

# 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 all and our new member Leo White.

Congratulations to those involved in our visit to the Oakey Army Aviation Museum and Workshop. It was a great success and enjoyed by those attending, not only for the tours of the museum by staff and volunteers which were very

informative, but also for the social occasion Tigers members and friends enjoyed.

The uncertainty surrounding the L1 and L2 endorsements as well as the proposed biennial aircraft inspections is creating much discussion and great concern amongst members. The last meeting was advised that current one hundred hourly inspections at Boonah cost \$2,500.00 which is beyond most recreational flyers.

Our Board Member Tony King was able to provide the current RA-Aus position with CASA with much discussion to be continued with the authority.

The point was made that the incident and accident reports in the magazine as well as accidents advised to Club members indicate that a high percentage of incidents occur due to pilots finding themselves in situations where they are unable to cope and this should be addressed by RA-Aus.

Finally, our April meeting has been cancelled due to Natfly at Temora and the Inglewood Fly-in, all happening at the usual meeting date.

Brian

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

Don't forget:

- NATFLY, Temora (Easter Weekend) 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> April
- INGLEWOOD Fly-in 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April
- There will be **no Club meeting in April**
- Next Meeting: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May commencing at 11.00am

BBQ Lunch follows the meeting



### TIGER'S TALES

7 Flying Tigers Aircraft flew into Oakey Army Aviation Museum on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and some others travelled by car, with a total of 17 members and friends, who enjoyed the day....see President's Ponderings.

Thanks once again to Phil Chittock and his helpers for the BBQ lunch which staff and volunteers from the Museum and the Workshop joined with the Flying Tigers.

- After weeks of organising the trip, who couldn't fly his own plane on the day and had to go as a passenger instead?  
Ask Kevin what happens when you don't turn off the battery isolation switch!!!
- Who got the date wrong for the visit to Oakey and missed out by a week?



### BOONAH AIRFIELD INC. NEWS

- BAI have been concerned about the dry conditions at the airfield. Hoping that some decent rain will help.
- The area that Roy Bartholomew has permitted gliders to park (north western corner of airfield) has now been levelled and graded.

Mike Sykes President BAI)



### GETTING TO KNOW.....

Each month we profile one of our members and this month we get to know Tony Foran

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Tony has been a member of the Flying Tigers for 16 years. He had his first flying lesson at 14, went solo at 17 in a Cessna 150 and did a couple of hours, then in 1965 joined the RAAF where he spent 6 years as airframe fitter on Mirages. During this time he says he "discovered cars, girls and beer, so no more flying".

In 1998 Tony decided to get back into flying and went to Boonah to buy a drifter.

The first night in Boonah he met Billy Naylor, Billy Fisher and Ian (fluffy) Dancer, After seeing Fluffy doing his minty joke he knew he had to join the Flying Tigers.

He purchased 25-784, a wire braced 582 Drifter, did pilot certificate with Peter Stanton, Glenn Wilson and Dave Cameron and has put approximately 800hrs on her now.

Tony says "My most memorable flight was the 2005 Longreach trip. It was supposed to be Boonah to Old Station but we foolishly allowed Kiwi to navigate so ended up at Longreach - there are more sheep out west.

I have been on quite a few trips with the 4 amigos, Kiwi; Ian, Brian and Grummo. I only go so Grummo has someone to drink with.

Our most memorable times are when the Tigers visit "Lynden field" and we look forward to that continuing in the future."

Tony also says he would like to do a grand tour around western N.S.W. & Q.L.D. - by drifter of course!!



Tony's Drifter 25-784

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### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE Q&A's About Navigation

**Q 1: The standard VFR transponder code that should be used in class G airspace is**

- A) 1200.
- B) 1800.
- C) 2400.
- D) 3000.

**Q 2: When navigating, a pilot is required to positively fix the aircrafts position to features shown on a topographical chart at intervals not exceeding -**

- A) 10NM.
- B) 30min
- C) 50nm.
- D) 15 min

**Q 3: Appropriate (AIP recommended below 5000ft, mandatory above 5000ft) cruising level for cross country flights in Recreational aircraft would be**

- A) 4500 AMSL when tracking 310 degrees magnetic
- B) 3000 AMSL tracking 015 degrees Magnetic.
- C) 3500 AMSL tracking 205 degrees magnetic.
- D) 4000 AGL tracking 010 degrees magnetic.

**Q 4: Where there is a prevailing wind, strong downdraughts are likely to be present in mountainous areas**

- A) Immediately above the tops of the mountains.
- B) On the windward side below the mountain tops.
- C) on the lee side below the level of the mountain tops.
- D) On the lee side above and below the level of the mountain tops and many miles downwind.



Ready to see how knowledgeable you are?

#### Quiz Answers:

- A 1: (A)
- A 2: (B)
- A 3: (A)
- A 4: (D)

(Source: Dave Briffa – Thanks Dave)