



WINGS OVER WANG



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Extraordinary Meeting

It was great to see a good number of members attend this important meeting. The Committee wishes to thank members for their open & frank discussions & guidance for the future of the Wangaratta Aero Club. The committee continues to negotiate with a business that is keen to take over the operation of flight training at Wangaratta. We will keep all members informed of any developments.

Flight Training at Wangaratta

With the closing of the WFTC on Wednesday 26th May, by the Wangaratta Aero Club, now is an opportune time to reflect on the great work that has been carried out by the many instructors that have been employed by the WAC over many years. We have had some great instructors and I am sure many members have gained their qualifications, skill and knowledge due to the dedication & professionalism of their instructor. Many of our instructors and students have gone on to careers in the aviation industry. We can all feel proud that this little club has produced so many capable pilots over the years. But this is not the end, we are very confident that flight training will be continued by a commercial operator in Wangaratta. The WAC will continue to be kept busy by ensuring that club members will have every opportunity to join in many activities and to keep the passion of flying alive in Wangaratta.

ATTENTION ALL AIRCRAFT OWNERS

To ensure that fuel is available at Wangaratta Airport, the Aero Club needs to ensure that we can carry out the fuel checks to the requirements of Air BP. This means that we must ensure that the fuel is checked at least 20 times per month or else the refuelling facilities will be removed. It only takes approx 15 minutes to complete the fuel check. The Aero Club will be commencing a roster system in the near future. Ian Lilley will be conducting

training in the near future, so if you are available to help please contact the club on 57213845.

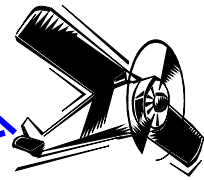
Porepunkah Fly In

Thirty members from the Wangaratta Aero Club & Albury Aero Club arrived at the Porepunkah Airfield at approx 11:00 am on Sunday 2nd May. We were then taken by coach to the Ringer Reef Winery where we sampled some of their great wines accompanied by some beautiful platters of home made bread, cheeses, fruit etc. We enjoyed a beautiful lunch served on the balcony with a stunning view overlooking the valley. After relaxing & enjoying a good chat & the sunshine, it was time to board the coach & return to the airfield members then boarded their aircraft & flew back to their respective home airfields.





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Sunday Lunches



Club members are reminded that lunches are held at the Club on the last Sunday of each month. For the low cost of \$10:00 per head you can come and enjoy some terrific food & great fellowship with club members. This month's lunch will be held on Sunday 30th of May with our hosts being Helen & Peter Leach.

Please e-mail or ring the club if you are attending, to give us some indication of numbers.

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This was pretty daring. Just one little ripple or downdraft etc., and it would all be over!

Early morning anglers are treated to the spectacle of four T6 Harvard Aircraft from The Flying Lions Aerobatic Team water-skiing across the Klipdrift Dam near Johannesburg South Africa.

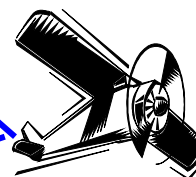
Arnie Meneghelli from Academy Brushware, owner of the aircraft, had this to say, 'What we did today I believe is a world first. It illustrates that South African air show pilots are amongst the best in the world.'

This unusual act, approved by the South African Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), and supported by Castrol Aviation, was meticulously planned and took place under the watchful eye of divers and paramedics that were on site.





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Test Your Aviation Knowledge

1. In which year did Concorde enter commercial service?

- A) 1976
- B) 1978
- C) 1980

2. Which of the Wright brothers is recognised as the first person to fly in a powered aircraft?

- A) Wilbur
- B) Steve
- C) Orville

3. Which Greek figure flew too close to the sun and fell from the sky?

- A) Apollo
- B) Daedalus
- C) Icarus

4. Who was the first person to fly solo across the Atlantic?

- A) Charles Lindbergh
- B) Charles Yeager
- C) Amelia Earhart

5. What is the standard two class seating capacity of the Boeing 747-400, the Jumbo Jet?

- A) 486
- B) 568
- C) 658

6. What is the altitude record for a hot air balloon?

- A) 45,000 feet
- B) 55,000 feet
- C) 65,000 feet

7. What does the aileron on an aircraft control?

- A) Roll
- B) Pitch
- C) Yaw

8. Which aircraft is, for most pilots, now as in WWII, the one they have to master before flying solo in a Spitfire?

- A) Tiger Moth
- B) Stearman
- C) Harvard

9. The R22 is a popular training helicopter. How many people can it take?

- A) Two
- B) Three
- C) Four

10. A microlight aircraft which is controlled by moving the fuselage about under the wing is known as:

- A) A three-axis
- B) A flexwing
- C) A paraglider

Jack decided to go flying with his mate, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's plane and headed north.

After flying for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible storm. So they landed at a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realise its terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained. 'I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' Jack said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. If the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.' The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way.

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met.

He dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, 'Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at up north about 9 months ago?'

'Yes, I do' Said Bob.

Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!' Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, mate. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything, Jack replied.'

Quiz answers 1a, 2c, 3c, 4a, 5b, 6c, 7a, 8c, 9a, 10b.