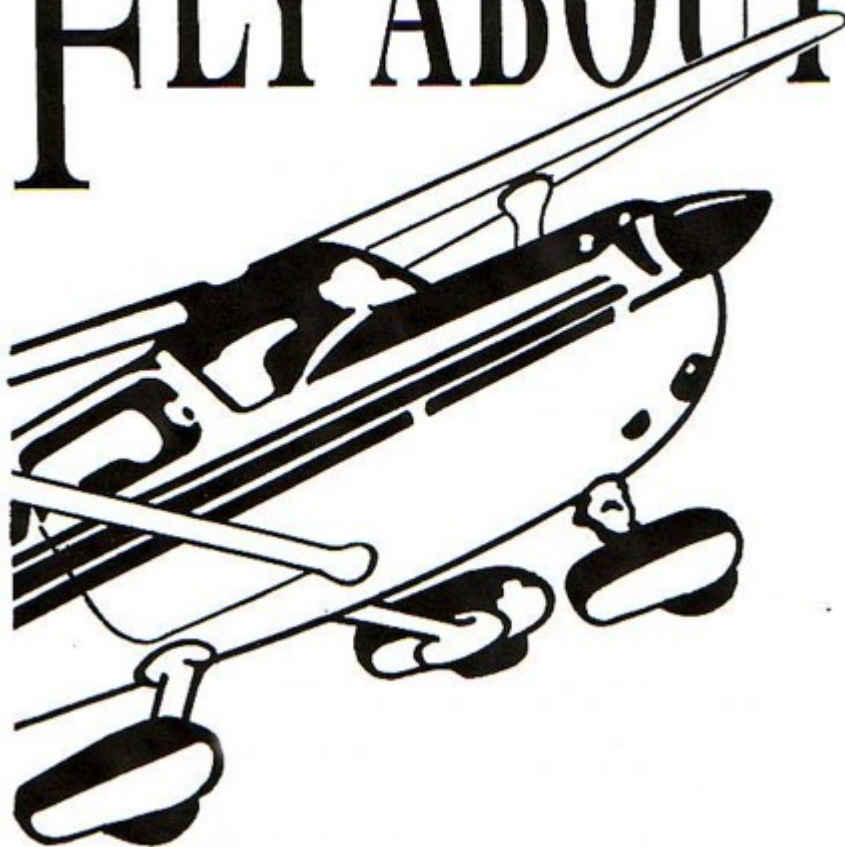


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Presidents Report

Hi all.

The year just keeps rolling on, incredible to think it was Christmas 7 weeks ago. I believe Claude Meunier has had another birthday, many happy wishes to you Claude and anyone else who is celebrating special events. Claude has recently donated some very special international awards to the Aero Club to be kept in our new trophy case. Ray Howell has also donated some very interesting aviation books dedicated to flying and will be a welcome addition to the Paul Stewart Library. Thank you to both Claude and Ray we are fortunate to have so many generous benefactors.

Our Instructors have been kept busy and PGL is due for another 50 hours. You may have noticed we have lost our Matt Bignell. He was selected by Mitre 10 along with his boss to represent Mitre 10 Northam in a Conference in South Australia. Once you get the travel bug in your system there is no stopping.

The 50 year anniversary for the NAC is progressing very well. If you have any memorabilia or any old Members whereabouts do not hesitate to contact them or us.

Heather and I will be catching up with MJ while on a weeks break in Melbourne so will try and get some photos to display on our photo board.

Until next edition.

Cheers, Errol

Club Captains Report

Sunday 11th FEBRUARY was our Monthly Flying Comp.

Runway 14 with 5 knots crosswind etc.

"I.F.R. Northam" - I Follow Roads -lots of them.

A local flight around the 5 mile radius of Northam Airfield, with 9 changes of course and 11 ground targets, capped off with a 5 mile Straight in Approach with Radio Calls and landing performance criteria in the mix. So..... TEAM NAC AVIATORS and CREWS gathered in the Flight office in good spirits with a nice cuppa and cake from the Lovely Ladies of the Kitchen!

Once again sincere thanks to our ladies for their fantastic cakes, tea and coffee etc. Beth, Kate and Karin... THANK YOU.....Visitors also had great seats and lots of Tea and Cake!

All TEAM NAC pilots had full Comp Sheets 30 days prior as usual, so ample time to read/print off/fly some practice runs. As always the emphasis is on practising some of the basic skills that we should all remain proficient in but often do not revisit....

Results came down to a matter of metres on or off the keys or a missed radio call or landmark to decide the finishing order.

As usual all Pilots flew well and scores were very close to each other. They say they enjoyed the ride!

Coming Equal First with near on perfect scores were Ashley Smith in Howie's PA28-235, and Adam Price in his Maule 235 Growler, an impressive wheeler on the grass! Great Stage Presence!

Second in the Victa Airtourer was Trevor Sangston and his lovely wife, Danielle. Third was a forgetful Peter Hill in his C152, followed closely by the forever Old and Bold Ian Berry in his nice Jab, which is for sale if anyone wants a well sorted little tourer at a good price.

JUDGES: ("we were entertained, flying was good and safe" .)

Radio: Kim Lawrence Runway: James Hill, Peter Scheer...

Thank you, your work is greatly valued!

Sincere congratulations to all Competitors !

NEXT NAC FLYING COMP : SUNDAY 11th March 9 a.m. start, Northam

" DOWERIN SORTIE" A Cross Country air trial with Circuit Work on arrival and Bob Carr organising Lunch in Town and other surprises, thank You Bob for your enthusiasm!

All NAC Pilots have the full MARCH Comp sheet with 30 days to go, so plenty of time to tidy up our Circuit/Strip Inspection procedures by FLYING a couple of PRACTICE runs next 4 weeks. All Members welcome, refreshments provided, and seats available in Club Aircraft for Members who would like to fly with TEAM NAC.

Hope to see you Sunday 11th MARCH 9 am at Northam Airfield for a good Flying Comp. Until then,

Thank You and Stay Safe.

Peter Hill Club Captain 0450415947 prh@aurora.net.au

News From University Flying Club & SABC

Scott and Caleb are flying across Oz to raise money for the RFDS

SABC and UFC club members Scott Palmer and Caleb Duggan will be taking part in the 2018 Outback Air Race supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service this coming August. The team will be flying a Vans RV7A, VH-ZIC.

The Outback Air Race is a GPS-based navigation time trial and takes place every three years. In 2018 41 aircraft from across Australia (and NZ) will take place in the race.

The Air Race started in 1996 and exists to raise much-needed funds to support the Australian Royal Flying Doctor Service, who's government funding has remained largely unchanged since 2006, despite demand for

their critical services increasing. Participants and spectators in the Outback Air Race have raised over \$2.1 million since the first race, and these funds have gone towards outfitting RFDS aircraft with essential medical equipment vital for treating sick and injured patients.

Last year, the RFDS made an average of 915 patient contacts or transports, and flew 72,358 kilometres daily. It ran 14,471 healthcare clinics, operated 67 aircraft, 22 bases, 5 health facilities and had 1,072 full-time equivalent staff. It has provided a 'mantle of safety' for rural communities for 90 years.

This year's Outback Air Race takes place across Australia's top end - East to West, Brisbane to Broome, over two weeks. The race starts in Brisbane (Archerfield) on the 18th of August. Race stops include Bundaberg (YBUD), Longreach (YLRE), Mt. Isa (YBMA), Adels Grove (YALG), Daly Waters (YDLW), Katherine (YPTN), Kunnanurra (YPKU), Broome (YBRM). The course covers approximately 2,132nm or 3,940km.

Scott and Caleb aim to raise \$4000 for the Royal Flying Doctors before the race starts and hope to raise even more during the race.

If you would like to make a small donation to the team's RFDS fundraising efforts, you can access their team fundraising page here: <https://oar18.everydayhero.com/au/teamzic>

100% of the funds will go to the WA Branch of the RFDS, and any donations of any size are greatly appreciated.

The team also welcomes any tips or advice from other members who have flown into these locations. You can contact us at president@uniflying.org.au or vicepresident@uniflying.org.au.

If you would like to know more about the Air Race you can view their site here: <http://www.outbackairrace.com.au/>



The 2018 Race Route



This is a “ZAPPEM”

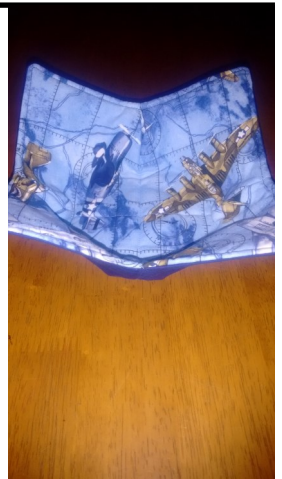
The latest thing over here on the East Coast. Put your “Zappem” around your bowl, place in microwave, no more burned fingers.

Send in your Pictures, Stories, Tales, Adventures, Gossip.

In fact anything at all fit for publication and receive a free

“ZAPPEM” in Classic aircraft design. We only have 20 so first in best dressed

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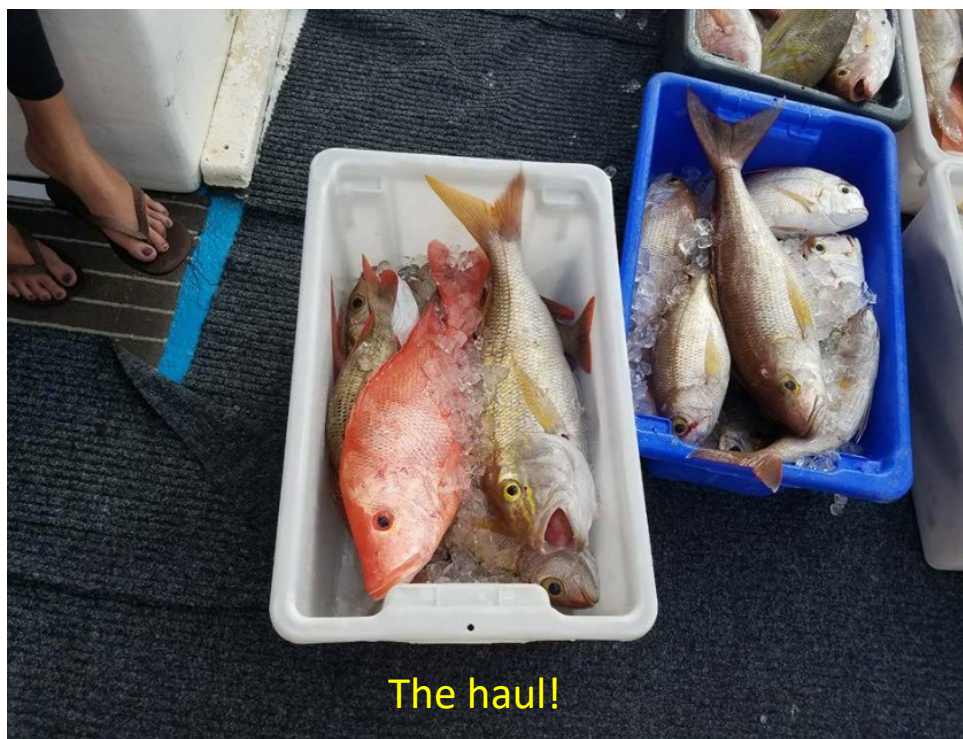
Coral Bay Fishing Trip September 2017

NAC members Tim Hesford and David Kerr headed up to Exmouth via Geraldton and Carnarvon on a fishing expedition in Tim's Cessna C195 'JTM' and Dave's CT4 'XHW'. Our co pilots were our partners Jenny and Anya.

Corey was easy to arrange fuel with at World Fuel Services in Geraldton, and the swipe card was in use at Carnarvon. The shire team in Carnarvon were friendly enough to allow us to view some live weather updates on the way back in their office. Parking and accommodation for the trip was in Exmouth (not Learmonth) due to Coral Bay having no empty rooms!

Coral Bay strip was the preferred parking, but it was no problems getting a hire car pre positioned to Exmouth strip from AVIS in town nearby.

The fishing was excellent, and a great catch resulted, even though Dave was sea sick more times than the number of fish he caught!



Aircraft for Sale

Mooney 20E

CSU Retractable Undercarriage

Engine:

126 hours since new

Lycoming IO-360-A1A 200HP

25 Nov 2024

Propeller

126 hours since new

HARTZELL HC-C2YK-1BF

27 Nov 2018

Other

AirFrame total hours 5187.2

Annual inspection due: 22 Mar 2018

For more information please contact Milton Brooks on

0414 763 347 or milt_brooks@hotmail.com



Hangar Space Available

Hangar Site 34

'The Budgie'

Available for rent is space

for one small and one medium aircraft

If you are interested please contact:

David Lawrence on 0895741489

Or

David Kerr at davedragon68@gmail.com

Aircraft Cleaning and Detailing



Australian Aviation Support
Services

Australian Aviation Support Services are considering providing a mobile aircraft cleaning and detailing service to rural airports in mid-2018, and we would like to hear from anyone interested in this service.

Services provided:

- Exterior hand washing and polishing
- Interior detailing, with basic or extensive cleaning options available
- Corrosion prevention program

This mobile service could be provided once a month, with a duration depending on interest. Discounts would apply to multiple aircraft, clubs, schools, and groups. If you would be interested in these services, or you would like to know more information, please email your name, contact details, and type of aircraft to:

aircraftdetailing@australianaviationsupport.net



BAR ROSTER—2018

FEBRUARY		
3rd-4th	-	Peter
10th-11th	-	Mick
17th-18th	-	Crofty
24th-25th	-	Howie

May		
5th-6th	-	Matt
12th-13th	-	Peter
19th-20th	-	Mick
26st-27th	-	Crofty

MARCH		
3rd-4th	-	Matt
10th-11th	-	Peter
17th-18th	-	Mick
24th-25th	-	Crofty
31st		Howie

June		
2nd-3rd	-	Howie
9th-10th	-	Matt
16th-17th	-	Peter
23rd-24th	-	Mick
30th		Crofty

APRIL		
1st	-	Howie
7th-8th	-	Peter
14th-15th	-	Mick
21st-22nd	-	Crofty
28th-29th		Howie

JULY		
1st	-	Crofty
7th-8th	-	Howie
14th-15th	-	Matt
28th-29th	-	Peter

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm

Sun. 5pm—7pm

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 11th March 2018

The Northam Aero Club

**Committee meeting will be held at the
club rooms**

Sunday 11th March 2018 at 12:00 noon