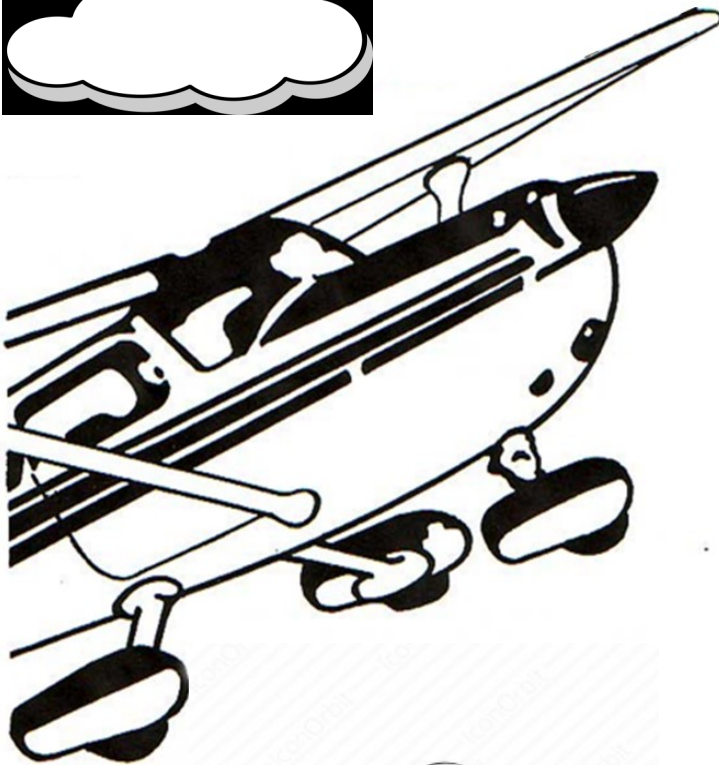
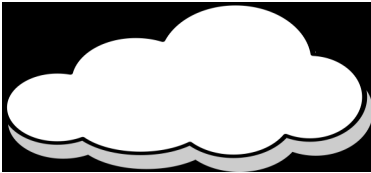


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Presidents Message

Hi all,

Sunday the 8th of December saw our 2019 Christmas Lunch at the Aero Club. Once again, it was well attended. It was fantastic to see Bruce Smart and John Masters there with their wives. Father Christmas arrived by plane this year at 12.00 o'clock to the delight of the young children waiting patiently. Father Christmas gave out the presents and photos were taken. After Santa departed a very enjoyable meal was had by all the attendees, and as a BYO meal it was impressive. Marg, Beth and Kate worked their magic in the presentation and all those that brought food to add to the feast, thank you. The puddings as a dessert were a master stroke, thanks to Claude Meunier.

A big thanks to Mike Press who did the honour from the North Pole. I would also like to thank Bruce Smart for his kind donation to the Club, this is what has made this club what it is today.

The airfield, though it is very dry still looks fantastic after the recent mowing. Well done to all those involved.

On a sadder note, on behalf of all members of Northam Aero Club, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to Matt and Grace Bignell on the tragic loss of Geoffrey their son and his partner Victoria McCloy, such a sad loss. Our thoughts are with you Matt and Grace.

With all this hot weather around who needs carby heat? The only place it seems pleasant is when you are flying around 10,000 ft.

Thanks again for 2019 and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheers,

Errol
0428 880 149

P.S. We are on the lookout for a Secretary for the Club. If anyone would like to put their hand up ... call me.

Club Captains Report - December 2019

Sunday 8th December was our monthly Flying Comp.

"H.M.A.S. NORTHAM" Short Field Ops plus Strip Inspection etc.

Conditions -blustery crosswind ,Runway 14.

Our many visitors had ringside seats for Team NAC Pilots' antics and gyrations as they tucked into morning tea and cakes....

Thanks to Marg,Beth, Kate!

A line of flour 300 metres from start of "Piano Keys" marked the available take off distance/ "deck space".

Tasking: Short Field Take Off, standard circuit for a Strip Inspection, a second circuit for a Short Field landing on the "keys"and a Full Stop within the 300 metre deck space marked out Radio calls were judged also.

All Pilots flew well and flew safely, even though there were lots of thermals in the circuit to make life interesting, especially on Final!

Our many Visitors had some good entertainment as they waited for Heathers fantastic Christmas Lunch, Yummo.!

JUDGES: James and Ashley. Many thanks to our judges, you are pivotal to the successful smooth running of our Flying Comps here at Northam. Our next Flying Comp is in February, we always give January a miss, as most people are away / too hot etc.

I will send all TEAM NAC PILOTS a full and detailed Comp Sheet for our February 2020 Comp very soon, so can you please mark SUNDAY 9 th FEBRUARY 2020 on your calendars and we will start 2020 Flying Comps with a brand new Comp...."I.F.R. Northam" (I Follow Roads-- lots of them.) THANK YOU TO ALL TEAM NAC PILOTS AND CREW.

We hope to see Royal Aero Club join us for the March 2020 Comp so keep current, and show them Northam has good Pilots!

Enjoy a safe Festive Season, and a great New Year.

Best Wishes, Peter Hill Club Captain 0450415947.

Club Captains Report - December 2019

RESULTS

First Place Competitor was Peter Hill, 140 Pts.(it has been a while!)
Second was Howie Pietersie, 138 Pts....I reckon he could be our next Club Champ if he cared to show up for every Comp!
Third Ashley Smith, 137 Pts,
Fourth was James Hill 136 Pts.
Fifth Dave McFarlane,
Sixth Ian Berry close behind.
Scoring was very closely grouped.
"Airmanship displayed by all Team NAC Pilots was great."



"Peter Hill finally gets it on the Keys at Northam"

Christmas Party

It was a brilliant blue sky day for our Christmas party and the children that greeted Santa were very happy to finally get a chance to tell the man in red what they wanted for Christmas.

Father Christmas arrived by aeroplane this year courtesy of Pilot Errol via the Suzie Marie 172.

Everyone bought a plate to share and we had a very enjoyable time.

It was great to see so many friendly faces including John and Jeanette Masters, Rob Sewell and Bruce Smart catching up with friends.

Thank you must go to Margie McFarlane and Kate Swenson for putting together a magnificent spread.

Our busy bee worked well and thanks to the men involved who work tirelessly for the good of the Club.



Christmas Party



The Clubrooms looking splendid awaiting the arrival of our diners

Tucking into a sumptuous lunch!



Bar Roster

Bar Hours - Saturday 5pm - 7pm

If unable to do your rostered days, please make arrangements to swap with someone.

December

21st - Crofty
28th - Closed

January

4th - Closed
11th - Howie
18th - Adam
25th - Dave

February

1st - TBA
8th - TBA
15th - TBA
22nd - TBA
29th - TBA

March

7th - TBA
14th - TBA
21st - TBA
28th - TBA

December/ January 2019-20



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Father Xmas
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

Last Months Pick The Plane Answers

A. Pilatus PC-24

B. Pilatus PC-12

C. Pilatus Porter PC-6

D. Pilatus PC-7

E. Pilatus PC-21

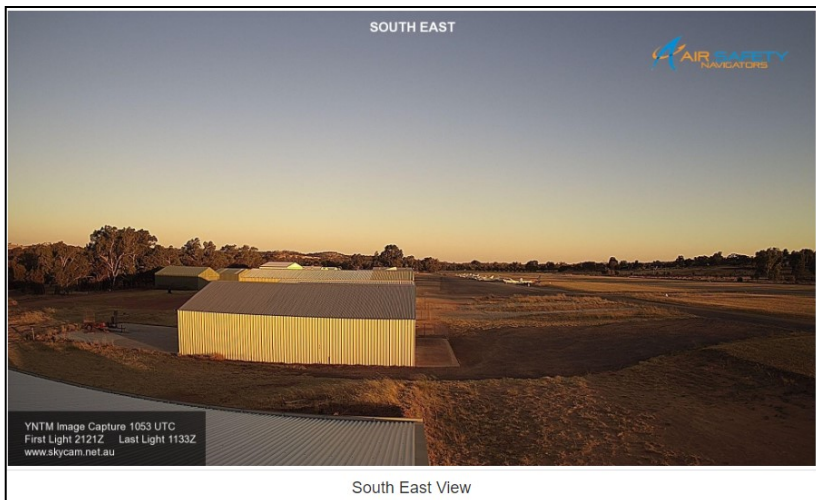
F. Pilatus P2

NORTHAM AIRPORT SKYCAM

Northam Airport now has a Skycam:

<http://www.northam.skycam.net.au/>

The Skycam system at the Northam Airport has been installed to improve pilot situational awareness with regard to the weather. This webcam is funded and will be maintained by Air Safety Navigators as part of our commitment to aviation safety, the local flying community and in support of our home airfield. Images are now available on Ozrunways and Avplan



Northam Aero Club Membership & Apparel Order Form

Name: _____

☐ Not Renewing

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ (email) _____

Type of Membership: ☐ Adult (\$55)

☐ Junior (\$10)

Apparel: ☐ Club Polo Shirt (\$35) – 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 5XL . (185 GSM 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 (\$20) plus \$8 postage. (* Caps are also available from the bar)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you would like to receive an Invoice please tick ☐

‘Fly About’ Magazine: Yes ☐ I would like to receive it by ☐ email (preferred) ☐ post

No ☐ I do not wish to receive it

Many thanks,

Northam Aero Club Committee

Northam Aero Club Cap \$20

Northam Aero Club Polo Shirt \$35 (Personalised)



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—\$20.00 available at the bar

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00 available at the bar

Postage available—\$8.00



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- 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

0428 962 001

50/50 Share Sale

Vans RV7A

VH-ZDB

Looking for a 50/50 share or a possible outright sale considered

- *Aircraft built in Nungarin and first flew in 2005*
- *Faultless history*
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- *Always hangared*

For more information please contact David Watkins

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is a fascinating story of one man's lifelong dream to build a head-turning replica SS Jaguar from the ground up.

Howard Pietersie takes us through a mechanical odyssey, replete with setbacks, successes and innovative solutions that make 'Curvy Kate' a remarkable story of endurance, elation and love.

However, the romantic notion of building a truly elegant piece of 20th century motoring royalty is not for the faint-hearted, though any unsuspecting soul determined to do so would do well to read this book.

The Story of Curvy Kate is Pietersie's inspirational and sometimes hilarious journey into the secret life of an enthusiastic amateur determined to realise a dream.



The Story of Curvy Kate

available online

www.replicajaguarbook.com

Paperback—\$29.95

Hardback—\$39.95

ASIC Cards

As you know, ASIC's now need to be collected in person. This has meant a trip to Perth to have a face to face pick up. I am now an agent for CASA so if you nominate Northam as your pick up point, your ASIC will be sent to me for you to collect in Northam.

Enquiries—Denis Beresford

0408 747 182

"Happy Flying"

Hangar for Sale

15m x 15m located on a front row and

Corner of taxiway—Block No. 33.

Power and water on corner of block.

Note—the hangar only uses the front half of the block, therefore another hangar can be built on the back of the block.

Please call—0438 101 334

NAC Cessna 172—VH-PGL

Hire Fee Structure

Private Hire - \$220 per hour

Dual Training - \$330 per hour

TIF's - \$165 per 1/2 hour

Briefing - as required

Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$100 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

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