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Presidents Report

Welcome Member's to May's Fly About.

The weather has been perfect for flying as anyone that has managed to take to the air would have noticed. I like the way you can trim the aircraft and it stays at that level. No rain but a lot of dust from all the dry seeding taking place.

Ray Howell has once again very generously donated more Flying Books. Please, if you read these books return them for someone else to enjoy. Many happy returns to Ray who managed to reach the nifty age of 90. Ray spent many years with Northam Aero Club on various Committees and Club Captain roles. Ray was also a very respected member and icon of Royals Aero Club. Well done Ray, many of us still reminisce about our flying days together.

Our Annual Dinner Presentation night will be held on Saturday 7th July 2018. Make up your tables now with a group of friends or just let Heather or I know who you would like to catch up with.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 3rd August 2018. We are on the lookout for more Committee Members, in particular a Secretary and nomination forms are included in this issue of Fly About. With 120 Members we should be able to find a Secretary and Committee. Heather will not be renominating for the Secretary position this year.

We have a couple of very exciting events happening with the 50 year Anniversary celebration day set at Saturday October 13th 2018.

Editor Martin Jacobson has organised a fly in to Forrest on the Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th September 2018. We have some interested parties so get onboard with your details to secure accommodation.

We also have interest in the formation flying training so if you are wanting to be a part of that let us know.

Happy flying all and with cooler weather don't forget carby heat on and wheels down.

Cheers,

Errol

Club Captains Report

Our May Flying Comp was a Cross Country Air Trial with Multiple Ground Targets, with Radio Calls and landing performance in the mix.

Thank You to Marg, Beth and Kate for more Great Morning Tea and Cakes..Thank You Judges too! Ashley Smith Came First with 148 Points out of a possible 150. Second was Peter Hill with 147 Points Third was Ian Berry who did the best landing on the keys anyone has ever seen! Well Done Ian Berry, millimetre perfect!

Next Month the Flying Comp is THREE CIRCUITS. Hope to see ALL NAC PILOTS on deck...

FULL COMP SHEET FOR NAC COMP SUNDAY 10th JUNE at 9 am. Three Circuits with Radio etc.

Print off/READ / FLY A PRACTICE SESSION OR TWO.

Brush up on your Circuit/Glide Approach skills etc.....

Refreshments available, and seats are available in Club aircraft. Bring a friend ,ALL WELCOME Hope to see you at NORTHAM AIRFIELD, 9 am SUNDAY 10th JUNE for some interesting close up flying!

Kind Regards and thank you all, Peter Hill Club Captain NAC 0450415947 <u>prh@aurora.net.au</u>.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the Members of Annual General Meeting of NORTHAM AERO CLUB Friday 3RD August 2018

NAC Club Rooms

7.30pm

AGENDA ITEMS

Election of Office Bearers Notice of Motion

(Please bring a small plate of food for fellowship at the conclusion of the meeting)

The names of the candidates proposed as Officers of the Club with the names of their proposers and seconders shall be in the hands of the Secretary 21 days before the date of the Annual Meeting (13th July 2018). The names shall be posted in the Club for 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

Nomination Form

	Nomination	is	hereby	made	for	the	position	of:
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*President *Vice President *Secretary *Treasurer

*3 x Committee Persons (2 year) *2 x Committee Person (1 year)

Nominee
Signature
Position
Proposer:
Seconder:

*<u>To be in the hands of the Secretary by Friday 13th July</u> <u>2018</u> (PO Box 247 Northam WA 6401)

Three NAC Members to China.

Three of our Members are back from a memorable trip to China. The reason for the trip was the tenth Earthrounders meeting in Zhengzhou, China.

The Earthrounders is a non-profit, informal group of pilots having flown themselves around the World. It was created in 1998 by Claude Meunier, Margi Moss of Brazil and the late Hand Gutmann of Austria. They meet every second or third year somewhere in the vast world, on invitation by selected members. Previous Meetings were in Oshkosh, Vienna, Perth, Mexico City, Cape Town, Brasília, Florida, St Petersburg and New Guinea.

Claude invited his two co-pilots and accomplices of previous adventures...

Before attending the Meeting, our trio did spend time in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing and Xian.

In Hong Kong, Claude wanted to see again the Flying Club, at the old airport of Kai Tak where he landed with his Aerostar one stormy night of 1995. The Club House is still there, same as it was then but without any runway or aircraft. Those have been moved to the new Chek Lap Kok airport, many miles from there, but the tradition of the ol'british style club is still there...

After Hong Kong, they flew to Shanghai where an Earthrounder was waiting for them. Saki Chen, one of the rare Chinese female pilot flew around the World in a Bonanza in 2016. She took them around for a full day visit ,with two excellent real Chinese cuisine banquets.

Then they spent four days in Beijing, doing the 'tourist circuit': Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and of course a climb on the Great Wall. More excellent Chinese banquets. Several other Earthrounders joined them in those tours, more or less starting unofficially the Earthrounders Meeting.

From there, they flew to Xi'an to see the famous Terra Cotta Warriors. All very impressive, thousand of ceramic, full size soldiers guarding the Emperor in his last place of rest. A quick and very comfortable High Speed Train ride took them to Zhengzhou where the meeting was to take place. Accommodation was organised by the local Air Show in a five star hotel. The Earthrounders had been invited there by the Air Show organisers. After a visit to the local Buddhist Temple with a Kun Foo demonstration, they took a short cruise in a hovercraft on the Yellow River.

The next day was the official opening of the Air Show and Claude was invited to address the crowd for the opening. This was followed by yet another banquet, this time with the Mayor of Zhengzhou and the Director of the Civil Aviation.



Tiananmen Square

The Great Wall



The last day was the proper Earthrounders gathering with awards presentations, speeches, some around the World flight videos. At the end Claude was presented by the Director of the Air Show, Mr. Jiang, with a precious porcelain vase.

Claude finally announced the location and time for the next Earthrounders meeting, this time in Switzerland in September 2020, near Chateau d'Oex, the mecca of hot air ballooning in Switzerland.. The flag of the Association was handed by the present Host Wei Chen to Flemming Pedersen who took it on behalf of the 'Handiflight' association, the next host.

The Handiflight is an association of handicapped pilots who have lost the use of their legs and can only fly modified aircraft, solely with their hands. They are getting ready for their own flight around the World to start late this year. The Patrons of the Handiflight are not less than Brian Jones, Bertrand Picard, André Borschberg and Max Bishop.

The trio had a great trip. It was interesting and a bit frightening to see China after a few years interval, becoming a huge and strong country with enormous ambitions of world domination...

More details and photos can be seen on the Earthrounders Internet Site:

http://www.earthrounders.com/china reports.php



3 Terra Cotta Wariors in Xian

Airshow opening





Speech at Airshow Opening



Airshow Aerobatics

Wing Walking





Robyn and Natalie, a Russian Helicopter Pilot

Handing over the flag to the hosts of the next meeting



The Inaugural Annual Fly About Editors Dinner FORREST WA Weekend 23rd & 24th Sept. 2018

Forrest is a small settlement and railway station on the Trans-Australian Railway in Western Australia. At the 2006 census, Forrest had a population of 18.

Forrest is on the longest stretch of straight railway in the world, at 479 km (298 mi) from Nurina in Western Australia to Ooldea in South Australia.

The airstrip at Forrest was the overnight stop on the first scheduled passenger air service between Perth and Adelaide from 1929 to 1934, operated by West Australian Airways. The 18-room hostel provided a restaurant meal "worthy of any city hotel".

Forrest was named after Sir John Forrest, the explorer who became the first Premier of Western Australia.

Forrest Airport				
IATA: FOS ICAO: YFRT				
	Sum	mary		
Airport typePublicOperatorFayburn Pty Ltd.LocationForrest, Western AustraliaElevation AMSL511 ft / 156 m				
Coordinates	Coordinates 30°50′18″S - 128°06′54″E			
Website http://www.forrestairport.com.au				
Runways				
Direction Length Surface				
Direction		m	ft	Surface
18/36	1	,519	4,984	Asphalt
09/27 1,349 4,426 Asphalt				
Sources: Australian <u>AIP</u> and aerodrome chart				

Expressions of interest now open, email to MJ auswideaviation@bigpond.com Hurry because accommodation is limited!!

Attractions

Drive or walk the Historic Trail featuring historic hangar, quarry site used to build runways, trans-continental railway, last remaining railway station on the trans line, old telegraph station site, Bureau of Meteorology building (no longer operational) and Museum, Forrest township.

Why not have a hit of tennis or badminton under lights in the historic hangar.



An average of 60 trains per week pass through Forrest along the trans-line, the Indian Pacific four times per week, and several freight trains each day. The trains can be a maximum of 1.8km long and may stop at the Forrest siding to allow another train to pass.

If you hear a toot, it may be the daily paper being thrown from the train or if it's Monday it's the Indian Pacific bringing our weekly shopping and mailbag from Kalgoorlie.



Forrest Museum located in the old Met Office is a journey from the beginnings of Forrest as a railway town, to the airport and Met station and the current day. Much of the information, photographs and memorabilia has been donated by the National Archives, BOM and past residents.

Sit and relax, enjoy the peaceful tranquility of the Nullarbor.

Bird watchers bring your binoculars, a change in the weather, rain or strong winds can blow in a variety of birds from grebes, ducks, herons and waders such as Inland Dotterel, Pacific Golden and Oriental Plovers, Banded and Black Winged Stilts. We even had a Nankeen Night Heron take up residence for a time at Forrest.

Watching the developing chicks of resident birds or prey such as Wedge-Tailed Eagles and Nankeen Kestrels can be a very rewarding experience. Please download our <u>bird list</u> for more details.



For those with their own 4wd and wanting some adventure there are caves, meteorite sites, blowholes and tektites to be found in the local area.



1. In 2005 Forrest entered the Tidy Towns competition for the Goldfields-Esperance area of W.A. We were a finalist and went on to win the 2005 Recycling and Waste Management Achievement Award.

2. We now have a meteorite camera, complete with photovoltaic panels, located on the old HUFDUF on our historic trail. This was put in by a college in London and built in Prague. There are now three of these cameras on the Nullarbor to triangulate the position of any meteorite.

3. Homestead Cave is situated 41kms from Forrest and is a popular spot for cavers and picnickers.

Facilities

Forrest Airport has available AVGAS & JET A1 aviation fuel dispensed by bowser. Aviation oil is also available. Fuel is available 24/7 including public holidays. No landing fees apply. Payment can be made by EFTPOS (Bankcard, Visa, Mastercard and AMEX), cheque or cash.

Air conditioned terminal, toilets, complimentary tea & coffee. Refreshments for sale, lunches available but should be pre-ordered. Hangar parking for aircraft.

Accommodation is available in self contained cottages, meals can be provided by managers or guests are welcome to byo food and beverages. Cottages sleep 4 people, all linen is provided. Television/radio, heating and cooling, full kitchen facilities, tea & coffee provided.

The managers residence offers home made evening meals and desserts out on the covered deck with drop-down cafe blinds for winter dining as well.



FOR SALE

Piper Cherokee PA28-180

<u>VH– RXA</u>

<u>\$35,000</u>

The editor has reluctantly decided to part

With his beloved little 180.

This is a great little aircraft with over the asking price spent on her in the last 2 years.

Sadly I don't need 4 aircraft.

She has done only 100 hours on a rebuilt engine.





Has new windows all round, corrosion proofing, new alternator and lots more. Call MJ for more information on, 0408 439 160.





FOR SALE

TECNAM P2008 LSA. 2011, 430hrs TT. VH reg, Aerial work & Private Catergory. Bolly prop, electric AH/DG, aux alternator, GMA 240 Coms, 30 Nav/Com with CDI. Garmin 495 GPS, Garmin GTX327 Txp/ Mode C. 118Ltrs fuel, 115kts Tas, 20ltr/hr. LAME maintained, one owner, exc cond, always hangered inland WA. \$135000+Gst 0428935635.









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N A C Annual Awards Night Saturday 7th July 2018

Bar Open at 7pm for pre-dinner drinks Three course dinner starts at 7.30pm Cost \$45 per head

<u>RSVP</u>

Errol 0429 880 149 or Heather 0428 738 808 Or email secretary@northamaeroclub.com

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





BAR ROSTER-2018

APRIL			Мау		
1st	-	Howie	5th-6th	-	Matt
7th-8th	-	Peter	12th-13th	-	Peter
14th-15th	-	Mick	19th-20th	-	Mick
21st-22nd	-	Crofty	26st-27th	-	Crofty
28th-29th		Howie			
			June		
			2nd-3rd	-	Howie
			9th-10th	-	Matt
			16th-17th	-	Peter
			23rd-24th	-	Mick
			30th		Crofty
			JULY		
			1st	-	Crofty
			7th-8th	-	Howie

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

Bar Hours

Sat. 5pm—7 pm Sun. 5pm—7pm

IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED DAYS PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE

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NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9am Sunday 10th June 2018

The Northam Aero Club

Committee meeting will be held at the

club rooms

Sunday 10th June 2018 at 1pm