

Fly About

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Presidents Message

Welcome to October Fly About

With this beautiful weather at this time of year with harvest just starting, I cannot believe the amount of people complaining about yellow or white flying aircraft flying very low back and forward. When explained that they are crop spraying, I am not sure they believe me. It is so enjoyable watching the aircraft flying, landing, reloading and taking off again.

Bernie Hush is our new committee person and is organising social flying so keep an eye on Northam Aero Club Facebook page. Bernie is very keen for people to add photos and stories to the page.

Paul Blain will be organising his busy schedule to put together a busy bee to install our reticulation, this will be announced soon.

Welcome to our new member Siegfried Munninger we hope to see you down at the Aero Club soon.

Thanks again to Paul Dundon for maintaining our lawns. As always, much appreciated. Once again, our monthly competition was held on 12th October with good numbers. I have mentioned in the past current and non-current pilots are always welcome. If you are not current but would like to fly in the competition let Dave or myself know beforehand and we will try to organise an Instructor to fly with you. Ballooning is just winding up for the season and it is fantastic to see many balloons in the air.

Our Christmas lunch has been brought forward due to some of our very appreciated volunteers not being around during December, so put the date of **24th November** on your calendar and bring your children or grandchildren down for the party. The best way to remember the date is that it will be that last Sunday in November.

Also does anyone know the whereabouts of the dinner and side plates that were originally in the club kitchen?

The club seems to be missing around 50 of each. If you know, please let Heather know for the Xmas lunch.

Cheers,

Errol

Club Captain's Report

Eight Pilots competed in three circuits consisting of;

- Flapless with a touch down on or after the second runway stripe.
- Glide approach from 1500ft abeam the third runway stripe.
- Powered approach for a Short field landing on the second runway stripe.

Chris Hill and young Peter Hill videoed all the landings which were played back on the big TV at debriefing which allowed pilots to do their OWN scoring. Thanks a lot! It's amazing how many excuses eight can come up with!

Unfortunately the hand held radio didn't clearly pick up radio calls so these were deleted from scoring. The judging of the finals turn in the past has pilots concentrating on that turn. Of the 24 circuits only one marginally over shot the centre line.

So with radio calls not counted, brought the competition down to 90 points total.

Winners were....

→	Equal First;	Peter Hill	C152 BFC	90 points
→	Equal First;	Paul Blain	C172 PGL	90 points
→	Equal Second;	Ashley Smith	C172 PGL	89 Points
→	Equal Second;	Bob Emery	Jabiru	89 points
→	Equal Third;	Young Peter Hill	C172 BOF	75 points
→	Equal Third;	Chris Hill	C172 BOF	88 points
→	Equal Fourth;	Ian Berry	C172 PGL	87 points
→	Equal Fourth;	Errol Croft	C172 JXI	87 points

Judging was very difficult with only three points between competitors!

Club Captain's Report

Congratulations to the Chris Hill family on their acquisition of
VH BOF 180hp C172.

[Editors Note: I started my C172 endorsement in BOF back in April 1989]

Thanks to those who supported morning tea, their work in the kitchen
keeping up with the tempting fare.

Next competition will be Sunday November 10th. Briefing 0900hrs.

David McFarlane
0428 743031



Reynoldson Reserve Festival



THE WONGAN HILLS TOURISM GROUP PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS 19TH ANNUAL

Reynoldson Reserve Festival

Friday

1st November

6.00-10.00pm

Sundowner
at "The Station"
Wongan Road

LIVE MUSIC

By Ari Davis &
Georgie Sadler

BYO DRINKS



\$30 Grazing Boxes for 2
(pre order only)

\$10 Curry & Rice

Available on the Night
Art Society Open from 4pm

Table Bookings &
Grazing Box Orders to
Alfreda on 0418 915 517

Saturday

2nd November

7.30am-8.30am

Big Brekkie at Visitors
Centre **\$15**

10.00am-2.00pm

Apex Markets, Bus Tours, Tea
& Scones, Vintage Cars, Kids
Entertainment, Art &
Wildflower Exhibition,
School Display & More...

7.00pm

Stargazing & Astronomy
Wongan Hills Airport

BYO Chair

www.wongantourism.com.au
Facebook - Wongan Hills Visitors Centre

Sunday

3rd November

Twilight Drinks
at the Museum
5.00pm Onwards

BYO Drinks, Nibbles & Chair

Additional
Bus Tours
on Sunday



Museum &
Art Society
Open
all day
Sat & Sun

Christmas Luncheon

Save the date

for the annual Christmas Lunch
on *Sunday 24th November 2024*
at the Aero Club rooms.



Aviation Humour



Four stages of owning an AIRPLANE



Woohoo it's fixed!

Let's FLY!



What was that noise?

I hate this thing!

Aviation Humour



...
I See What He's Doing Here



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

The Bar will be open every Saturday evening from 17:00 — 19:00

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NEXT CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday 10th Nov 2024 @ 13:00

Wanted - Aviation Memorabilia

- Books
- Artefacts
- 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

Club Caps with logo—\$25.00

available at the bar or Postage—\$10.00 per order

Stubbie Holders—\$7.00

available at the bar or

Postage —\$8.00



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NAC Cessna 172 — VH-PGL

Hire Fee Structure

- Private Hire - \$260 per hour
- Dual Training - \$410 per hour
- TIF's - \$205 per 1/2 hour
- Briefing - as required
- Instructor (in owner's aircraft) - \$150 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 costs only. Instructor fees remain as fixed price.

For all further enquiries please contact:

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Aircraft Bookings: **Matt Bignell** - 0407 873 700

NEXT CLUB COMPETITION

9:00 am Sunday 10th Nov 2024

Cheers,

Dave McFarlane

Club Captain **0428 743 031**

