

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

Welcome to everyone.
To those who are not aware, one of our members, John McKeown is ill and is now at home after several days at a Gold Coast Hospital. We wish John well and a speedy recovery.

The Jacaranda Muster Fly In will

be held on 26th and 27th October and although we do not have any Club plans to attend at Grafton it is always an enjoyable weekend.

At our meeting on Sunday 20th October Treasurer Ian Walker advised that we are in a period of higher than normal expense with insurances, water rates and our refrigerator giving up, necessitating the purchase of a new unit.

Secretary Andrew Olditch advised that the notice for the Annual General Meeting will be emailed out this year, together with nomination forms and membership renewal forms. The AGM will be held on Sunday 24th November at 11am at the clubhouse.

Emphasis was placed on filling out the renewal forms with any changes of address, email or phone details so we may be able to keep in contact.

Brian

CONGRATULATIONS

Members were delightfully surprised when, on Sunday 20th October, Andrew (Kiwi) Dunning and Bree Kirwan announced they have become engaged.

Congratulations were enthusiastically given by everyone present and we all give our best wishes to this well liked couple. They plan to marry in May 2014.

Information for the ladies – Bree is wearing a solitaire diamond flanked by diamond shoulders.



TIGER'S TALES

This account was overheard after the Tigers Meeting on 20th October. The names have been deleted to protect the innocent:

As is usual practice, the Tigers were sitting in groups and a particular group was discussing one of the member's aero engine problems. An experienced Tiger declared "It's a dickie lifter problem" (Technical talk for a hydraulic valve lifter not working properly).

His lady companion replied immediately "Perhaps it could be fixed with Viagra".

Much embarrassment, laughter, and joking followed.



CASA SEMINAR

Dave Briffer, the Flying School instructor and Tigers member advised that he would be attending the second CASA Seminar at the Broncos Leagues Club on 21st October.

This seminar will be on the introduction of the new Recreation Pilot's Licence (RPL) due to be introduced from the 4th December over the next 4 years.

Dave has details of the proposed licence including medical requirements and endorsements. We look forward to Dave's report on the meeting. He can be contacted through Airsport Qld at the Boonah Airstrip.

PROPELLOR BALANCING

John (Grummo) Grummit has had his Jabiru propellor dynamically balanced (not a wood unit) with very good results.

Comparing the cost of the unit and the cost of balancing John is suggesting that if a group of the members were interested in helping with the cost, we should purchase a unit for use by the members with composite propellers.

For further details refer to John.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Each month we profile one of our members and this month we get to know Vice President,

Andrew "Kiwi" Dunning



Kiwi joined the AUF and The Flying Tigers Club in 1999. He was elected to the Committee in 2001 as Vice President and Secretary and still holds the position of Vice President.

He commenced flying in May 1995, flying Cessna and Piper

aircraft and obtained his aerobatic endorsement in 1997.

His first aircraft was a Fisher Koala with a 503 Rotax which he bought in August 1999 and which, in Andrew's words, he "turned into Paddle Pop and Match sticks" in May 2000. In October 2001 he purchased his Drifter in which he has over 1200 flying hours.

In 2005 Andrew flew to the Raglan Air Show, visiting places such as Longreach, Rainbow Beach and Hervey Bay – a total of 40 flying hours.

He flew to Avalon in 2009 (this was where Brian Melbourne's Savannah was damaged by a mini tornado) and has been to three Natflys at Narromine and two at Temora, along with regular trips to Gunnedah, Goondiwindi and Inglewood and says his wish is to fly more often and include some local flights.

The comment from Club Members is that we don't see as much of Andrew as we used to – he has a distraction in the form of his now Fiancé, charming Bree Kirwan who comes along to the Club regularly.

As a club wit remarked: "He has been Bree'd"

The Fisher Koala before its sorry demise.



Kiwi's Drifter



BAI REPORT

Boonah Aviation Inc. President Mike Sykes reports that all work on the airfield has been put on hold until the weather improves. As soon as this occurs airstrip improvements will commence.

WARNING : LITHIUM POLYMER BATTERIES

At first sight, these batteries may seem a good choice for your aircraft, because they are very much lighter than equivalent lead acid batteries. However, they require special charging systems. If connected to a normal aircraft regulator as, for example, in a Rotax or Jabiru powered aircraft, they can overheat and catch fire. An intense LiPo battery fire is strongly suspected to have caused a fatal RA-Aus aircraft accident earlier this year.

There are other types of Lithium batteries which are safer than LiPo; however, club members are strongly advised to investigate the issue thoroughly before installing any type of Lithium battery in their aircraft.

ARTICLE FROM CLIFTON

The following article is taken from the newsletter of the Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. Inc. at Clifton and is relevant here in Boonah as snakes are on the move here as well.

'A word of caution with regard to snakes which are presently on the move around the airfield. Be careful when lifting sheets of iron or boards. Always take a torch with you in the hangars after dark. One of our members was recently closing the doors on the southern hangar in the dark when he was struck on the foot by a snake. Fortunately, his shoe saved him and the fangs did not penetrate through. He spent the night in hospital as a precaution but all was well'.

NEW ANTI THEFT DEVICE

As members know, President Brian is up with all the latest technology, so we are not surprised that he now has the most up to date anti theft device to protect his aircraft.



Photograph by Bree Kirwan

This Aircraft is Fitted with ANTI-THEFT DEVICES

TIGERS NOTICE BOARD

We have had requests for notices to be placed in the newsletter regarding aircraft/spare parts for sale.

While we are happy to help out, the decision has been made that the Club Newsletter is not the proper place for these ads., so any such items will be copied and placed on the Club Noticeboard.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE Q&A's About Flying Ops

Q 1: Fog formation of significance to aviation becomes more likely:

- As the ambient temperature approaches the dew point, particularly if there is a light surface wind to promote mixing.
- As the ambient temperature approaches the dew point, particularly if there is no wind.
- As the dew point depression decreases, particularly if there is no wind.
- As the dew point depression increases, particularly if there is a light wind to promote mixing.

Q 2: At the leading edge of a cold front, the atmosphere is:

- Unstable, because the temperature decreases rapidly with increasing height.
- Unstable, because the temperature increases rapidly with increasing height.
- Stable, because the temperature increases rapidly with increasing height
- Stable, because the temperature decreases rapidly with increasing height.

Q 3: A GNSS satellite transmits on two frequencies:

- In order to correct for ionospheric propagation delay of the signal.
- In order to provide redundancy.
- To split the data from the identification component.
- To achieve selective availability.

WHAT'S ON???????

- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Sunday 24th November at 11.00am at the Clubhouse.

BBQ Lunch will follow the meeting

Note: This is the 4th Sunday in the month...there will be no meeting on 17th November.

Other Clubs:

- Grafton Aero Club Jacaranda Muster –informal Fly-In October 26 and 27(Refer RA-Aus Sport Pilot October)
- Burnett Flyers Breakfast Fly-In at Murgon (Angelfield)ALA, on November 9 and December 14

(Source: Aeroclub.com.au)



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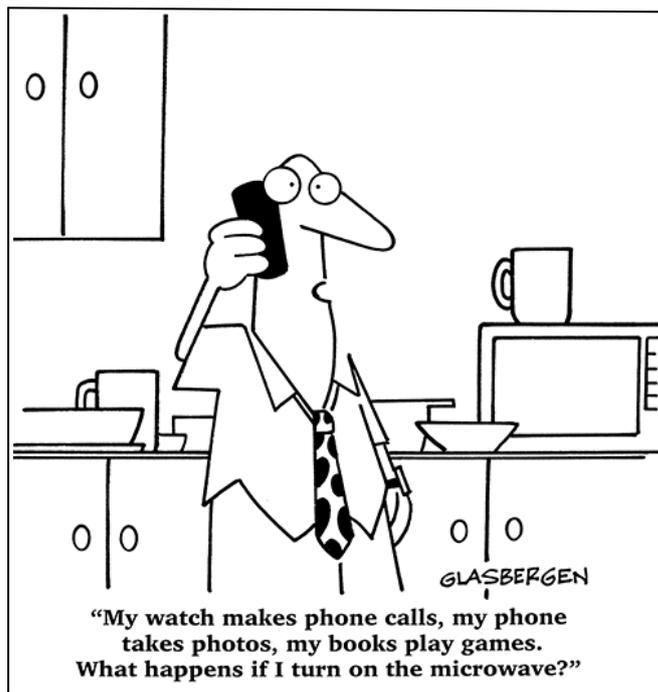
OzRunways is an approved data vendor under CAR 233(1)(h).

This means you can now use any version of OzRunways EFB as source for Maps, ERSA, DAPs and AIP.

OzRunways 3.3.2 is available at the Apple App Store as a free update for all users.

This release addresses some iOS7 related bugs and OzRunways recommend the update

HERE'S A LAUGH!!!!



The original computer!!!!

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Ready to see how knowledgeable you are?

Quiz Answers:

A 1: (a)

A 2: (a)

A 3: (a)

(Source:Flight Safety Australia Magazine No 87 July-August 2012)

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