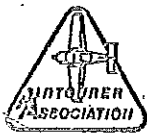
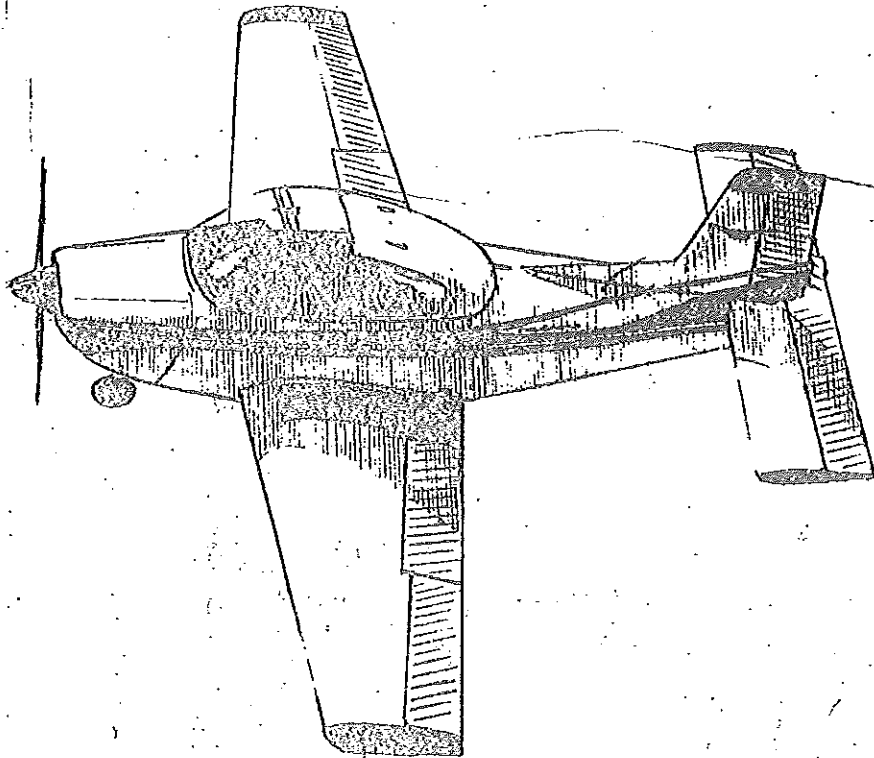


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Advertisements by the Association are accepted, where permitting, and a donation to the Association is recommended.

This Newsletter is a special edition for the Parkes Easter Fly-in and Annual General Meeting.

Response to date has been slow, so if you intend coming and have not as yet notified us then please contact Tony Mattheus right away so he can finalize details - accommodation, etc.

Tony tells us he has plenty of 80 and 100 octane stored away for the Fly-in.

An interesting program is planned and, additionally, there will be some important discussion at the A.G.M. about the progress of the Airtourer Project. By now you should all have a copy of the proposal for the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd. and all enquiries on the Society should be directed to its Secretary, Mr. Guy Bain, Warana Road, Cecil Park, N.S.W., 2171, (02) 606-1035.

The R.A.A.F. have again been invited to our Fly-in and at the time of writing we are hopefully awaiting confirmation of their attendance.

President Sonny Rankin's AIRCRUISER will be making its debut at an Association Convention. This "one of a kind" should arouse interest amongst those who missed the opportunity of seeing it at "Yarrandale".

PARKES CONVENTION AND FLY-IN

P R I Z E S

PRESIDENT'S TROPHY

Once again, this year, the President's Trophy (perpetual) for the secret time of arrival will be presented to the crew of the Airtourer/Aircruiser/CT-4 whose arrival time is closest to that of a pre-determined time. Those arriving on the Friday and Saturday will be eligible for the award.

CLIFF TAIT TROPHY

A Navigation Trial has been set (different task master this year, folks). The winner of this trial will receive the Cliff Tait Trophy.

ASSOCIATION TROPHIES

The Association trophies will be awarded to -

- 1 Winner of the Competition (Spot Landing)
- 2 Best Presented Airtourer
- 3 Most Original Airtourer

COMING EVENTS

- APRIL 19 HORSE AERO CLUB "AIRSHOW" (See previous Newsletter)
- APRIL 26 ALBURY AND DISTRICT AERO CLUB - "KANASAYE AIR NAV. TRIAL"
- APRIL 27 ROYAL NEWCASTLE AERO CLUB - "BREAKFAST FLY-IN"
- MAY 17/8 TAINWORTH AERO CLUB - "AEROSTRALIA" EXHIBITION and 50th ANNIVERSARY
- MAY 24 NINETY-NINES AIR RALLY - BENDIGO
- JUNE 14/6 ANTIQUE AEROPLANE ASSOCIATION - "AMY JOHNSON MEMORIAL RALLY"
and
AIR SHOW - WODONGA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BIENNIAL FLIGHT CHECK by John Treble

A lot has certainly been said and written regarding the proposed biennial flight check, and I for one do not understand all the facts of the proposal, so maybe through the newsletter we can all become more informed.

Doug Stott, our previous writer, says and I quote, "Whilst not wanting to take sides", yet Doug's comments leave no doubt as to which side he takes, so until convinced otherwise count me as anti biennial check.

It is claimed that it might reduce (and I emphasize might reduce) the private accident rate by making us a little more safety conscious, but for me, MIGHT REDUCE is not a good enough reason for biennial checks.

As for us amateurs sharing the same airspace as the "professionals" since when have they stopped having accidents?

As I understand, most accidents are weather related, but according to statistics I've read regarding biennial checks in U.S.A. weather related accidents have not reduced at all. Anytime I have arranged for a check-out, if the weather is not VFR, the CFI could not check me out, so how does this help the weather related situation?

It is true that if faced with a biennial flight check in future we would study our VNC for familiarisation, but we do just that now when faced with a flight into unknown or unfamiliar areas, a Bass Straight crossing etc.

To my knowledge the majority of pilots hire aircraft from flying schools who insist on 90 day checks, so how many more do we need? If we have biennial checks does that mean the end of 90 day checks, or is it another means of income for flying schools.

The biennial check by a qualified instructor would no doubt be by the flying school CFI who has possibly checked hirers of aircraft eight times in the last 2 years anyway.

Only by other comments and more discussion will the best for all arise. How about at Parkes?

MAINTENANCE ADVICE

Members requiring advice and/or information on the availability of parts, or the solution to any maintenance problems should contact:-

- (1) Mr. Gerry Walsho, 57 The Avenue, Bankstown, 2200. (02) 709 8804
- (2) Mr. Alan Wood, 23 The Outlook, Bilgola, 2107. (02) 918 0639
- (3) Mr. Doug. Stott, P.O. Box 1814, Darwin, 5794. (089) 27 3470

We may not be able to give you an instant answer. However, we should be able to point you in the right direction.

FUEL CELLS

We have been advised by the manufacturers that the price of Airtourer fuel cells is now A\$673.00, and delivery may take up to six weeks if the tank is not in stock and has to be made for the order.

Members may buy direct and should contact Mr. Vic. Houell, Manager, Fuel Cells Division, GIRLOCK (SALES) Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 385, Moorabin, Vic., 3189. Phone (03) 95 6122, Telox AA 31415.

As there is more than one type of cell the part number should be quoted.

STOP PRESS

An Airtourer will be featured in a Fly Past of Australian designed and built aircraft during the Airshow Segment of the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia's Annual Fly-in and Convention at Latrobe Valley this Easter.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AND FLY-IN - PARKES, EASTER, 1980

AN INTERESTING AND ENJOYABLE WEEK-END IS PLANNED FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR CO-PILOTS

REGISTRATION

The Registration Fee is expected to be \$50 and includes all planned activities and transport to and from the airport, around Parkes and tours etc. Liquid refreshments, breakfast and accommodation are not included.

If you wish to attend please complete and return the attached slip as soon as possible.

ACCOMMODATION

The Association has pre-booked motel accommodation in Parkes for Easter, at the following motels - on Share Twin basis (subject to change):-

- Bushman Motor Inn - \$16.00 per person per night
- Hoonraker Motel - \$13.00 " " " "
- Best Western Hotel - \$12.50 " " " "

NOTE: Refund will be paid if cancellation is in writing and received prior to 1st April, 1980.

FACILITIES

Parkes Aero Club facilities will be made available to the Association during the week-end.

FUEL

Plenty of 80/87 Octane (and hopefully 100/130 Octane) available.

COMMUNICATION

Area Frequency 125.0 to SYDNEY F.S.U. Satisfactory down to 500' A.G.L.

Parkes Aero Club - 119.1

ENQUIRIES

To member Tony Matthews, P.O. Box 74, Parkes, N.S.W., 2870
Phone.: (068) 621766

I shall be attending the 1980 Parkes Convention and request that accommodation be allocated as indicated below:-

NAME :

ADDRESS :

..... Postcode

CO-PILOT :

GUESTS (1):

(2):

(3):

HOTEL/HOTEL (Private) CAMPING (Sleeping Bag Brigade)

HOTEL/HOTEL (Shared) MAKING OWN ARRANGEMENTS

I enclose Twenty-five dollars (\$25) per head deposit, which will be credited towards my Registration Fee/s on arrival at Parkes, plus an additional five dollars (\$5) per head deposit for accommodation, if required.

Make your cheque payable to AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION No.2 ACCOUNT

(Signed) (Date) AIRTOURER : VII-

TENTATIVE PROGRAMMEAIRTOURER ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL CONVENTION AND FLY-IN - PARKES, N.S.W.Good Friday, 4th April, 1980

1200 - 1700 hours Arrivals and Registrations
 1800 hours Informal get together and barbeque at Parkes Aero Club

Saturday, 5th April, 1980

1030 hours Annual Meeting and Election of Committee
Parkes Leagues Club
 1300 hours Snorgasbord Luncheon - Parkes Leagues Club
 1430 hours Inspection of Radio Telescope
 1830 hours Convention Dinner with Guest Speaker -
Parkes Golf Club

Sunday, 6th April, 1980

1100 hours Flying Day - Parkes Aerodrome
 Picnic Lunch at Aerodrome
 Mini Navigational Exercise
 Formation Flying
 Aerobatics, etc.
 1800 hours Barbecue - Parkes Aero Club -
 Films and Presentation of Trophies

Monday, 7th April, 1980

Departures for home

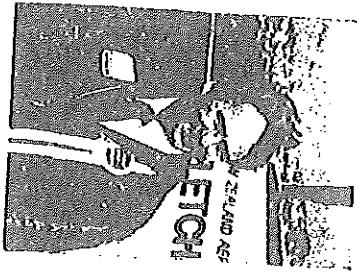
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 AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION,
 P.O. Box 74,
 PARKES, N.S.W., 2870.

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATIONANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -- PARKES -- 5 APRIL 1980A G E N D A

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 - b) BIENNIAL FLIGHT REVIEW
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Announcing a forthcoming book

WATER UNDER MY WINGS

CLIFF TAIT

The author of 'Flight of the Kiwi', has written another chapter significant in New Zealand's aviation history.

His latest book 'Water Under my Wings' is well illustrated and leads the reader through the beginning of aircraft manufacturing in New Zealand, touches lightly on the imperfections of man and man made machines, records the world-wide, warm hearted friendship of the Amateur Radio movement and vividly recounts the hazards and frustrations, a small, dedicated band of New Zealand pilots faced in their efforts to deliver New Zealand manufactured aircraft to international customers.

The 1978 trans-Tasman Commemorative flight witnessed by 50,000 New Zealanders and well documented by Television One is just one of the many stories told in a manner that will appeal to everyone whether they fly or not.

The book contains 260 pages of text plus 40 pages of colour and black and white photographs.

AVAILABLE: Early June, 1980.

NOTE:

For a pre-publication price of \$15.40 (plus postage) \$18 NZ please forward your order not later than April to Hamilton Publishers, P.O. Box 1084, HAMILTON, N.Z.

Capit'n will also be at table thru the Association

In 1966, at the age of 37 years, Cliff Tait qualified for his private pilot licence. Six months later he was planning to be the first amateur pilot to fly around the world. In 1969, built Auckland he achieved his aim.

By 1973 he was Chief Pilot for N.Z. Aerospace Ind., test flying and delivering the company's products. When he resigned his position in 1978 he had accomplished more than ninety international flights accumulating nearly 5000 hours of flight time of which about half had been over the world's oceans. 5080, in single engine aircraft. In 1979 he was awarded the M.B.E.

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