



# FLYING TIGERS CLUB INC



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The Club Newsletter is produced with the aim of giving information both about events and interests for our members as well as news from other clubs and organisations. It will work best if all members feel part of it so please let us know if you would like an article or announcement included in future newsletters.



### PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

24 Members and visitors attended the AGM on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – thanks to those who attended.

Thanks to the Committee for the work they have done, and to those who have supported the Club during the year.

Members flew into RAAF Amberley Heritage Aviation Centre in May

where their aircraft were on static display on the day.

The projects for the past 12 months have been:

- The concreting of the hangar floor
- Painting of ½ of the hangar floor – the rest of the painting to be done this year

This year we also plan to upgrade the kitchen area and tile the clubhouse.

Membership at any time is around 45 but generally only about 12 attend meetings and weekly get togethers. I encourage more members to take an active part in the Club so that a wider pool of information and interests can be included in the Club activities. The newsletter is a step in that direction – thank you to Kevin and Natalie for taking this in hand.

Brian

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

President Brian Melbourne, Treasurer Ian Walker and Secretary Andrew Olditch gave their reports and these are available in the Meeting Minutes.

All Committee Members were elected unopposed:

President: Brian Melbourne  
 Secretary: Andrew Olditch  
 Treasurer: Ian Walker  
 Vice President: Andrew Dunning  
 Jnr. Vice President: Kevin McDonald

The AGM was followed by a General Meeting attended by those at the AGM.

A proposal was put forward to archive AGM reports and other relevant documents at the Boonah Archives at Boonah Library. This is a free service offered by the Scenic Rim Regional Council for clubs and organisations in the area. The proposal was discussed and members present agreed.

If members have any documents or photos you feel may assist in the Club's history please contact Natalie at the Newsletter email address.

### TIGER'S TALES



One of our members must have decided to do dainty little pirouettes in his Drifter on taxiing out, by leaving one tie down attached.  
Ask Kiwi how to do it !!!!!

(Tiger's Tales from NZ)

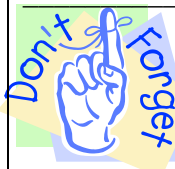
Hey guys,

This is an example of how public servants justify their existence, to extort money from law abiding pilots, in a place the size of a postage stamp, with no air traffic. This place is being strangled financially by government in all areas, as in AU. I wonder what their agenda is MMMM.

To register my lightwing here is to cost at least \$1200, with an inspection from a RAA level 2 type, completed and passed, and then the CAA conducting the final inspection, but is not expected before December - 8 months, good eh. To add insult to injury I have to undertake a BFR, but they don't care I did one a few months back in AU, and also, they will tell me when I may carry a passenger after some hours they determine. My log book states 700 hours as pilot in command, from Old Station to Tasmania, and everywhere between 95% of which I carried a passenger.



Best Regards to all,  
Crankshaft AKA Robert Newbigging.



### ANNUAL FEES DUE

Fees are due on 1st January each year. Please refer to the Membership Renewal attachment in the email sent to members re the AGM and fill out all details so that the Club's records can be kept up to date and we can keep in touch with you.

### NEXT CLUB MEETING

➤ Next Meeting: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 11.00am  
BBQ Lunch follows the meeting



### GETTING TO KNOW.....

Each month we profile one of our members and this month we get to know John Grummitt (Grummo)

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Grummo has been a member of the Flying Tigers for about 13 years, but has never held a position on the Committee.

He started flying in 1990 at Kooralbyn with Peter Reid and after going solo he bought a "State of the Art" 503 wire braced drifter from Ausflight in Boonah for \$16,000. He

jumped in to fly it home to his newly completed airstrip at Bromelton and "surprise, surprise" he had his first engine failure.

Luckily he had been trained to land without the motor going!!!!!! He achieved his licence in 1991.

He recalls that back in the early days he would fly down to Moreton and Stradbroke Islands with his 18ft surf rod zip-tied to the fuselage, land on the beach and go fishing - sadly the authorities realised that somebody was having fun for nothing and put a stop to that.

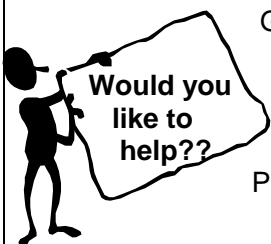
After flying some 900 hours he sold his drifter to Peter Moor and in 2001 he purchased Lloyd Salisbury's SPT Jabiru, which has now done about 1050 hours.

Grummo has flown many types of Aircraft - 24 at last count - and has flown to 103 different towns and private airfields, some more than once. I wonder if he can sing "I've Been Everywhere Man"?

He says he would really like to fly to The Cape and Northern Territory.



Grummo's SPT 6



Grummo is interested in talking to members who may wish to be involved with the purchase of a Dynamic Balancing Propellor Machine for Club use.

Please speak directly to Grummo if you are interested.

*It's not hard to meet expenses , they're everywhere*

### RA-Aus UPDATES

Tony King, our Board representative at RA-Aus gave an update to the General Meeting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November re what is happening in our organisation

- Updated Operation and Technical Manuals have been passed to CASA for approval. This is expected to be a lengthy process with some changes to take place
- Aircraft Registrations: Tony was advised these are up to date with the exception of those where documentation is missing or invalid
- CASA have delayed the introduction of the RPL until September 2014
- Aircraft Maintenance: From 27<sup>th</sup> November an on line test for L1 Maintenance will be available and from June next year all pilots will be required to have carried out the test to maintain their L1 status.
- There is a move within CASA for RA-Aus aircraft to have a bi-annual condition report carried out by a L2 not associated with the aircraft. Reservations were expressed by Tony and the Flying Tigers Members on this move and this will be strenuously opposed. The RA-Aus board and committee will be meeting with CASA in the near future on this proposal.
- The Safety Management System (SMS) proposal has been provided to CASA for approval
- A short list of applicants for the positions of SMS Manager and Technical Manager has been reached for Board discussion.
- NATFLY will be held at Temora on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2014

### BOONAH AIRFIELD INC. REPORT

President Mike Sykes reports that now the weather has improved the next project for BAI is the fertilising of the airstrip.

### POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

As it's no longer politically correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, here's one with a difference:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Gurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, a German, a Yank, an Egyptian, an Italian, a Jap, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Jordanian, a Kiwi, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Swiss, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Greek, an Argentinian, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an African all went to a night club.

The bouncer said:

"Sorry, can't let you in without a Thai"



### Disclaimer

Information in this newsletter is given in good faith and acknowledgement is given to articles by members and others

## WHAT'S ON??????????????

### ➤ Proposed visit to Museum



We have a local Museum close to our Club at Boonah. It is the Panorama Motorcycle and Memorabilia Museum at Roadvale - 10-15 minutes drive from the Airstrip.

The museum has a collection of over 20 Vintage and Classic Motorcycles; 6 Vintage Cars; Antiques and Collectables; Stationary Engines and Memorabilia.

We are proposing to organise a Sunday visit if members and friends are interested. We would assemble at the Clubhouse and drive to the Museum, for the visit which would be followed by morning tea.

No date is set for this visit and bookings are necessary so if you are interested please contact Kevin McDonald at the newsletter email address and the visit organisation can take begin.

### ➤ Oakey Army Flying Museum

Another proposed visit is to the Museum of Australian Army Flying at Oakey on the first Sunday in March 2014



This will be the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration of the formation of the Australian Army Flying Corps and is obviously a very historical moment.

The museum is well set up and worth the visit. Those who visited Amberley this year will appreciate the set up at this museum. There is an entrance cost as the only income from visitors, and staff are volunteers.

It is proposed to assemble at Clifton on the day and then fly to Oakey. If you would like to see the museum and attend the fly in, contact Kevin at the newsletter email address. This should be a good day and a great moment in time.

### ➤ Notes from other Clubs

#### ➤ Casino Aero Club:

Regular local fly-ins:

- Evans Head every Sunday morning
- Casino Aero Club regular lunch every 1st Sunday of the month

#### ➤ Ballina (BAC) Fly Outs

Regular breakfast fly-in at Dunwich on Stradbroke Island on 21<sup>st</sup> December

Link to the event: <http://www.stradair.com>

- There are two good events further north at Murgon (Fly-in Breakfast) and the Sunshine Coast on the 14th Dec.

BAC Fly-outs are publicised events that are selected by interested club members. There is no club organiser. Please plan your own departure time, additional activities and return home.

There is no requirement to advise the club that you intend to go or not go. But if you wish, Dave Huett will record your intentions and facilitate any groups that want to fly together. Email him at [kdhuett@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kdhuett@optusnet.com.au). If you wish to find out the names of other members who plan to go and have nominated also contact Dave

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

### Q & A's

**Q 1: A blue dot or stripe colour code on an o-ring indicates suitability for use with**

- (a) Air or MIL-H-5605 hydraulic fluid.
- (b) Jet A1 fuel
- (c) AVGAS
- (d) Synthetic engine oil

**Q 2: In aircraft design, longitudinal stability can be achieved by:**

- (a) Designing a greater incidence on the tail plane than on the main plane
- (b) Designing a lesser incidence on the tail plane than on the main plane
- (c) Washout on the main plane
- (d) Dihedral on the main plane

**Q 3: In a forecast, the code "PR" translates to:**

- (a) Primary
- (b) Permission required
- (c) Aerodrome partially covered (describing fog)
- (d) Prior to descending (describing fog)

**Q 4: When landing a typical tailwheel aircraft, ground contact by the tailwheel first tends to cause the trailing edge of the elevator to travel:**

- (a) Downwards, which contributes to the subsequent bounce on the main wheels
- (b) Downwards, which reduces the subsequent bounce on the main wheels
- (c) Upwards, which contributes to the subsequent bounce on the main wheels
- (d) Upwards, which reduces the subsequent bounce of the main wheels



Ready to see how knowledgeable you are?

#### Quiz Answers:

- A 1: (a)
- A 2: (b)
- A 3: (c)
- A 4: (a)

(Source: Flight Safety Australia Magazine)