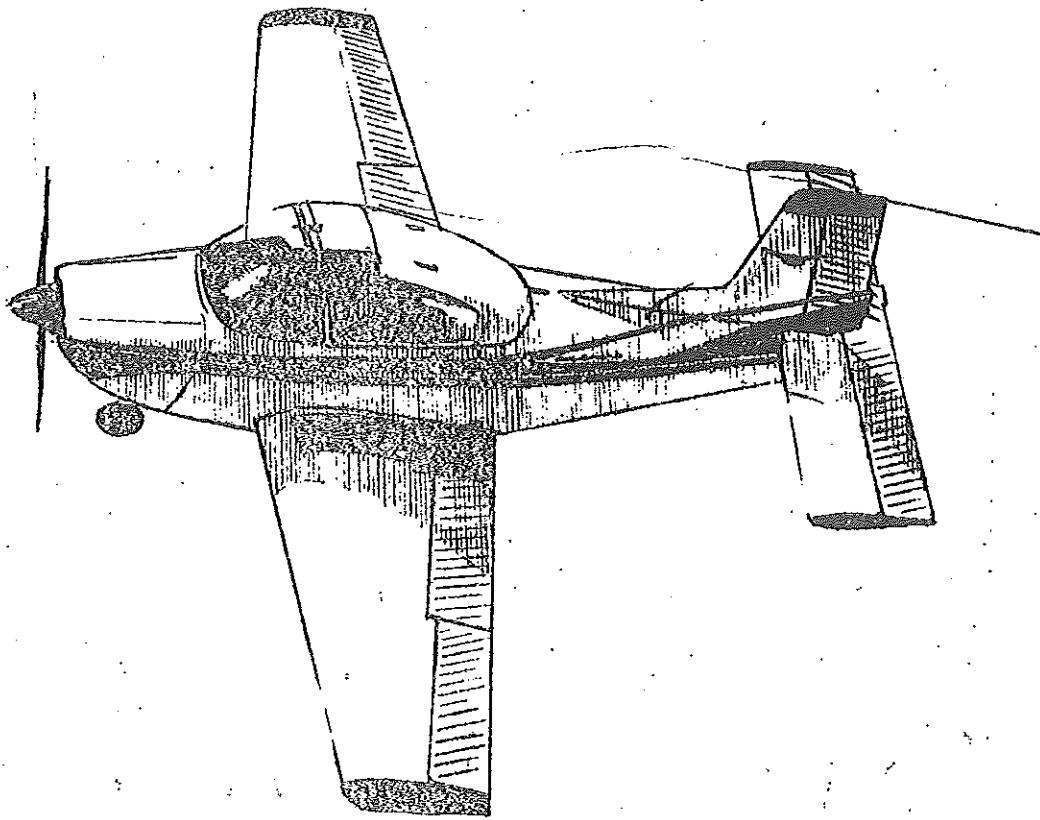


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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER No. 5 JANUARY 1979

EDITORIAL

The year 1979 promises to be an important one for our Association. It will see the "Airtourer Project" come to fruition after much hard work and careful planning, the Mildura Convention at Easter (more details in this Newsletter) and the Perth Fly-away in March, etc.

In addition, there is the affiliation of our Association with the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia. This is a significant and logical step in our development and gives us a voice in a national body which claims to best represent our individual interests.

From a small organization whose main aim was to encourage the construction of amateur-built aircraft the S.A.A.A. has broadened its objectives to encompass all manner of sport flying. This not only includes the construction and/or restoration of amateur-built, vintage and classic aircraft but, more importantly to our Association, includes the operational aspects of these aircraft as well as commercially manufactured aircraft operated as sports aircraft.

The S.A.A.A. has been successful in obtaining concessions against Air Navigation Charges for amateur-built aircraft and is currently pursuing other concessions in maintenance etc.

As an affiliated body we would have the weight of S.A.A.A. and its other affiliated bodies behind any common cause that may be initiated. Examples of this are the proposed soaring cost of AVGAS, the burdening increases in A.N.C.'s, etc.

The S.A.A.A. also has a regularly published journal, "Airsport", with national coverage. A copy of the December '78 edition is included as a supplement to this Newsletter. Our Association has been offered space in this publication and possibly a photo. This will leave the Newsletter for "in-house" topics and, hopefully, reduce the work load.

Let us step confidently into the challenges of 1979 and may I take this opportunity of wishing every one of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and Safe Flying.

SECRETARY'S NOTES

A most successful committee meeting was held in Sydney during December at which numerous topics of interest to the Association were discussed; the most important one being the formation of a Co-operative Society to conduct the possible purchase of the Airtourer Project from New Zealand. The nine members nominated to the Board of the proposed Society were in attendance and a separate meeting was held after the Association Meeting (see other item).

The Mildura Convention and Fly-In is fast approaching and members intending to participate are requested to complete their nomination form and return it without delay.

As Easter is popular in Mildura accommodation is in high demand and members are requested to attempt to book their own accommodation through a Travel Agency or motel chain before returning their nomination form. Limited accommodation has been booked by the Association but enquiries have revealed that the personal approach for accommodation will be more successful than asking for a bulk booking at that time of the year.

The Fly-Away to Perth in March is also fast approaching and another form for return is included, should you be interested. It is proposed to conduct the trip in association with the Lefrobe Valley Aero Club who are sending some of their aircraft to Perth for that week.

As a result of the questionnaire sent with a previous letter we publish in this

Newsletter the names of maintenance organizations with known experience on the Airtourer. We appreciate that this list may be far from complete and will welcome information on other organizations. It is, however, published for the information of those members who are having difficulty in finding a satisfactory workshop.

During late October and early November I attended the Kingaroy Fly-In and the Schofields Air Show. I also had the privilege of being with President Sonny Rankin at Sydney Airport on the 26th October when the Victa 210 Aircruiser arrived back in Australia with New Zealand pilot Cliff Tait at the controls. Sonny has purchased the Aircruiser as his personal aircraft and will be making every effort to show it off to members at various gatherings. As those members who flew in it at Schofields will vouch it was indeed ten years ahead of its time. Our thanks to Cliff for staying the weekend and bringing the 'Queen Bee' Airtourer home to rest. We certainly enjoyed having Cliff at the Air Show and hope to see him in Australia again before too long. He has without doubt done more than his share in putting the Airtourer on the map throughout the world.

The weather at Schofields was poor over the weekend. However, some thirty members of the Airtourer Association attended and visited our marquee, where they were treated to oats and drinks under the excellent management of N.S.W. Rep. Harry Couzin. Thanks again, Harry, a job well done. Numerous tales were told of diversions due to the ever present weather and a number of members turned up in hire cars having left their aircraft west of the mountains.

Schofields Awards - Judged by Guy Main.

- Longest Distance to Attend Cliff Tait, Hamilton, New Zealand, ZK-DAH
- Best Presented Airtourer VH-RQG, Ray Abernathy, Brisbane
- Most Original Airtourer VH-BQK, Lyndall Mason, Sydney
- Special Effort Award Sonny Rankin - for buying back the Aircruiser

The Kingaroy Fly-In was organized by the Queensland division of the S.A.A.A. who are very active in that part of the country. A fun weekend was had by all those attending. A special vote of thanks must go to Organizer, Warrick Johnson, who made us all very welcome and played a large part in making the weekend the success it was. Queensland member, Ray Abernathy, was presented with the Association shield he won at Yarrandale.

Two presentations were made to members of the Airtourer Association by the Queensland Division of the S.A.A.A. as follows:

- Ray Abernathy VH-RQG Best Presented Airtourer in attendance
- Doug Stott VH-CTM Best Competing Aircraft

Other members in attendance were:-

- Cyd Carter VH-RQH Brisbane
- Susan Hopper Brisbane
- Don Suckling (representing I.V.A.C.) Morwell, Vic.
- LoLay VH-FUR Kumbia, Q'ld.
- Keith Nolan VH-MUV Melbourne
- Dave Prossor Melbourne
- Barb Keenan Melbourne
- Des Setter VH-MTF Brisbane

TREASURER

Treasurer Bill Kelly has advised that due to personal reasons he wishes to retire from his position on the committee at the Easter meeting. Any member interested in filling this position should advise the Secretary.

A reminder that all committee positions will become vacant at that meeting and nominations will be called for prior to Easter.

PUBLICITY

During the last few months the Airtourer Association has been given coverage in the following aviation magazines:-

N.Z. WINGS	September 1978	Page 5
AIRCRAFT	December 1978	Pages 25 & 26
UK PILOT	September 1978	Page 40
A.O.P.A.	September 1978	Page 116
AIRSPORT	December 1978	Page 25 (attached)

MEMBERSHIP LIST

At the request of a number of members it is proposed to publish a membership list in the near future containing names, addresses and telephone numbers etc. The use of such a list will no doubt bring members into contact when away from home and enable contact to be made throughout the Association.

Any member who thinks the data on him held by the Association to be in error is requested to advise the Secretary as soon as possible.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT - REPORT"AIRTOURER WING STATIC TEST AND FATIGUE LIFE EVALUATION"

Copies of this report have been issued to the Association for distribution. However, due to the limited number available it has been decided to have a number of copies circulated among members within the states.

Members wishing to have a permanent copy may obtain one on application to the Secretary.

AIRTOURER PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

The formation of the "AIRTOURER CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED" has been approved by the Registrar for Co-operative Societies in New South Wales and a formation meeting was held in Sydney on the 16th December 1978.

The nominated Board of the Society were all in attendance, and they are:-

D.L. (Sonny) Rankin, Chairman, President Airtourer Association
 G.H. (Guy) Main, Nominated Secretary of the Society
 D.J. (Doug) Stott, Secretary, Airtourer Association
 E.D. (Earl) Johnson, Solicitor
 A.M. (Alan) Wood, Aircraft Engineer
 G. (Gerry) Walshe, Aircraft Engineer and Inspector
 F. (Frank) Rogers, Materials and Process Engineer, Design Draftsman
 R. (Dick) Sins, Ex Victa Ltd., Sales Manager and Demonstration Pilot
 V. (Vic.) Walton, Test pilot and Seaplane operator.

The formation statement was read by Earl Johnson and this was followed by lengthy discussion on all aspects of the project. It was decided that before a prospectus could be issued some additional information was required from N.Z. Aerospace Industries Ltd. and a further, more detailed inspection of the project was desirable in the interests of potential Society members. This visit and inspection by two of the above Board is expected to take place during February, 1979.

The meeting will be re-convened on their return and pending a satisfactory outcome of the visit, it is hoped to issue a prospectus and call for subscriptions shortly thereafter.

AIRTOURER MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

This list is of KNOWN Maintenance Organizations that have experience on the Airtourer series, and is not necessarily a recommendation of that organization by the Airtourer Association.

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Ray Tinker,
Ray Tinker & Co.,
Moorabbin Airport, Vic.

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Aeroswan
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Canberra Airport ACT

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Parafield Aerodrome

Commodore Aviation
Port Lincoln. SA

QUEENSLAND

Jim Liddle
Ansett General Aviation
Archerfield, Q'ld.

Additions to this list are welcome together with appropriate details.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 10 & 11 MAROOCHDAH AIR PAGEANT Lillydale Airfield
Program commences 10 a.m. and finishes 4 p.m.
with a lunch break. to
Airfield closed during display.
Arrivals and Departures outside these times or during
lunch break. For details 'phono (03) 874 2073
- Saturday
FEBRUARY 17th A.O.P.A. Conference - Melbourne.
Commences 1 p.m. in Terminal Restaurant, Essendon Airport
Discussion on proposed D.o.T. changes to Licensing and
Procedures. (03) (03)
Details - Peter Patroni, 'Phone 544 8411, 850 6364 A/H.
- Sunday
FEBRUARY 18th Lockington Flying Group - Fly-in, Social Gathering, Ramona.
Comps. 9 a.m. through. Airfield 10 S.W. Echuca.
Details - contact Lindsay Marshall, 'Phone (054) 862353.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (Contd.)

Saturday
 FEBRUARY 24: Mount Gambier Aero Club - Official Opening of new Club Rooms
 Fly-in, B.B.Q., Comps.
 Details: P.O. Box 447, Mount Gambier, or 'phone (087) 257261
 After hours

FEBRUARY 24, 25 NAHCOI AERO CLUB - Friendly Fly-In, Narrabri Airport.
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 'Phone (067) 8352 Ask 32

MARCH 4 WENDOUREE AIR SHOW, Ballarat.
 { MARCH 7-11 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S PILOTS' ASSOCIATION, PERTH
 { MARCH 11 S:A:A:A: FLY-IN, SERPENTINE
 { MARCH 14-17 R:F:A:C:A: CONFERENCE, PERTH
 { MARCH 17 NATIONAL LIGHT AIRCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS, JANDAKOT

APRIL 13,14,15,16 AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION FLY-IN, CONVENTION, MILDURA
 (EASTER)

" " S:A:A:A: - 5th NATIONAL FLY-IN, BOWRAL, N.S.W.

SEPTEMBER 29,30 "YARRANDALE" FLY-IN

CLIFF TAIT TROPHY

During his short stay in Australia, Cliff kindly donated a special trophy to our Association.

Knowing that navigation is Cliff's forte it was decided that the trophy would be awarded to the winner of the Nav. Trial to be held in conjunction with the Convention at Mildura.

To this end, yours truly, accompanied by L.V.A.C. member, Don Suckling, flew to Mildura and enlisted the help of local pilot, Murray Richardson, to devise a short Nav. Trial to test those (forgotten?) skills.

PERTH FLY-AWAY - From Page 7

For further details contact Doug Stott; or John Willis or myself at L.V. Aero Club; also Ian Byers (VE-CAP) Perth, 'Phone (09) - 3219334 (Bus.).

The above information is provided in good faith and is correct only to the best of our knowledge. Its inclusion in this Newsletter in no way infers responsibility by the Association.

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ANNUAL FLY-IN AND CONVENTION

MILDURA, EASTER, 1979

(APRIL 13, 14, 15, and 16)

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

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GOOD FRIDAY, 13 APRIL, 1979

Arrivals and registration at the Mildura Aero Club. Transport to accommodation.

1830 HOURS Dinner and Swinging Cabaret night cruise on the Murray River Showboat "AVOCA"

SATURDAY, 14 APRIL, 1979

1030 HOURS Annual General Meeting and Election of Committee

1300 HOURS Smorgasboard Luncheon

To be followed by a tour of the Mildura District and two popular wineries.

1930 HOURS "DOMINICS RESTAURANT"

Evening Dinner and Guest Speaker

SUNDAY, 15 APRIL, 1979

"FLYING DAY"

Technical forums on subjects of interest to AIRTOURER owners and pilots. Talks and Flying Demonstrations.

Picnic Lunch

Mini Nav-Trial and flying competitions

Acrobatics and Formation Flying

"Evening H anger DO"

MONDAY, 16 APRIL, 1979

Departures for Home Base

Flying activities by arrangement

(It is hoped to be able to conduct some lectures and coaching on both Acrobatics and Formation Flying for interested members.

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STOP PRESS:

Have just been advised that C.O., No. 1 P.T.S., has kindly allowed two C.T.4 Airtainers to attend and participate in our Mildura Fly-in.

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P E R T H - FLY-AWAY

For those interested in travelling in company from the Eastern States to Perth the following is a rough itinerary:-

Two L.V.A.C. Aircraft departing Monday, 5th March; another leaving Saturday, 10th.

First Day	..	..	LaTrobe Valley - Parafield
Second Day	..	..	Parafield - Ceduna
Third Day	..	..	Ceduna - Kalgoorlie via Forrest
Fourth Day	..	..	Kalgoorlie - Jandakot

Parafield would be the best place for assembling the group.

ACCOMMODATION

Some accommodation has been arranged at the East-West Motel, at Ceduna. Accommodation at Kalgoorlie has not been booked. There are two motels there and plenty of pubs. Only accommodation across the Nullarbor is at the motels along the highway, most of which have strips. No accommodation is available at Forrest since the Hostel was closed several years back.

FUEL

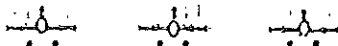
Following is a list of likely fuel stops, availability, etc.

<u>PORT PIRIE:</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. Mobil Agent. Groundsman on field.
<u>WHYALLA :</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	80/100 Oct. Service Fee - \$5 per aircraft
<u>CEDUNA :</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. B.P. Agent. Call F.S. at 30 miles and add Request Fuel. Agent is also proprietor of East-West Motel
<u>NULLARBOR H.S.:</u>	<u>FAIR</u>	100 Oct. only, from drums. Cash - about \$1.80 per gallon Circle main buildings on highway then one mile North to Airfield. Phone White Wells 1
<u>FORREST:</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. B.P. Agent. Mot. boys handle refuelling.
<u>KANANDAH STRIP:</u> (20 miles N.W. Rawlinna)	<u>FAIR</u>	100 Oct. only, from drums. Cash - \$1.30 per gallon. Requirement to be notified in the morning with approximate E.T.A. so staff can be organized. Drums have to be transported to strip. Phone Rawlinna 10.
<u>EUCIA :</u>	<u>VERY DOUBTFUL</u>	No details available
<u>CAIGUNA :</u> (On Highway)	<u>FAIR</u>	John Eyre Motel. 80/100 Oct. Drums. B.P. Agent Would prefer prior notice. Phone : Caiguna 2D
<u>BALLADONIA:</u>	<u>DOUBTFUL</u>	100 Oct. only - drums. Motel maintain a limited stock for company aircraft. Will sell only in emergency cases (if stock on hand) Phone Balladonia 3 D
<u>MORSEMAN :</u>	<u>NIL</u>	Installation blown up some years back and never re-opened
<u>KALGOORLIE:</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. B.P. Agent. Request can be made on F.S. at 30 miles.
<u>SOUTHERN CROSS:</u>	<u>NIL</u>	
<u>KELLERBERRIN:</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. Refuelling handled by maintenance staff on field
<u>CUNDEBERDIN:</u>	<u>GOOD</u>	80/100 Oct. Refuelling handled by operator on field.

AIRFIELDS

Most of the Rail Sidings have strips for R.F.D. aircraft as do most of the motels along the Highway. Moderate rain will close most of these strips - check first with F.S. if more than about 4 mm. Inspection run should be made to check for wombat holes.

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