



# The Busselton Aviator

The Busselton Aero Club's Monthly Magazine

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## From the President From the President

Our wings night was a great success despite lack of numbers of which to me was a disappointment. Marion McCall was very entertaining with lots of laughs from all who were present. We have been very lucky with last two Wings nights at the Goose by having great speakers in Ken Manton last year and Marion this year. Mike Tonks worked hard trying to get greater numbers to attend. Last year we had 53 and this year 29 and because it was hard to get our numbers until late I had to ring the Goose at lunch time on Friday to advise a down grade of numbers which was cutting it fine. I feel that we should make this a larger event for three reasons. That it is a very nice gesture for the new pilots to get wings etc, for our guest speaker, and also our wonderful ladies that look after us all year in the kitchen, to give them a night off.

Congratulations to Kerry Old for being the Clubs first R A Wing recipient plus to others that received certificates.

We will be able to inform the Club with more with more details after

our meeting with Peter Hales this coming Wednesday night re the transition from Busselton Air Services.

I would like to welcome Ross Beatty to the committee after his election last Sunday and would like to say how sorry I am Allan Woodward could not give the time to the committee.

Shane Parker has kindly offered his time to check out our Club room ceiling and repair it before he and Elise head off on their trekking. I will be looking for assistance to help Shane in covering, cleaning and painting after the job is completed.

Mike Gimwood has been doing well in organising our Club being open weekends, so far it has been showing that is working well seeing that we have only had one and half weekends open. Mike still has some spots on the roster so please contact him and if you put your name down and find that you cannot attend please find someone to replace you and advise Mike to change his list. I can't say this enough in that we we need your help.

Welcome to our new members and some of these additions I feel are from the results of the Busselton Show and while I am at it, thanks to Preston Boley for his Gazelle that he put on display also thanks to the people that helped the Show.

Happy flying Geoff

## Editorial.

Firstly, let me apologise for the delay in the publication of this issue. Those who receive their notification by email would have got my message that due to my visit to Victoria, the November magazine would be a little late. On that note, if you do have, or have access to the internet and have not advised us, please give consideration to doing this as hot club topics can be sent to you as they happen.

Bringing our President Geoff's report up to date, the proposed meeting between the Club and Peter Hales did not occur before Peter went on holidays to South Australia. This was due to our inability to get those involved together in the short time available. However, I have been advised that the meeting will take place very soon and the results will appear in the Christmas issue. The purpose of the meeting is to define the precise method in which the transition of the flying school from Busselton Air Services to the Aero Club takes place. This may not be as straight forward as one might think for Peter has given the Club 6 months notice but on the other hand, he is entitled to leave sooner should an attractive enterprise appear. Consequently, the Club must be ready with all details in place to take over at short notice.

Dick.

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## Around the Tarmac

Those who were lucky enough to attend the wings night would have seen an excellent display of photographs projected by Michael Grimwood. Among the various subjects, which included the Nallan trip were several shots of Mike's flight to the Gulf of Carpentaria where he and numerous other pilots viewed the "Morning Glory." Now before our imaginations take complete control of our senses, we must understand what this "Morning Glory" really is. Apparently, it is a meteorological phenomena known only in the Gulf country which displays a long tubular

cloud just off the coast early in the morning. Each year many meteorologists and other interested hobbyists travel to the Gulf in the hope of getting a glimpse of this remarkable spectacle.

I certainly do not know very much about this display or even how it is formed but I can assure you Michael is pretty full bottle on the subject.

Perhaps Michael can be convinced to again be guest speaker at one of our dinner meetings and together with his collection of great photos entertain and educate us on one of the world's most interesting phenomena.

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**Minutes of the General Meeting held at Busselton Aero Club Sunday November 9th 2008**

**Apologies :** Brian & Rosemary Golding, Brian & Jo Batley, Ian & Sally Stevenson, Alan Woodward.

**Minutes :** Minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted. Moved : Mark Leavesley 2nd : Linda Grimwood.

**Matters arising :** Still no correspondence from Shire of Busselton.

**CASA symposium** attended by 38 members plus 2 CASA staff. Well received.

**Busselton Show.** Good visibility, better during day as near Sideshow alley. Support from security firm. Mark thanked those for the Fly over that was well received.

**Mobile 'phone** for club in place.

**Mooney visit,** all in hand. Club to organise package, visitors happy with suggested venues.

**Wings night,** really great. Wonderfully entertaining speaker. Club diary on web site, no progress to date.

**Brand Passmore's** use of club facilities, no recent contact.

**Badges.** If you want a badge please contact Karen.

**Brian Golding's 60th** well attended, good night.

**Correspondence** In: From St John Ambulance re attendance at Expo. Willing to come, no charge. From Alan Woodward, resigning from committee.

Out : Nil

**New members applications**

Frank Mason and Debbie Mason. Proposed by Terry Old and 2nd Mike Tonks Paul Wild

Proposed by Linda Grimwood 2nd by Michael Grimwood David Robertson

Proposed by Mark Leavesley 2nd by Cathy Milligan Craig Johnson

Proposed by Peter Hales 2nd by Mark Leavesley

All new membership applications welcomed and accepted.

**Treasurer's report ;** Attached Moved by Mike Ancliffe and 2nd by Shane Parker. Accepted.

**General business ;**

Election of 2 year director to replace Alan Woodward.

Proposed Noel Wellstead. Nominated by Bruce Anderson 2nd Cathy Milligan

Ross Beattie Nominated by Michael Grimwood 2nd Mike Tonks. Following a secret ballot Ross Beattie was elected to the position.

**RAA flying and training.**

Dick Jackson spoke about the progress with this. Frank Mason went for a T.I.F today. Transition from Busselton Air

Services to Busselton Aero Club is going ahead. Dick wading through the paperwork to establish Flying School Licence and C.F.I. position. Must appreciate work done by Terry Old in attracting new members. Must keep doing this.

**Motion;** That costs associated with getting Glenn Houser to travel from Wyalcatchem to Busselton for inspections, approvals etc. be approved. This was moved by Mike Tonks and 2nd by Michael Grimwood. Carried.

**Shed progress.** Brian Golding too busy at present so Ross Beattie will progress this with shire through building applications etc.

**Christmas party .** Will be held at 4.30 p.m. on Sunday 14th December at the club house. Children's party first with lollies dropped from aircraft and Santa distributing gifts. Any gifts to maximum value of \$20 to be at Club before 4.30 p.m. 14/12/08. Club will arrange suitable food for children. Adults please bring BBQ meat and a salad and dessert to share. Brice Ellis has agreed to the most important job!!! (Santa)

**Expo 2009** This will be held on 19/4/09 First meeting for this event will be held together with the committee meeting on Monday 24th November, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

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## Secretary's Report Contd.

Discussion about how to split money from gate and profits from the day. Suggestion of a 70/30 % split Club/charities. Need to look at other ways of raising funds at Expo, any ideas to committee member please.

Open weekends. Linda Grimwood reported on a very successful start to this. Had a good roll up and very positive feed back from visitors. Linda and Michael found the club's visitor book and encouraged entries in this. Will be a good record. If you volunteer for roster and then find you can't come it is up to YOU to find a replacement. Roster is on the website and a hard copy is on Club's notice board.

Geoff has a 2nd hand a/c unit available and will install in training room. No cost to club.

Karen will up date photos on website.

Thanks to Michael Grimwood for the entertaining slide show at the Wings Night.

Dick Jackson suggested we could take advantage of the large numbers of people flying in/out of airport by selling them tea/coffee and breakfast in a bun. Support for this. Volunteers?

Kath Jackson handed over responsibility for the kitchen to Hillary Tonks.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.30 p.m.

Next meeting is the Christmas party on December 14th at 4.30 p.m.

## A Great Idea From Terry!

The inimitable and irrepressible Terry Old has been thinking of ways to push the aero club again! This time, he has organised for us to run a sausage sizzle in front of Bunnings on 14th March! Here, we can sell our hot dogs, cakes or whatever and at the same time sell our raffle tickets. This also gives us a good chance to hand out our learn to fly brochures too. The cost to us is zero and 100% of the proceeds come back to us. We have been told that clubs doing this can earn between \$700 and \$1000 for the session!

This should be a great project for us just before our Expo which would enhance the weight of our coffers considerably. Remember, to do this we need the support of our members so please mark in your diary this great project.

And thanks to Terry for organising it!

## Can an Aircraft Fly With Only One Wing?

OK, who has not seen the emailed 'video' of a Red Bull aircraft doing a display, loose a wing and land safely?

Actually, it has been sent to me several times and I must admit, the first time I saw it I could not believe it. I recall entering an argument with some pilots regarding the ability to fly with one wing missing and it evoked a hot discussion. At one stage, we actually made a paper glider and cut off one wing to emulate the aerodynamics!

Well apparently, the news is out - it is a fake. The faker (we are the fakees) was rather clever and did most of the work in model aircraft to make it look realistic. However, since the stunt has been round the world several times, there has been numerous people who have spend much time in refuting it.

If you haven't seen the clip yet, go on over to:

<http://www.reggiepaulk.com/2008/10/killathrill-generates-huge-buzz-with.html>.

Here you will see the full clip plus quite a lot of explaining how it was made. You might need a computer with a bit of power to see the clip without any pauses.

A word of warning, if your wing falls off during flight, don't expect to be able to maintain control and set your asymmetric beast down in one piece!

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### What is a Pedagogue?

If you don't know the answer to that, it is **not** a person who walks around goggle eyed, but a teacher or instructor.

Having explained that, have you noticed two members wandering around the club rooms with airs of lofty pride, dusting their mortarboards while chiding occasional pilots for incorrect crosswind techniques? Well, perhaps not quite that - but we do actually have two new instructors in the making.

It is with some excitement that I announce that Karen Dorlandt and Michael Tonks have begun their instructors rating! Both Karen and Michael have purchased instructors theory manuals and are boning up on teaching technology. Very soon, they will practice their new found skills on the white board where they will examine the depths of Newton and Bernoulli.

After that comes the flying bit which has led several neophytes into acute embarrassment when their demonstration of a crosswind doesn't come out the way they intended.

The RAAus manual states that an instructor's course must include at least 20 hours dual instruction and 30 hours ground instruction.

We wish Karen and Mike all the best in their endeavours.

### The Traveling Parkers.

Maybe we have mentioned this before, but very soon, sometime in January, Shane and Elise plan to take an extended holiday in the Eastern states. Shane has purchased a motor home and has tarted it up with all the facilities needed for the trip. Their itinerary is not set in concrete as yet but the initial plans are to head across the 'Nully' into South Australia thence to Victoria, NSW and Queensland before returning to the Western shores.

Since we won't have their smiling faces around for some time, now is the opportunity to wish them a very pleasant trip and a safe return.



### Peter & Raeleen Return

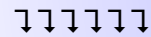
Peter and Rae have just returned from a trip to South Aus where they took in a performance of Andre Reiu, did some boating on the Murray and of course, tasted some of the nectars of the local vineyards. We are sure that they will take little coaxing to explain some of the features of their trip.

Now that Peter is back, he plans to put in place the final touches to his instrument rating which he hopes to get in a week or so. We wish him the best of luck.

### The Wandering Wellsteads

Now that the Wellstead family has returned from their trip to North America, it's time to put the thumb screws on Noel and have him explain some of his adventures.

His report on the flight in the A380 and his drives around the USA should be a very interesting after dinner allocution.



### The Editors Odyssey

Talking of traveling members, I would be prompted to report on a trip Kath and I did recently. Our 10 day trip to Victoria was mainly a 'relly bash' which covered North Eastern Victoria and Melbourne.

One of the features of Melbourne was a trip on the 'Puffing Billy' train which ran from Belgrave, a North Eastern Melbourne suburb, 24 km up into the Dandenong Ranges. The 'Puffing Billy' is a well known tourist attraction in Melbourne and we would certainly recommend a ride on it if you have a few hours spare.



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## **The Busselton Aero Club Where to from Here?**

Since the much publicised news of Peter Hales' impending departure, there has been much speculation regarding the future operations of the aero club. There has even been mooted the possibility that the club cease flying operations completely and become a social club with flying interests. Fortunately however, this idea seems to carry less weight among the general membership and the consensus is that we must utilise the natural advantages we have and make Busselton a strong and vibrant club.

If this is to be the case, then the club must be prepared to act quickly and put in place all the infrastructure that is required when Busselton Air Services closes down.

For this to occur, two very important objectives must be attained. The first is to rapidly increase the number of students by active promotion and the second is to install all the necessary framework to legally operate a flying school.

The first objective is not as easy as the second. Fortunately, building up a student base need not occur over night but can be the product of sustained pressure. Already, we have considerable interest as a result of our promotions at the recent Show and future plans include approaching schools, clubs

and organisations where due to population density, our harvest can be maximised. It must be realised that the search for new students is not the sphere of a few members, but every member of the club. Each member should constantly be aware that every one they meet maybe a prospective student. One more point, the club is always in need of ideas and members are reminded that we are constantly searching for ideas and promotions that will bring in new members. So if you have any suggestions, please contact the President or a director as soon as possible.

Turning to the second objective, we note that to qualify for a legal RAAus flying school, we must have the appropriate Flight Training Facilities (FTF). The FTF requirements for the RAAus are not significantly different to that required by CASA. We must have briefing rooms, instructors rooms, briefing facilities which include models, white boards etc. Then we must have a suite of manuals, theory courses and a full range of administrative facilities including student report forms etc. Fortunately, due to Peter's detailed attention to these requirements, we already have well above the minimum requirements.

Associated with the flying school licence is the requirement to have the flight

instructors approved. This includes the chief flying instructor and if required, additional instructors. Fortunately, my existing qualifications and experience will automatically give me approval for the position of CFI. This will cover our requirements initially and with the prospects of Karen and Mike getting their ratings next year, we should be in a fairly comfortable position.

Regarding the the immediate future, we can carry on as before training under the auspices of Peter's licence using Clive Croxford's Allegro. However, Clive has offered the use of his aircraft for a limited time until other arrangements have been made for another training aircraft. There are other aircraft in the wings (no pun intended) and we are currently investigating these.

When Peter does advise us of his imminent departure, we will apply to RAAus for the school licence and my CFI status. Although Peter has given us 6 months notice (up to April 1), he may depart earlier with our blessing should an attractive proposal appear.

In short, we are cruising along well with options wide open should any foreseen or unforeseen matters arise. All that remains is for the membership to get behind President Geoff and the committee to keep us well on track.

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# Coming Events

**The next meeting will be the Christmas Party on 14 December at 4.30 pm**

**Members wishing to bring presents for kids  
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**EXPO: 19 April 2009.**

Since there will be no December Magazine,  
The January meeting will take place on  
Sunday, January 11th at 5:00 pm.

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

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