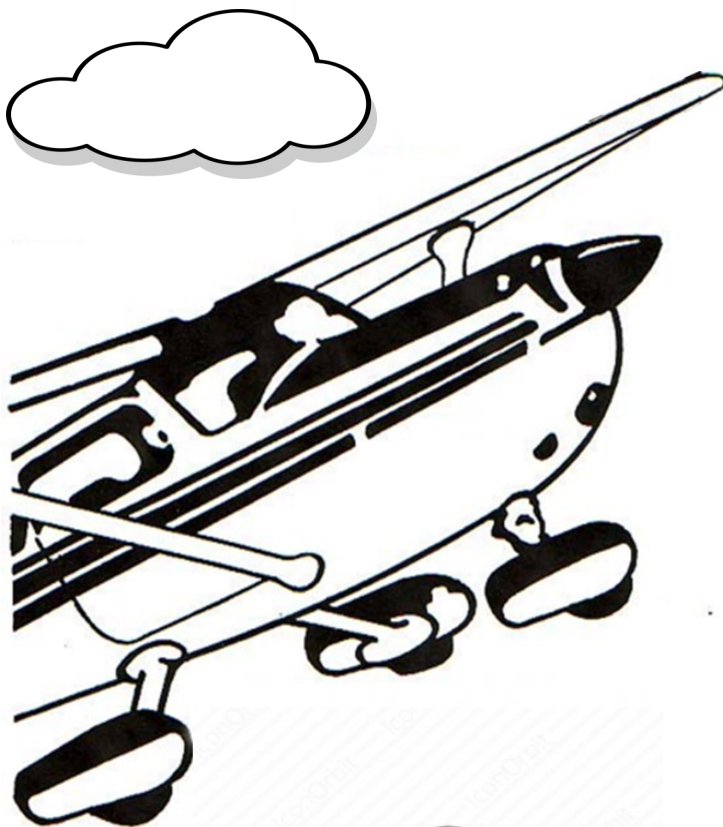


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Northam Aero club (Inc.) Newsletter

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Presidents Message

Welcome to August's Fly About.

The weather has not been ideal for flying. In fact, when I climbed into JXI my C172, I noticed that I had not been flying for 2 months which is quite unusual for me.

The bar at the Northam Aero Club is open every Saturday night from 1700 hours to 1900 hours and couple of weeks ago it was great to have Murray Bow and Jo bring a few other gun club members to the Club for a few drinks and some good yarns.

The National Ballooning Championships date has been rescheduled (barring any unforeseen issue) and are to be held from Monday 8th May to Saturday 13th May 2023.

The Women's World Hot Air Ballooning Championships will be held in Northam in September from the 4th to the 9th, 2023.

These events are always very successful and will once again require many volunteers. If possible, pen these dates into your diary.

Saturday 1st October Bindoon have invited Northam Aero Club to their Fly-in for a barbeque. I will ring around for numbers as the time gets closer. If you have been lucky enough to take to the air in the last few weeks, you will have seen the wheatbelt landscape resplendent with the beautiful yellow canola out in flower along with the deep green crops.

Fly Safe.

Cheers, Errol

Next Club Competition



NAC COMPETITION TIMED CIRCUITS (2)

PILOT _____

Call sign _____

TIME STARTS	WHEELS OFF
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HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS

Short Field Take Off from start of black top < 300 meters

10 Points

FIRST CIRCUIT IS TOUCH AND GO

Short Field Full Stop Landing < 300 meters from keys

10 Points

SECOND CIRCUIT IS FULL STOP

RADIO CALLS, KNOW YOUR CALLS AND DO THEM

CLOSEST TO NOMINATED TIME 50 Points

SECOND CLOSEST TO NOMINATED TIME 45 Points

THIRD CLOSEST TO NOMINATED TIME 40 Points

FOURTH CLOSEST TO NOMINATED TIME 35 Points

TIME FINISHES	WHEELS OFF
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HOURS	MINUTES	SECONDS

Club Captains Trip East



Figure 1 Near Lake Baladjie

0730 local 9th August we departed Wongan for Forrest with a refueling stop at Kalgoorlie. At 5,500 ft we were fortunate to have 55knot tailwind giving ground speed between 155 and 162 knots.

Kalgoorlie has a great refueling system and airside toilet!

Departed Kalgoorlie for Forrest via Zanthus and Rawlinna. The tailwind kept up – who needs a Bonanza...! Arrived Forrest 1330hrs, Refueled and HKA was put in the large hangar (built in the late 1920s). We had accommodation in the old Bureau of Meteorology house and dinner with the caretakers. Also a helicopter on ferry to Queensland and a couple in a R44 on holiday from NSW.



Club Captains Trip East

10th August. After a night in Forrest we departed for Coober Pedy to refuel using Maralinga as a way point. I had double checked at briefing that R222J was not going to be active. Briefing said it was deactivated below 10,000 ft. Over Maralinga I called Melbourne Centre to double check and was advised it was NOW active from 1,000ft upwards! A clearance through it was not available. There were three options;

1. Return to Forrest.
2. Forget the trip to William Creek and track for Ceduna.

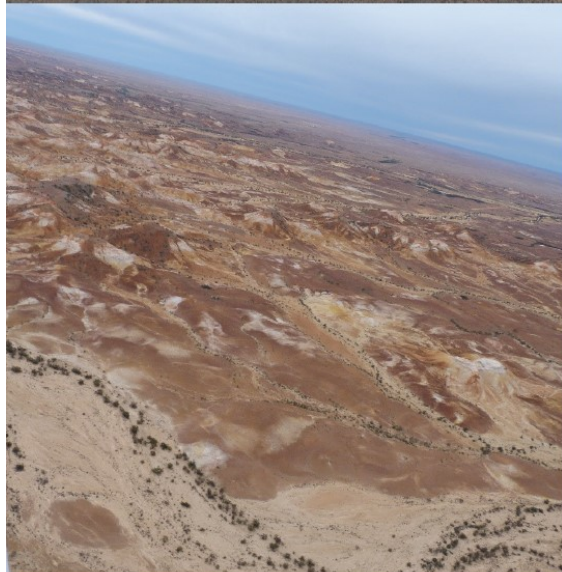


3. Or Track northwards around R222J area through some VERY inhospitable country. After some serious calculations we amended via Emu to remain outside the restricted area. However the wind was very strong from the north west which made a direct to Emu very slow. So we tracked direct to the north west point of R222J.

Refueling at Coober Pedy and lunch. Very cold north westerly wind! But the facilities good.

On departure we tracked for William Creek via the Painted Hills. The photos of Painted Hills do not do it justice as there was uncomfortable mechanical turbulence so we couldn't get below 2,500ft. The strip there is private use only

Landed on the dirt strip at William Creek as the crosswind didn't favour 11/29! Refueled, tied down.. Pilots do lots of jobs there and one delivered us to the 'Dingo Donga'. For two nights stay. Very comfortable. The next episode next month.



FUN FLY-IN



Saturday

8:00 am: Fun Fly (Open to all aircraft)
10:00 am: Pilots Brief
6:00 pm: FunFly Dinner PLEASE RSVP!

FREE admission
24th and 25th
September
2022

Sunday

9:00 am: Fun Fly (Open to all aircraft)
10:00 am: Pilots Brief
Monday (Public Holiday)
Open Field

MAAA 75th Anniversary
Celebration event.
Raffles and Prizes

Bill Darnell: 0400077555
Andrew McAuley: 0418674986



TIME SLOTS ALLOCATED THROUGHOUT WEEKEND
FOR
Scale Jets-helicopters

FOOD, DRINKS AND LIMITED OVERNIGHT CAMPING AVAILABLE

Vickery Road
Elgin WA 6237

www.swarms.org.au
www.facebook.com/SWARMSSWA

Wylie Wheels & Art

\$20

Registration includes:
Saturday Evening Arts viewing &
Burger from the Wylie Men's Shed &
Sat or Sun entry into the
CBH Agricultural Museum

*Bring your
Planes,
Cars
& Bikes*

To Wyalkatchem:

Show & Shine in the main street for cars & Bikes

Wildflower Tours operating ALL weekend

Visit other Points Of Interest*

**17 to 18
September**

**Full Welcome Saturday with
Show & Shine Sunday**

Art Expo 16-19 Sept

Wildflowers

Painting classes

Metal Pouring

Wylie Museum

Kids Events

Food & Market stalls



Sneak peek at Wylie Museum



Wyalkatchem Sunday Arts Group

Presented in conjunction with the 2022 Wylie Arts Expo

Wylie Wheels & Art Weekend Extravaganza



Arts & Crafts Expo

16 to 19 September 2022
Wyalkatchem Town Hall

Calling all artists

Expo open to ALL
West Australian
Artists to exhibit FREE:

Perth Based Artists:

Artworks can again be dropped off at
Jacksons Drawing Supplies
Balcatta store
on a date TBC and will be returned to
the store at the end of the Expo.

Sat to Mon 17-19 Expo
open 9:30am –5pm

Members of the WSAG will be in attendance
and completing artworks -

Other visiting artists are free to join them
with free use of acrylic paints and brushes

*canvases available at cost price

Morning and afternoon tea will be available
for a small fee.

Other events on weekend include

Indigenous Art Workshop
Lost Wax Sculpture Workshop
Bus trips to Wild Flower Reserves
Indigenous guide in flower and bush tucker
recognition.

Artists entry forms including conditions are available at
www.wyalkatchemcra.com

at the Wyalkatchem CRC or Call 08 9681 1500
Lot 5700, Railway Terrace, Wyalkatchem

**16 to 19
September
2022**

**Gold
Coin
Donation
To View
Artworks**



Vehicle Competition

17-18 September 2022

Railway Terrace Wyalkatchem

Full Welcome Saturday with
Show & Shine Sunday

Show & Shine in the main street for
Cars & Bikes

Guided Wildflower Tours operating
ALL weekend

Visit other Points Of Interest including:

Art Expo 16-19 Sept

**Wildflowers
Museum**

Kids Events

Face Painting

Magician

Market stalls

\$20

Registration for Show & Shine includes:

Saturday Evening Arts viewing &

Country Style Burger plus
weekend entry into the

CBH Agricultural Museum



Next Club Competition

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP:

TIMED CIRCUITS

Team NAC Pilots: Please see attachment for full details.

See you at Northam Aero Club Comp

Mark your calendars! Complimentary morning teas as usual etc.

Cheers, Dave McFarlane Club Captain 0428 743 031

09:00, Sunday 11th September 2022

**Next Club Committee meeting is:
Sunday 11th September 2022
1:00pm at the Clubrooms**

NAC Website access QR code

We are slowly sliding into the new technological world!

Here is the latest High-Tech way to access the NAC website.

If you are "QR" code ready then simply scan this code with your phone or tablet and you will be taken to the club website.

What will they think of next!



(QR code reader apps can be downloaded from the App store or Play store)

Membership Renewal & Apparel

Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____ ☐ Not Renewing

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult \$55.00 ☐ Junior \$10.00

Club Bank Details: BSB 036-107 Acc Number: 69-2937

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 – Size _____ Name on Shirt: _____

100% breathable polyester jersey knit, snag resistant. Knit collar with contrast tipping.

Mens sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL or 5 XL (185gsm standard 3 button)

Womens sizes 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 or 24 (Ladies 215 gsm with open V with 2 press studs)

Club Cap \$25.00 plus \$8.00 postage ☐ Caps also available from the Bar

Total enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an invoice please tick ☐

"Fly About" magazine Yes ☐

No ☐

Many thanks,
Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$25.00

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35.00 personalised



BAR ROSTER



BAR ROSTER 2022

AUGUST	
6th	1700-1900
13th	1700-1900
20th	1700-1900
27th	1700-1900

JULY	
2nd	1700-1900
9th	1700-1900
16th	1700-1900
23rd	1700-1900
30th	1700-1900
SEPTEMBER	
3rd	1700-1900
10th	1700-1900
17th	1700-1900
24th	1700-1900

THE BAR IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY EVENING

Stay tuned for a new Bar Roster in the coming issues of the

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Aug/Sept 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22	23	24	25	26	27 Bar 1700–1900	28
29	30	31	1	2	3 Bar 1700–1900	31
1	2	3	4	5	10 Bar 1700–1900	11 Club Competition 900hrs and Committee Meeting 1300 hrs
12	13	14	15	16	17 Bar 1700–1900	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Bar 1700–1900	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 Bar 1700–1900	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Bar 1700–1900	9



\$25.00 available from Northam Aero Club

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artifacts
- Photographs
- Old Aircraft Parts
- Signs

If it's old and historic—I'm interested

Adam Price—0428 611 797

NAC Club Aircraft Bookings



Enquiries— Matt Bignell

0407 873 700

Classifieds

Northam Aero Club Merchandise

Club Polo Shirts with name and club logo—\$35.00

Postage available—\$10.00 per order

Club Caps with logo—\$25.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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Hire Fee Structure

Private Hire - \$260 per hour

Dual Training - \$370 per hour

TIF's - \$185 per 1/2 hour

Briefing - as required

Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$115 per hour

Pre-paid Discounted Block Rates Available

- 5 hours - less 5%
- 10 hours - less 10%
- 20 hours - less 15%

Student pilots may use the discounted block rate for aircraft hire only

Instructor fees remain as priced above

For all further enquiries please contact:

NAC Treasurer - nactreasurer@bigpond.com T: 0428 743 031

Aircraft Bookings: Matt Bignell - 0407 873 700

Membership Renewals

Northam Aero Club Membership Renewal due January 2022

Our Membership year runs from January to December each year.

The cost of club membership remains unchanged at \$55.00 per year.

Bank Details to make Membership payment to **Northam Aero Club**
BSB: **036107** Account No. **692937** Reference **(please use your surname to make it easier for us to find you)**

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