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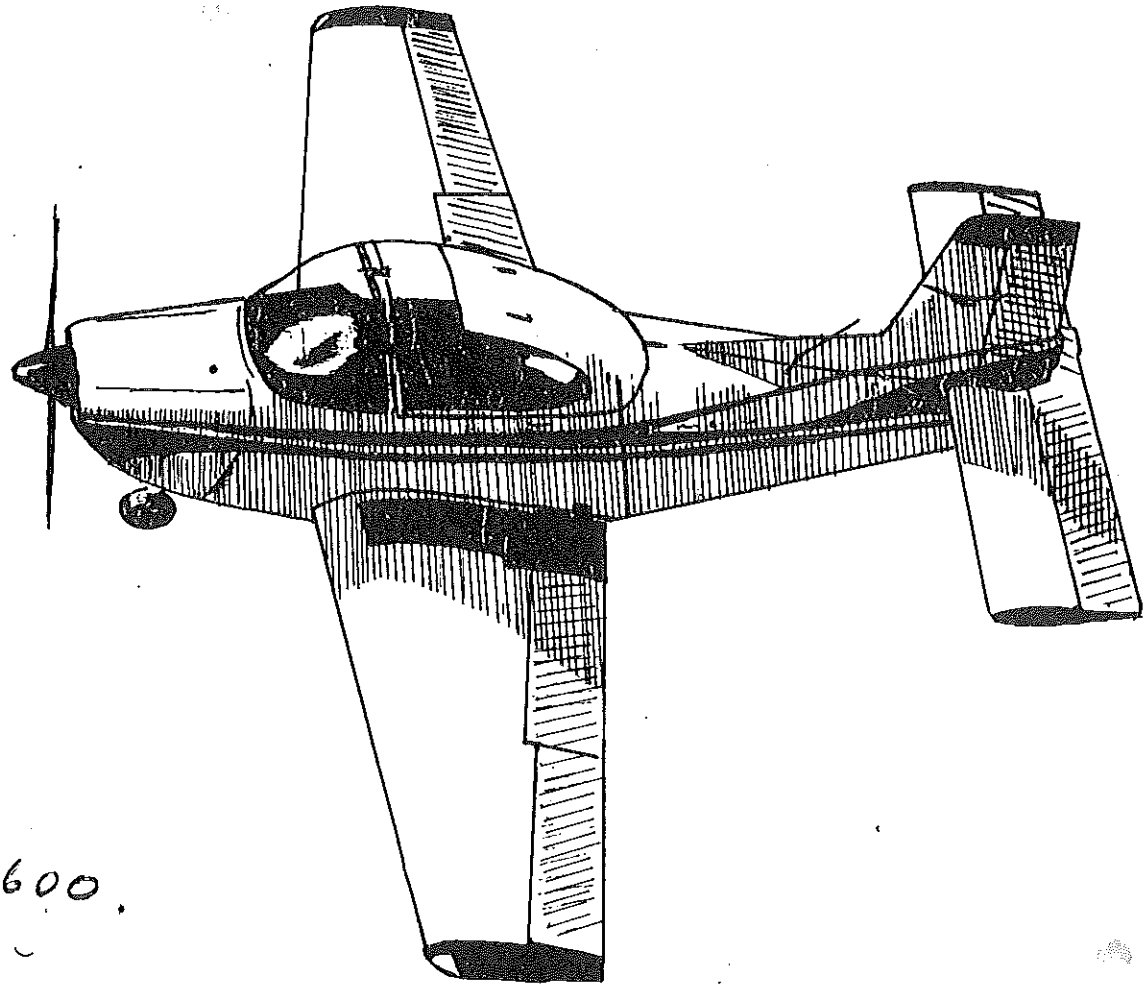

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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10- 6-1989 11- 6-1989 12- 6-1989	Combined Vic/Tas./South Aust. Branches fly-in to Mount Gambier (details this Newsletter)
16- 9-1989 17- 9-1989	Presidents Fly-In, Yarrandale. (details next Newsletter)
10- 3-1990 11- 3-1990	Annual General Meeting to be held at Moruya, N.S.W.
7- 4-1990 19- 4-1990	12 day Flying Safari (details inside)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE AIRTOURER CO-OP LIMITED

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the N.S.W. Co-operative Act, that the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-op. Limited will be held at the West Wyalong Aero Club, West Wyalong Airport on Saturday the 20th May, 1989 at 14 hundred hours.

Please note your Chairman points out that only Shareholders are permitted to attend this Meeting and those in the future.

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD AT LEETON 12-3-1989

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1-4-1988 TO 28-2-1989

RECEIPTS	
Credit Balance 31-3-1988	597.24
Membership Fees	2,787.22
1988 AGM Griffith	2,109.60
1988 Yarrandale Fly-in	270.54
Irrigana Motel	600.00
T/Shirts, Badges, etc.	372.00
Investment A/C	2,000.00
	$8,736.60

EXPENDITURE	
Newsletter	960.00
Filing Cabinet	267.00
1988 AGM Griffith	2,809 35
Incorporation	384.00
Insurance	368.28
T/Shirts	955.00
Bicentennial Airshow	542.63
Postage	284.73
Trophies	242.15
Printing	155 00
Phone	130.78
Discs	52.75
Stationery	49.35
Bank Charges	20.17
Credit Balance 28-2-1989	1,515.41
	$8,736.60

RECONCILIATION	
Credit Balance	1,515.41
Investment Account	4,262.88
	$5,778.29

ASSETS AT COST	
Typewriter	400.00
Label Printer	461.00
Filing Cabinet	267.00
	$8,736.60

JOHN TREBLE,
Treasurer

The next Newsletter will be published early August, 1989.
Written contributions to be with the Editor by the 31st July, 1989.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1988-89

The past year has had its highlights and disappointments. Probably the biggest disappointment was that the negotiations with Australian National Aircraft Productions Ltd. broke down so that our expectations, so high at Griffith, that we were about to see the production of our Airtourers renewed, were dashed. The Co-operative is currently negotiating to have our parts manufactured by another factory, but it is unlikely, at this stage, that we will see manufacture of Airtourers resumed.

The Bicentennial Air Show at Richmond R.A.A.F. Base in October was a great success and your Association's hospitality tent and static display of Airtourers of all marques was well received by members and the public. I would like to record our thanks to those members who did so much voluntary work in making it all possible, in particular, John Plummer, Harry Couzin and Stuart Hilsberg, and to those who made their aircraft available for the display.

Another milestone in the Association's history was the incorporation of our Association. This was approved at a Special General Meeting held at "Yarrandale" in September and finally registered by the Corporate Affairs Commission in Sydney on 12th December, 1988. Your Committee is conscious that a number of members were concerned about their personal liability for possible damages as members of an unincorporated body, so that now they should have no further worry in this regard.

Most of you have now received your name badges which were organised by Ric Evans. These have been well received and I would like to record our thanks for Ric's initiative in arranging for these to be manufactured at such a reasonable price.

During the year, Fly-ins were held at Kooralbin in Queensland, Hobart and Canberra, as well as our annual "Yarrandale" get-together; all these were well attended and thanks go to all who organised these functions which are so necessary to further the ideals of the Association by bringing together members in a friendly social environment.

Finally, I record with regret that our Honorary Secretary, Graham Wood, will not be seeking re-election to that position. Since taking over as Secretary, Graham has revised our records so that now everything is recorded on computer for ease of membership details, financial records, printing of address labels and all the other details essential to the efficient running of the Association. Graham spent many hours perfecting the records, which are completely up-to-date and can be recalled at the touch of a button. I would like to formally place on record my thanks for a job well done.

I am also grateful for the support given to me by the Committee and I must particularly thank John Treble who has devoted so much time and effort in producing our Newsletter regularly in addition to his Treasurer's duties.

I am pleased to report that our long-serving former President, Sonny Rankin, has had his operation and is making a rapid recovery to health and will soon be back in the air.

In conclusion, thank you for bestowing upon me the privilege of being President of this fine Association.

Tony Matthews

BERYL'S LEETON REVIEW

INVASION! - Leeton's Gliding Club was invaded by 30 magnificent Airourers, 1 Cherokee and some cars. A great roll-up, showing the growing enthusiasm, plus the great "sell" Liz Matthews put in February's Newsletter.

Most Aircraft had landed by lunch time; greetings exchanged, scones, sandwiches, cakes and grapes devoured - thanks to the Ladies of the Gliding Club - then time for the Bus Tour and Nav Trial.

The Bus Tour took us through town, on to Yanco to the "Farm Fair". One hour to buy farm machinery, clothing, craft and learn how to spend money you haven't got - we could have even hired a crop duster!! Best buy of all was Aeroplane jewellery for Jean and Beryl, hats for Peter and Gerry, AND cool drinks and icecream - boy it was hot! (We envisaged the Nav Trial participants quitting due to the heat, but no.) From "Farm Fair" to Toorak Winery - we always enjoy a visit to wineries, plus it was so cool. Then back to the Motel to rest and swim.

A number of Aircraft took part in the Nav Trial, well arranged by locals, Ian Fulton and Warren Kirkup. The participants enjoyed the trial, the area covered, being Narrandera to Whitton, Garoolgan and Kamarah, puzzled over some questions and enjoyed the cool drink on landing. They too enjoyed the swim before dinner. The people of Leeton were treated to Formation Flying, expertly executed by 2 groups of Airtourers: KHP, MVI, MTI; and MOI, EQA, MTL.

Dinner was at the Steak house Restuarant at the Riverine Motel, and a great time was had by all, and the Steaks were SO thick and juicy - YUM! A scrumptious meal.

INVASION! - new members - so many of them - WELCOME ALL. Lovely to have you with this exclusive Association of such Happiness, Harmony and High Flyers.

INVASION! - Two trophies went to new members! Congratulations Lindsay Dyer (MUY) for the Best Presented Airtourer, and the Nav Trial 1st prize went to Robbie Glenn and Frances in their newly acquired aircraft (by one hour) KHP. We "OLD" members aren't upset - just feel like crying! Other trophies presented were:- Longest Distance Travelled - Ken & Jean Bell (MRZ), and Secret Time of Arrival - Barry Gray and Ross Graham (MOI) - bad luck CIG you're not an Airtourer. John Treble presented the Airtourer Association banner to the President of the Gliding Club, and appreciation for their hospitality was expressed. Another presentation (diamond earrings) was to Jean Bell by Alan Wood on behalf of Ken Bell!!?? - for their 45th Wedding Anniversary - congratulations Bells - keep ringing!

Sunday ("oh my head" cried some) dawned a lovely day, and the meeting eventually got underway. (See Secretary's report). Congratulations and best wishes to Barry Gray who is our new Secretary and deserves our full support and co-operation. Thank you Graeme Wood for the enormous effort and great job you did.

After the meeting a bus tour of Leeton's outskirts, the Gogeldrie Weir on the Murrumbidgee, and Kirkup's Rice farm was thoroughly enjoyed and we sure learned a lot, thanks to an expert tour guide in Barry Kirkup. Back to the Aero Club for Lunch, Aeros by Stan Tilley thrilled all, and to see some Gliders fail to impress due to lack of thermal activity! Farewells exchanged and another successful, enjoyable AGM was had by ALL.

Beryl Marshall.

ATTENDING AEROPLANES AT LEETON CONVENTION

MUX, FMA, MKL, MRF, MOG, KHP, MRZ, MUL, MUY, XVV, MOJ, MTL, LVV, FVV, CND, MOI, MVI, SHR, MTI, RQL, MTC, BVV, TWG, CRK, OVV, EQA, JVV, MUZ, MWR, MVL, CIG.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1988-1989

The past year has seen quite a few interesting happenings in the social and general business activities of the Association. Our membership continues to grow both here and overseas. We now number over 155 members. The following report outlines the main occurrences for the year.

1. Executive Meetings: In accordance with the constitution these were held on 24th September and 10th March.

2. Correspondence: There was a significant reduction in the volume of correspondence when compared with the previous year. The majority of mail related to routine matters. Other topics included the Bi-Centennial Air Show and the Incorporation of the Airtourer Association.

3. Area and State Representatives: Ross Bateup has eagerly accepted the new position of New Zealand representative. He had contacted many of the non-member Airtourer owners and hopefully the numbers of Kiwi members will increase as a result.

Jeffery Worth has resigned as the United Kingdom representative due to personal and business pressures. Thanks go to Richard for being such a genial host to Australian visitors and congratulations on the new addition to his family. Richard Zukowski has taken up the challenge as local U.K. rep and is actively pursuing new members. Welcome aboard Richard.

4. Incorporation of the Association: The Association became successfully incorporated thanks to the hard work of our president Tony Matthews. We are now incorporated under the New South Wales Association Incorportion Act. We are insured with the G.I.O. for $2,000,000 for an annual premium of less than $300.00. Our correct title is the 'Airtourer Association Incorporated'.

5. Renewal Forms: The computer program has beem upgraded and renewal forms are now printed individually. They contain the members' most relevant details and have greatly assisted in maintaining correct and up-to-date records. The the amount of clerical work necessary has also reduced.

In conclusion I would like to thank all of those members who have helped me during the year - Tony Matthews and John Treble for their support and John Plummer and the team who took over my role during the saga of the Bi-Centennial Air Show. Also my patient, hardworking wife Lyn who has spent countless hours organising piles of Association documents and who has been an ideal secretary's assistant throughout the past two years. Regretfully it is not possible for me to continue as Association secretary. I wish all the members of the new executive the very best as they continue to represent the interests of our unique Airtourers.

GRAHAM WOOD
HON SECRETARY.

MORUYA, THE VENUE FOR OUR 1990 CONVENTION

For a number of years the Committee has discouraged the holding of our very successful Convention's on the East Coast of Australia due totally to the predictable weather for that area !! The reason being; if the Dividing Range is clagged in, those travelling east to west who can't get through, reduces our numbers by approx 5 Airtourers. For those who have to travel west to east and can't get through, the numbers would be reduced by approx. 25 Airtourers.

However an overwhelming majority wished to give the coast a go for a change, so here we come.

Lets keep our fingers crossed for fine weather on the 10th and 11th March, 1990.

COMBINED VIC/TAS, S. AUST. FLY-IN TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Here is a letter sent to Vic/Tas and S.A. Members on 19-4-1989. For those who didn't receive the letter and would like to attend, fill in details below, send off and your in.

Dear .....

As mentioned in our last Newsletter the combined Vic.,/Tas., South Aust. Branches are having a fly-in to Mount Gambier on Queen's Birthday long week-end 10, 11, 12th June 1989.

We journeyed to Mount Gambier recently to meet with the President and Secretary of the Aero Club, who are giving us tremendous support to make this fly-in a successful one.
The thought was to post a personal letter (much earlier than the Newsletter) so you have enough time to consider this week-end.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

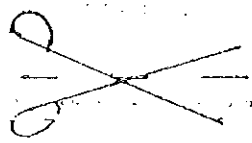
Saturday 10th - Arrivals (bring your own lunch) Tea & Coffee provided.
2.00 pm. A bus tour of the tourist highlights of Mount Gambier.
5.30 pm. bus arrives at Motel.
7.00 pm. Dinner at a local Restaurant (not yet determined).

Sunday 11th 9.00 am. leave Motel for Airfield to fly to a surprise, picturesque location for lunch. This flight will consist of Navigation Exercise with a Spot Landing at destination. Other devious thoughts still being considered. On arrival back at Mount Gambier a Barbecue Dinner will be held at the Aero Club.

Monday 12th - Approx 10 am. leave for Airfield with departures to suit.

Accommodation will be at the Commodore Motel, Phone (087) 249666. Cost is $45.00 per room per night. Bring your own lunch (e.g. sandwiches) for Saturday. Saturday night Dinner will be at your own expense. A minimum charge will apply for the Bus Tour and Aero Club Barbecue.

There will be no opening fee for fuel over this week-end.



ACCOMMODATION FORM

Name:.....

I will be accompanied by:.....

Please arrange accommodation for ..... nights and I will require a Double/Twin/Share Twin/Single (cross out accommodation not required).

I enclose a deposit of $20.00 per room for Motel Accommodation.

Make cheque payable toCommodore Motel and post with Accommodation Form to John Treble, 16 Meehan Court, Keilor, Vic., 3036, by the end of May. This way I can keep count of the numbers so as to advise the Aero Club of how many to cater for, also size of bus required.

Cheers,

John Treble.

PROPOSED QUEENSLAND SAFARI - APRIL 1990

A big show of hands at Leeton voted to have another flying Safari as we did during August 1984 by crossing the Simpson Desert.

After giving it considerable thought I've come up with a suggested 12 odd day Safari through Queensland that includes some of the outback and some of the coast.

I also realise that no matter what time of the year we went, it won't suit everyone.

I've suggested beginning the 7th April to 19th April, as this period takes in Easter, which in effect means about a 14 day Safari, but maybe only 1 week away from your employment.

After discussions with the Queensland Government Travel Centre this is what can be arranged.

Day 1. Meet at Dubbo. Visit the Dubbo Plains Zoo. Overnight Dubbo.

Day 2. Flight Dubbo - Carnarvon Gorge, arriving late afternoon. Overnight Oasis Lodge.

Day 3. Enjoy the splendour of Carnarvon Gorge. Overnight Oasis Lodge.

Day 4. Flight Carnarvon Gorge - Longreach. Visit Stockman Hall of Fame. See the original Qantas Hanger. Overnight Longreach.

Day 5. Flight Longreach - Mt. Isa. Underground mine tour departs 12 noon Visit Mt. Isa Mines Display and Visitors Centre. Overnight Mt. Isa.

Day 6. Flight Mt. Isa - Escott Station. Arrive Escott mid afternoon. Overnight Barramundi Resort, Escott.

Day 7. Take part in many activities available at Escott eg. land safari, bushwalking, swimming and generally relaxing. Overnight Barramundi Resort.

Day 8. Flight Escott - Normanton. Travel the famous historic "Gulflander" train (It's availabe for charter).

Day 9. Flight Normanton - Townsville. Free afternoon and evening, visit the Casino !

Day 10. Flight Townsville - Fraser Island Overnight Orchid Beach Resort.

Day 11. Time to relax amidst the natural beauty of Fraser Island. Fishing, bushwalking, 4 wheel driving available. Overnight Orchid Beach Resort.

Day 12. Depart for home.

As mentioned it is a suggested itinery and I welcome your comments and/or interest.

John Treble.

CO-OP CORNER

Your Board of Directors met on the 22-4-89 and a date and venue was set for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Airtourer Co-operative. Individual notices shall be sent to Members as provided for under Rule 30 of the Airtourer Co-operative. Previous discussion had taken place on the reopening of Shareholding in the Co-operative, and at this Meeting it was decided that Membership would be opened, and those wishing to apply can obtain application forms from the Secretary. Each application will be considered by the Board and the decision on such application will be administered under rule 14 of the Airtourer Co-operative.

Your Secretary announced to the Board that on medical advice he would in the future not be able to perform the many and varied onerous tasks, often seven days a week, that the position has demanded over the last ten years. This will necessitate a change in the future running of the Co-operate.

A full report of Co-operate matters to Owners and Members will be published in the next Newsletter.

GUY H. MAIN.

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 12.3.89

RIVERINA MOTEL LEETON

1. APOLOGIES

J. O'Halloran, G. Wood, D. Rankin, J. Plummer, H. Millicer, A. Hood, M. Leech, B. Tilley, S.Clarke, K. Hilsberg, B. Jones, G. Main, R & P. Peak, G. Sturgess, G. Wardman, R. Evans, J. Hopgood, J. Johnson, R. McMillian, T. Davis, D. Dow.

2. Minutes of '88' Annual General Meeting Griffith were temporarily misplaced - Moved S. Tilley 2nd H. Knox. That acceptance in absentia of minutes carried.

3. PRESIDENTS REPORT

Read at meeting and to be published in May Newsletter - G. Lawson 2nd K. Bell carried.

4. SECRETARIES REPORT

Minute book temporarily misplaced. President Tony appologised and suggested Graham's report be published in May Newsletter.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

John Treble presented the '88-89' balance sheet.
J. Treble 2nd D. Stott carried.

6. President Tony spoke to adopting the model rules of incorporation as set out by Corporate Affairs Commission. An abbreviated form will be assembled for distribution to membership.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Ken Bell took the Chair
NOMINATIONS for - PRESIDENT - Stan Tilley nominated and spoke to Tony's re-election.
Tony was re-elected by acclamation.
VICE PRESIDENT - Stuart Hillsberg was nominated by Paul Carey 2nd D. Stott.
TREASURER - John Treble S. Hillsberg 2nd S. Tilley.
SECRETARY - A. Wood 2nd K. Bell - Barry Gray
COMMITTEE - A. Wood, J.Plummer, S. Tilley.
All positions were voted on by acclamation.

8. Discussion took place on a venue for our next Annual General Meeting.

K. Bell	suggested	Jandekot,	WA
D. Stott	suggested	Renmark,	SA
J. Treble	suggested	Swan Hill,	VIC
D. Stott	suggested	Bendigo,	VIC
A. Wood	suggested	Ballarat,	VIC
G. Penfound	suggested	Meruya,	NSW

Unanimous support was shown for Meruya. Member John Salman will co-ordinate and organise.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

D. Stott- Discussed Long range tanks for A/T 150/160. After a lot of interesting points were raised, Doug moved that $500 be allocated towards research and development and the association in principal support the project of Long range tanks for 150/160.
Seconded Peter Roche - carried.

DISCUSSION NOTES ON ABOVE MOTION

A. President Tony did count of 13 financial 150's.

B. Hugh Knox suggested that individual approach to owners be made.

C. Stan Tilley spoke against due to such involvement as has been experienced by A. Wood on Mogas STC.

D. G. Penfound spoke against due to suspected loss of wing spar life.

E. P. Roche - Because we are an association it should be done as a group it would have more clout than individual owners.

F. C. Davis - stressed moral support and limited financial support.

G. L. Matthews - did not want tanks that extend the already uncomfortable ride time.

10 A. Wood was asked to give a Mogas report. Drawings are now prepared for fuel pump which is the integral part. Alan has an aeroplane ready to be "cut up" at his Hoxton Park hanger. Alan made the drawings available for viewing and explaination after the metting.

11 Col Taylor asked about the fate of A.N.A.P. Hugh Knox replied that the Directors that spoke at Griffith has deserted the company. When asked to be up-front with money they refused to even pay our legal costs.

12 A. Wood commented on behalf of the Co-op that our gladness of A.N.A.P.'s demise has been matched by the disappointment of the re-production of Airtourer not being fulfilled.

13 CO-OPERATIVE- No meeting at Leeton due to Guy Main's move from Narellan to Cobbity and of the re-location of property to Hoxton Park. Alan suggested CO-OP Annual General Meeting be held at Yarrandale, Guy will retain the drawings at Cobbity. Alan will retain the jigging and tooling at Hoxton Park.

14 (a) Adrian jolly spoke to a flying safari.
(b) John Treble asked for those interested in a weekend to weekend safari - E.G. to Simpson Desert.
(c) Peter Roche suggested Papua New Guinea.
(d) Peter Bons suggested Shute Harbour.

15 Stuart Hillsberg asked for someone to take over the task of Association Historian. Andrew Ronald volunteered.

16 (a) John Treble asked for someone to take over Newsletter. As nobody volunteered John said he would continue.
(b) Doug Stott suggested a 50th commemorative Newsletter next Issue. (May).

Tony closed the meeting at 22.50

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

With this, our Associations 50th Newsletter, I thought it appropriate to highlight some of our history and how the Airtourer Association was formed.

It all began back in 1977, when the then co-owners of RQL, Bob Page & Harry Couzin had some difficulty obtaining parts from New Zealand and thought an owners club or similar might be a good idea. Early in 1977, Bob Page wrote a letter to the Editor of AOPA Magazine seeking interest.

Being an enthusiastic Airtourer owner that had had similar problems, I responded to Bob and together we made a substantial contribution to Telecom over the following months. A list of Australian and New Zealand owners was compiled and all were contacted by phone and/or letter during that year.

An inaugural meeting was held at the Royal Aero Club, Bankstown on the 17th August 1977 at which a number of interested persons attended. This included a number of ex-Victa employees. An interim Committee was elected, with Harry Couzin President and Bob Page as Secretary/Treasurer.

A decision was made to hold the first Convention and Fly-In at Griffith NSW on the Australia-Day weekend in January 1978. Many more phone calls were made and letters written in order to stir up interest amoungst the many owners, especially those in the South-Eastern States. The membership at this stage was very basic and it was not until after the first Convention that a formal member establishment was created.

The following months saw a competition held to give us a name and design a logo. A majority favoured 'Airtourer Association' and the winning logo design was by Alex Hood of the LaTrobe Valley Aero Club. It is now our familiar triangular badge. Alex also designed the cover of the Newsletter with the Airtourer Drawing on it. With few exceptions the cover has been the same ever since.

The Griffith Convention was held and brought with it many new members. The RAAF attended in a CT4A and Henry Millicer (flown there by Kendell Airlines) gave the keynote address after dinner.

From there a new committee was formed and steps were taken to draft a constitution and the structure which we now know was put in place.

Bob Page put forward some ideas at that meeting which would eventually lead to the formation of the Airtourer Co-operative. He later sold his share in RQL due to business and health reasons, however, Harry Couzin is still an active member, tho' not an owner any longer. Many of you may have met Harry at one of the Schofield Air Shows or perhaps at Richmond last year where he has helped the Association with Hospitality Tents, eats and drinks at those shows.

The Airtourer Association was then on the road so to speak and many members attended various Air Shows to fly our flag, join up new members and promote the Airtourer or 'Victa' as many called it then (and now perhaps as well!!).

Many things occured during that first year, Alex Hood was the first full time editor/printer of the Newsletter. It was printed by the LVAC for a couple of years. During August of '78, Andrew Ronald and myself went to New Zealand where we met

up with Airtourer test pilot 'Randy' Green, and together we held discussions with NZ Aerospace Industries for the purchase of the 'farm' back to Australia. We were able to agree on a price and conditions of sale for all the Jigs, tools, drawings & parts. On our return, the Airtourer Co-op was formed in order to raise the required funds. The return of the Aircruiser ZK-DAH/VH-MVR was also arranged during this visit. It was flown over by Cliff Tait and delivered to Sonny Rankin at the 1978 Schofields Air Show in September.

The Newsletter editorship later passed on to me and then to John Treble who has maintained a very high standard since taking it on some six years ago.

A copy of the First Newsletter follows, which I thought would be of interest to many members, in particular those that have not been with us that long. Many of the ideas we had then have come to fruition and some, tho' good ideas have dropped by the wayside for a number of reasons.

I believe **OUR** Association to be an outstanding success in that our motto; "Dedicated to the preservation and continued airworthiness of Victa and AESL Airtourer Series Aircraft" has helped keep many Airtourers airworthy, freshly painted and promoted many rebuilds and engine upgrades.

One has only to look at the demand (then and now) and compare sale prices to prove this....and we've had a lot of fun as well!

Happy Airtouring..... **DOUG STOTT**

AUSTRALIA TO THE U.K. AND RETURN

This journey tentatively planned for late next year has been put on the back burner. Five people showed a real interest, but the big problem was the 3 months required to make the trip, couldn't be arranged at the same time by those wishing to go. Back to the drawing board.

FOR SALE

O-235 C1 Engine a55 HTR 1st life.	
Mags have 1460 HTR	6,000.00
New Westoe EGT/CHT with fittings	130.00
New Narco AT 150 TXP in box	1,200.00
3 Head sets	150.00 ea.
1 Barrel Type Vac OG	50.00
1 Turn & Bank Vac B & B	50.00
2 Old Type Vac AH's	20.00 ea.
8 day panel mount clock $2\frac{1}{4}$"	80.00
O-320 Fuel Pump has run 700 hrs. (nothing wrong)	70.00
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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

This is what one might call our Association's first Official Circular.

Our first convention and fly-in at Griffith, N.S.W., held over the Australia Day weekend was an outstanding success. Despite the very inclement weather on the East Coast which prevented the Sydneysiders and their coastal friends from attending by air (some keen chaps drove), the attendance was excellent. Twenty-one airtourers and a RAAF CT4A Airtrainer attended over the weekend and fifty-five enthusiasts registered at the convention.

Henry Millicer arrived on the Friday afternoon with Kendell Airlines and was met by Bob Page who had driven from Sydney during the previous night and spent most of the day doing ground work for the convention. Two Airtourers also arrived that day.

The Saturday saw the remaining Airtourers arrive together with Yankee-Alpha-Yankee, the RAAF CT4A Airtrainer from Point Cook. A Bar-B-Que lunch was provided by the Griffith Aero Club for pilots and crews. During the afternoon members registered their attendance, met new friends and exchanged Airtourer talk in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. A fly-by took place with twelve Airtourers flying around Griffith and over the aerodrome.

Later in the afternoon after a drink or two at the Aero Club, members boarded a bus and travelled via a local winery to the Irrigana Motel, where concessional accommodation was arranged.

A most enjoyable dinner followed at the motel after which our patron, Henry Millicer, gave a very interesting talk on the history of the Airtourer design. His talk was supported by an interesting series of slides.

The morning saw almost (??) everyone at breakfast in time to catch the bus back to the Aero Club, where our First General Meeting was held.

Our Interim President, Harry Couzin, and Sect./Treas. Bob Page, gave their reports which were accepted with enthusiasm by those present. All posts were declared vacant and nominations called for a new committee. Voting followed with these results:-

President:	"Sonny" Rankin, West Wyalong, N.S.W.
Secretary:	Doug. Stott, North Essendon, Vic.
Treasurer:	Bill Kelly, Bannockburn, Vic.

Bob Page announced a proposal to keep Airtourers flying and will devote his time over the next few months to this project. When his report is finalized all members will be advised of the outcome of this interesting project.

Numerous other subjects were discussed and it is felt that those present gained a lot of useful information.

Flight Lieutenants Simon Ford and Kai Hansen from Point Cook made themselves available during the weekend to discuss their aircraft and I am sure all members enjoyed their presence and appreciated the gesture of the RAAF in sending a CT4A and its crew (who, it is noted, enjoyed themselves somewhat).

A large Bar-B-Q and salad lunch was held on the Sunday with the generous help of the Aero Club and it's ladies' auxillary.

Presentations were made as follows:-

(a) Most original Airtourer: Awarded to VH-NAU, AT100, s/n 07.
Bernard Kitchell from Echuca is to be congratulated as his aircraft has over 7000 hours, and is still in very original condition.

(b) Best Presented Airtourer: Awarded to VH-EQA, AT150, s/n A523.
Pat Schipp from Benalla runs a flying school there with two Airtourers, both of which attended. EQA's new poly paint scheme looked really neat.

(c) Longest Distance travelled in an Airtourer to attend was awarded to Brian Hore who flew from Kadina S.A. in his AT115 VH-FHP.

After the presentations members participated in some flying activities which included some formation flying by three of the Super Airtourers present.

As the weather deteriorated in the afternoon most members made a start on the track home. All who attended enjoyed the Convention and are looking forward to the next one, which it is hoped will be bigger and better. Thanks must go to the Griffith Aero Club who were excellent hosts for such an event.

Future Activities:

It is intended to have Association participation at all major Australian Air shows and pagents. Would members please advise the Secretary if you intend to visit any such events so that group arrangements may be made to promote our Association. In the meantime, the following events are on the calendar during the next twelve months and members are asked to attend if at all possible.

(a) Royal Newcastle Aero Club, Golden Jubilee Aviation Expo '78 Air Show. April 15th - 16th, Maitland Airport, N.S.W. Large Airtourer attendance welcomed, especially those who could not make it to Griffith. Details from Bill Hitchcock, P.O. Box 136, Maitland, N.S.W., 2320. Phone (049) 498189.

(b) Social Weekend at Sonny Rankin's property. Dates to be advised, but about mid-year. "Yarrandale", near West Wyalong, N.S.W.

(c) Schofields Airshow - 1978. Date about November - watch AOPA.

(d) Point Cook Fly-in 1978. Date during late November or early December - watch AOPA. "Let's have more Airtourers there than Airtrainers."

(e) 1979 General Meeting, Convention and Fly-in. Location and date to be fixed. Suggestions requested.

Constitution:

The association intends to draw up a constitution in the near future to protect members and lay down guidelines for the committee members. Suggestions from members regarding items to be included should be sent without delay to the Secretary. One of our members in the legal field has offered to help in this regard.

Aircraft Broker for Airtourers:

The association intends to act as a broker for the buying and selling of Airtourers and members are asked to advise the association if intending to sell as we have numerous inquiries from intending buyers. Information of value to buyers and sellers will be available to such members. Airtourers sold through the association will attract a small handling charge to cover any costs and bolster association funds.

Parts

The association is intending to make a register of owners needing various parts so that bulk orders may be made at a resulting lower cost.
The following items are high on the list: Undercarriage Legs, Fuel Cells, Fibre-glass parts, windscreens and canopy.
Please advise if you think you may need any of the above in the not too distant future or anything else for that matter.

Fuel Tanks

A feasibility study has commenced with the idea of replacing the rubber cell fuel tank with either a one-piece fibre-glass tank or modifying the tank bay to an integral tank. Full details will be circulated when available, but either way, present indications are that such a replacement tank could be fitted for a price below that of a rubber cell ($570). Such a tank would be a permanent fixture and have none of the present problems associated with the rubber cell.
Members interested in obtaining such a tank are asked to contact the Secretary so that numbers can be anticipated if the tank enters production.

Negotiations with D.O.T.

The association has a good working relationship with the Department and in particular the Airworthiness Branch. If you have any problems contact the Sect.

Modifications

The association holds all details of approved modifications to Airtourers 100 & 115. (150 H.P. and 160 H.P. Lycoming engine etc.)

Insurance

The Association has already commenced correspondence with major Australian aircraft insurers in an effort to obtain a "better deal" for all Airtourer owners.

Maintenance

A list of organizations performing maintenance and modifications on Airtourers is to be compiled in an attempt to consolidate maintenance knowhow. Would members please advise the Secretary where they have their maintenance performed and if that organization is interested in the Airtourer and to what extent.

Affiliation with other bodies

The Sports Aircraft Association of Australia have been approached with a view to affiliation in some manner. Other similar aviation groups will be contacted in due course with a similar idea. The Aircraft Historical Society (Vic. branch) have already shown their enthusiasm by attending the Griffith convention and offering information regarding individual Airtourer history and photos.

Publicity

The association has to date had coverage in AOPA, AIRCRAFT, WINGS N.Z. and FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL (U.K.), all of which have attracted members. Other industry news sheets and aero club circulars have also given us a mention. The Griffith AREA NEWS covered the convention with photos and story both prior to and after the weekend. It is hoped that coming editions of AOPA, AIRCRAFT & WINGS will mention the Griffith convention. The association motif has so far been applied only to the badges (and jewellery) which financial members are issued with on joining. It is intended to have a shoulder patch (cloth badge) made shortly, which will be available in a similar manner.

Badges/Jewellery

Badges have been made and will be issued to all financial members in the near future. Those members that were at Griffith are already in receipt of their brooch. A cloth shoulder patch is also to be made and will be issued in a similar manner. Additional items of jewellery may be purchased through the Secretary at the following prices:-

Stick Pin badge	$2.00
Brooch Clip badge	$2.00
Key Ring Medallion	$2.00
Tie Bar badge	$2.50
Cufflinks (set)	$4.00

Newsletter

It is intended to publish a newsletter at least every three months and more often if possible. Members are invited to submit articles suitable for inclusion and which may be of interest to readers.

Minutes of the General Meeting

A copy of minutes from the Griffith meeting will be issued with this newsletter to all financial members.

Happy Airtouring,

Regards,

Doug

Doug Stott,
Secretary.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

A photo taken at the Griffith convention has been selected for the cover of the March copy of AOPA magazine.

Also.....

AIRCRAFT magazine published by the Herald-Sun in Melbourne will have a story and photos in their March edition.

AIRTOURERS FOR SALE: (Enquiries to the Secretary, P.O. Box 29, North Essendon)

AT115 TT 7500 hrs. Engine 800 to run. Major Inspection 2 years to run. Skyphone VHF. Well looked after. $8250.

AT115 TT 2300 hrs. Engine 990 to run with top O/H. Major completed Oct. '77. Recent New Fuel Cell. New spinner and tyres. Cessna 360 VHF. Bendix ADF. $9500.

AT100 TT 4200 hrs. Engine 200 to run. Major inspection due July 1978. Narco Comm 11A VHF. Narco ADF. NVHG. Recent new prop and fuel cell. A tidy aircraft. Colour white with red. $8250.

AT100 TT 5800 hrs. Engine 140 to run. Major inspection due Nov. 1980. Good airframe always hangered. New tyres. Skyphone VHF. $7000.

AT150 Built in N.Z. 1969. TT 3800 hrs. Engine 1200 to run with top O/H. U/C legs 1500 to run. Prop 1200 to run. Major due Dec. 1980. Wing rib mod complete. Recent New fuel cell. Cleveland wheels and brakes. Recent P/E Paint. Dyna-focal engine mount. Aircraft may be fitted with a constant speed prop. An excellent unit. $16,000.

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Spinners, Spats, Wingtips, Cowls, T4 Wheel Brake Dust Covers, Wing fillets and fairings etc. etc.

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For a real boost in performance modify your AT100 or AT115 to take 150 or 160 H.P. Lycoming Engine.
Either fixed or constant speed prop.
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"The Airtourer Specialists"

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Imported Wheel Fairings

Low drag wheel fairings in kit form soon to be available to suit all Airtourers. Supplied with D.O.T. approval and installation drawings.
Geoff Hollins,
13 Throsby Crescent,
Narrabundah, A.C.T. 2604.

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Wanted by Airtourer Association

Duplicating and photocopy facilities.

Reasonable price. Bulk orders.

Contact: The Secretary.

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High quality parts made to D.O.T. standards. Superior glider type workmanship employed. Contact: George Morgan, Bacchus Marsh Aviation Services, 33 Franklin Street, Bacchus Marsh, Vic., 3340. Phone: (053) 695156 (Bus. hrs.)
Hanger and workshop located at Bacchus Airfield. Drop in for a look-see.

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