick one off now. Mark Leavesley is about to celebrate his half ton soon. He will be having a bash at the clubhouse on Friday, 6th Feb. Come along to the soiree and have a beer with Mark!

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The Friday Night Bash

(or commonly called a Soiree)

The Aero Club's Friday evenings where members of note enjoy an atmosphere of genteel conversations and refined imbibement are still on the calendar of cultured courtiers. OK, the pinky finger may not be raised that often but it is still a great night out to have a drink and talk the talk (aviation)

A reminder though - our bar staff are having trouble with too much money. That is members paying for a couple of beers with a 50 or 100 dollar note! To make things easier, members are requested to bring along notes of a smaller denomination so that our finances can be handled without too much difficulty.

Kath and I went around to Alan Snell's place the other night and Allan presented me with a small spirit level. He claimed that President Geoff who had been installing an air conditioner during the day used the level which comes with the kit and afterwards suggested it should be attached to my forehead. Furthermore, Geoff suggested that my apparent staggering gait around the aerodrome provided evidence that such an instrument was needed.

I can assure our honoured president that my balance is in perfect condition (well mostly anyway) and my turns are conducted with the appropriate amount of rudder.

Tears for poor Graham Laslett.

Graham, who owns the Scout which is parked near No 1 hangar, has had some starter motor trouble. It would not turn the Lycoming engine over at all. "Its a flat battery" offered someone. So Graham ordered a new battery. When it arrived, it was the wrong type and had to be sent back. When the correct battery subsequently arrived and was installed, the starter provided only a low groan. "Its the solenoid" offered another. Tests proved that the solenoid was OK.

Eventually, the starter itself was removed and the engineers found the problem - a fracture in the attachment housing of the starter which caused the starter drive to be misaligned and preventing it from operating properly.

Shed another tear for Cathy.

Cathy Milligan is having withdrawal symptoms. She hasn't been able to fly her beautiful Cessna 210 for ages. Suspicious that one cylinder may have lost a little compression, she took it to her engineer at Manjimup to be checked out. But alas, her engineer has taken off on an extended holiday and the 210 is suffering separation anxiety down at Mangy.

Smiles from Mike Grimwood.

Seen taking off from Busselton the other day was Mike Grimwood in his immaculate powered glider. (I can't spell the name of it - its a German product) Mike had to fly over to Narrogin to do his biannual flight check with the local test officer. Some hours later, Mike returned wearing a broad smile. Obviously he passed OK. It had been a very hot day with lots of thermals about and we wonder did he use the engine very much on the trip.

Need anything in fibreglass?

Contact Charlie Urwin. He knows all about craft ideas, model trains & autos, planes and more.

Ring him on 9740 2571

The Weekend Roster

The idea of the weekend roster was set up in November to provide a contact for any member of the public or aviation enthusiast who happens to arrive. Club members who offer their services to help out on weekends to provide information, drinks and refuelling are doing a great job. Its amazing just how many visitors drop in to see what's going on. Just being there to provide information about the club will, I am sure produce the occasional new member.

The problem is, we are now seeing lots of vacant spaces in our weekend roster. If the system is going to work as well as it has done so in the past, we need to fill these spaces.

If you go over to our website and click on weekend roster, you will note that the following dates have not been filled in.

Sat 24 Jan	Sat 7 Feb
Sat 14 Feb	
Sat 21 Feb	Sun 22 Feb

If you can see your way clear to spend a few hours at the clubhouse (10 am to 4 pm), contact Mike Grimwood on 9754 7910 or 0400 404 041 and he will be happy to drop your name in a slot.

**All committee members please note.
Your next committee meeting will be
held on 2 nd February**

(Sorri I couldn't fit this in on the coming events page - it was almost full)

The Club Raffle

At the last meeting, it was decided to run a raffle to bolster our finances. The prize list at this stage will be:

- A coastal Joy flight for 3 people
- A portable gas barbeque
- A case of wine

It was also agreed that each member take 2 books of tickets to sell. Apart from the Expo in April, this will be our only significant fund raising event for the year. We have already lost an important fund raiser by the cancellation of the annual RAC luncheon as they fly down to Augusta. Considering the economic world situation at the moment, other similar events could easily sap our resources.

It has been considered that under the existing pressing conditions, if the full support of the membership is not achieved, the committee may have no alternative that to revisit the subject of annual subscriptions.

Mooney Club Visit

Terry has done a great job in organising the Mooney people for their AGM here in April These are the arrangements so far:

- ? BBQ at the clubhouse on arrival Friday
- ? Transfer to hotel
- ? Full breakfast Sat morning
- ? Winery tour after breakfast
- ? Dinner Sat night
- ? Breakfast Sunday morning
- ? AGM Sunday morning

**Do you know anyone who would like to
advertise in this space?**

If so, please contact the President or editor

**The next meeting will be
On Sunday 8th February at 5.00 pm
The meal will be a byo cold meat and salad & sweets**

*Don't forget Mark's birthday bash on Friday, 6th Feb
at the clubhouse*

*Preston Boley Fly In
1st March*

*Bunnings sausage Sizzle
14th March*

*The visit of the Mooney Club for their AGM
On April 3rd.*

EXPO: 19 April 2009.

*Don't forget our Sundowners at the clubhouse every
Friday evening around 1700 hrs.*

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