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Editorial

Many thanks to the Events Committee for a very enjoyable weekend at Wentworth. Personally I welcomed the opportunity to take Peter Coy flying in the Airtourer I purchased from him in 1985, VH-COI. (photo below)

A special thanks to Monique for taking on the role of Secretary, she's been very proactive in taking on many of the tasks over the last year.

Also thanks to Robert Zweck for supplying photographs for both this edition and the website.

Safe Airtouring,

John O'Halloran



Cover Photo: Col Taylor's Airtourer 150 VH-MRL, winner of the Best Presented award at the 2014 Convention.

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From The President

Number 5



Just a few words this time, given there is a Presidential annual report in this edition.

I found the Wentworth AGM a very enjoyable event, and sometimes that is a difficult emotion when one has been involved in the planning.

This became evident at the welcome dinner, in this case an informal serving around the pool of many varieties of finger food. From my perspective as I looked over the scene all that was to be seen were happy animated faces and everyone renewing the common bonds that make us the great organisation we are.

Perhaps location was a factor; it was nevertheless a pleasure to welcome 80% of our South Australian members to the event.

We have the events programme planned out up to the 2015 AGM, and this will be reported on to all members as details coalesce.

Make time in your busy lives to attend, you will be welcome.



The workers, L to R, John Day (Vice President), Gerry Pels (Treasurer) and Monique Gillett (Secretary)

Where the Rivers Meet (And Airtourers Met).

Jon Pels & John Day

This year, our AGM and convention were held on the 21st-23rd of March at Wentworth. Despite the headwind for most, arrivals on the Friday were steady and our parking skills were up to our usual high standards. This was important considering the next day the Sunraysia Daily reported "Victa 'delight': Wentworth Hosts Airtourer Convention" complete with a colour photograph of Bob Peak looking quite official in his flying suit, gazing out to the horizon in front of a row of neatly parked Airtourers.

Niels snapped into his usual transport captain mode (Thank you Niels) and later on we settled down pool side at the Wentworth Grande Resort for a cock-

tail-party-esque dinner. Throughout the evening we learned that whilst inbound via car, Liz Matthews had made a diversion to Forbes hospital due to a heart flutter. (We now know Liz is much better, is grateful for our kind wishes and is happy to cop the fine from Beryl for not showing up).

Saturday morning began with breakfast at the motel followed by a bus trip to the airfield for a CASA ageing aircraft seminar. There were lots of good ideas and suggestions thrown about in relation to how we can do things better both as an Association and individual owners in relation to this issue. However, stomachs started to grumble so it was time for a BBQ lunch provided by the Wentworth Aero Club.



Perfect parking, ready for the Sunraysia Daily's photographer, with Col Taylor's award winning MRL setting the standard



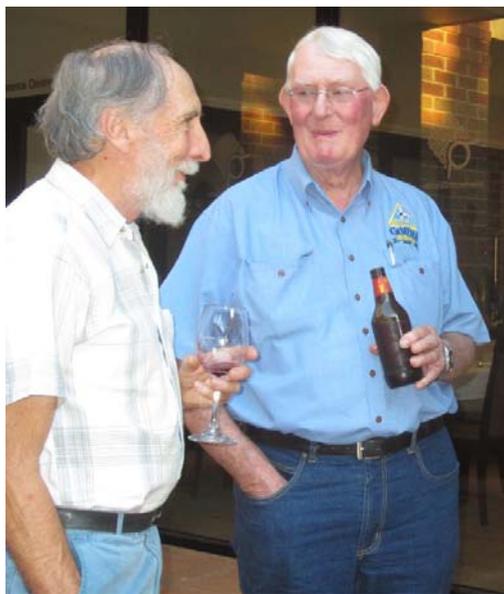
First night cocktails and dinner around the pool at the Wentworth Grande Resort.

Dinner was at the Artback Australia Gallery – An outstanding setting within a stylishly renovated 1882 building. Mike was our MC for the evening and asked Alan Wood to present the Sonny Rankin Award for the best presented Airtourer to Col Taylor. The Tony Mathews Award was presented to John Treble in recognition of his long service to the Association. A specially formulated quiz known as “The Great Big Competition About Everything” did occur. The winning table consisted of John & Doreen Treble, Jan & JOH, Col Taylor and Garry Coote (Georgia wanted to do her own). They won a bottle of red for the most correct answers, however the question “Who is your hero” generated a vast mix of answers from Henry Millicer to Vladimir Putin. Beryl was working overtime collecting fines that evening.

Sunday morning consisted of both Airtourer and Co-op AGM’s. We would particularly like to thank Stan for many years service as the Chairman of the Co-op. Stan has now stepped down from this posi-



David Warne and Beryl Marshall catching up on Friday night.



*Above Left: Stan Tilley & Beryl Marshall. Above Right: Andy Morris and Bob West.
Below: Jan O'Halloran, Susie White and Pamela Zweck
Opposite page: Jorga Coote with Doreen and John Treble at Artback.*





tion but remains on the Board. Stepping into the Chairman’s seat is John O’Halloran. John has stepped down from his position as Secretary of the Association and this role is now being filled by Monique. We thank both John and Monique for taking up these important positions and congratulate them on their appointment.

Following the AGMs it was off to the airfield and on to Mungo Lodge for a most enjoyable lunch. The Lodge has changed management since our last visit but still maintains a great level of service for flying events.

For those remaining on Sunday evening dinner was held at the Crown Hotel that features a Grey Fergie tractor in the Front Bar.

Attendees

John & Doreen Treble	CRK
Gerry Pels	DWT
George Penfound & Pat Sheil	MWR
Neil & Kath Jensen	CND
Stan & Bonney Tilley	MTL
Jane & Andy Morris	FVV

Mike Fisher & Jackie Brown	BNV
John & Rebecca Day	VRT
Peter Coy	SportsS- tar
Andrew Clement	KGR
Susie White	Car
John & Jan O’Halloran	COI
Jeff & Pat Woodroffe	DEB
Peter Bons	Car
Jon & Mon Pels	LVU
Bob & Pat Peak	EQG
Doug Dow	BQK
Beryl Marshall	Car
Ian Close & Sue Harris	VVZ
Col Taylor	MRL
Robert & Pamela Zweck	Car
Peter & Bernadine Hupfeld	CAR
Jim & Rhonda McNamara	MUP
Gerry Lawson	MTI
Fenton & Tim Phillips	MRF
Alan & Merle Wood	Car
Bob & David West	MVA
David Wearne	WAU
Gary & Jorja Coote	CKE
John & Rong Raven	Car
Roger Merridew	FCT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association (Inc.) held at Wentworth on 23rd March 2014

Present: Mr. Mike Fisher President
Mr. John Day Vice-President
Mr. Gerry Pels Treasurer
Mr. John O'Halloran Secretary
Ms. Monique Gillett
Mr. Niels Jensen
Mr. Alan Wood
and 42 members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

Apologies: 26 members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

The President opened the meeting at 0908 AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were published in the May 2013 Association Newsletter.

Moved John O'Halloran, seconded Andy Morris that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

All matters arising from the previous Minutes will be covered in the reports or General Business.

Reports

President's Report

Mike Fisher presented the following report.

At last year's AGM I outlined what I believed were the principal business activities of your Airtourer Association, primarily to conduct good and enjoyable events, some with an educational element and to be a flying organisation. All of these activities are to be conducted in a financially responsible manner.

Through the excellent work of all Committee Members who variously manage the demands of administration and event planning these stated objectives

are being realised to your advantage.

I should also acknowledge that committee work involves not only time demands but financial as well. For example, the preparation of this AGM at Wentworth demanded boots on the ground with members flying in to spend a weekend in event preparation, a contribution willingly made.

This year we have finally settled the issue of contingent liability protection. The Airtourer Association operates in the public domain and must protect its own interests against any claim, valid or otherwise.

The only protection we as an Association can take is adequate insurances, and although historically a policy is in place, once reviewed against potential liabilities arising from our activities it was found to be deficient. We have resolved to institute reasonable and adequate insurance covers for the Association and its Committee.

While there will be a cost for this it will be far less than wilful inaction.

At this AGM I am thrilled to be able to announce to you that the Airtourer Association support for the Royal Flying Doctor Service is now official. Beryl Marshall has been an active fund raiser within the Association but until now our support has been informal and not recognised.

I believe that this step in making the RFDS our preferred charity places the Association on a much higher plane. You can expect to see references to the RFDS in our publications and new fund raising initiatives for a very worthwhile and quintessential Australian cause.

To be successful I believe that all our organisational elements should be subservient to the four objectives outlined. Enacting this will be the challenge for the next year.

The report was accepted and carried by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gerry Pels presented the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, included at Annex C. These accounts have been available to members on the website prior to the meeting .

Gerry reported that the Association was in a healthy financial state with a surplus of \$2,893 for year. The overall assets of \$37,806 included a time deposit of in excess of \$32,000.

Proposed Gerry Pels, seconded Beryl Marshall that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be accepted and that any Committee Members be authorised to make the necessary certifications as required by the Department of Fair Trading.

Carried.

Secretary's Report

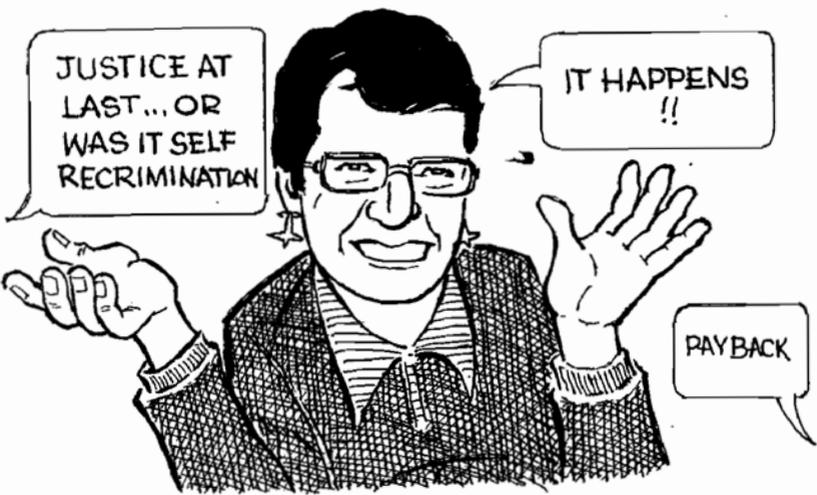
John O'Halloran reported that membership stood at 135 members, slightly less than last year. The second year of joint administration of membership management worked well, made easier by the increasing number of members that used Internet banking.

The Association Newsletter has provided some challenges in the last year due to

QUIZ TIME



WHO TRIED TO GET "CHANGE" FROM THE SHERIFF'S FINES BAG?



WHO WAS WELCOME MEMBER TO THE 36th AGM?

WHO WAS FINED THE MOST BY THE SHERIFF?

WENTWORTH

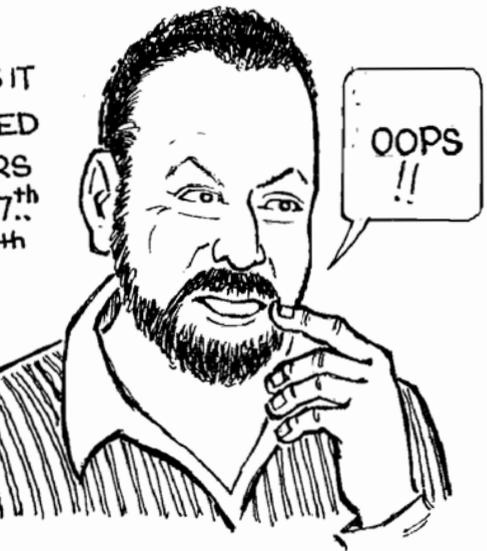


ESBAG ?

WHO WAS IT
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WHO SADLY DIDN'T MAKE IT?

the Editor's workload. This should improve in the coming year.

As I advised last year I will not be standing for re-election as Secretary this year. Fortunately for the Association, Monique Gillett has nominated and has also been working with me over the past year. She is now well positioned to take over the Secretary's duties.

Proposed John O'Halloran, Seconded Beryl Marshall, that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Carried.

General Business

Events for the Coming Year.

President Mike Fisher outlined the program for the coming year. More details would be included on the website and updates would be sent via email and the Newsletter.

- Victorian Winter Gathering – 15 June.
- President's Fly-In - Echuca, 20th & 21st September.
- End of Year Gathering – Milawa / Beechworth area, 29th & 30th November.
- Convention 2015 – Orange / Bathurst area, 20th & 21st March 2015.

Membership Subscriptions.

Previously, the membership at an AGM, directed the Committee to consider and make recommendations regarding the annual membership subscription. The Committee recommended an increase to \$50, primarily to cover the increased cost of insurance.

Proposed Gerry Pels, seconded Gerry Lawson that the annual subscription be set at \$50.

Carried.

Election of the New Committee

The President declared all Committee positions vacant. The outgoing Secretary advised that the number of nominations received was the same as the number of vacancies and therefore the new Committee was appointed as follows:

President	Mr. Mike Fisher
Vice President	Mr. John Day
Treasurer	Mr. Gerry Pels
Secretary	Ms. Monique Gillett
	Mr. John O'Halloran
	Mr. Alan Wood
	Mr. Niels Jensen

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 0925 AM.

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19 March 2014

Mr Mike Fisher
Airtourer Association

Via email:
ktnIndry2@bigpond.com

Dear Mr Fisher,

I am delighted that the Airtourer Association wants to formalise its relationship with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS).

The RFDS relies on the support of the community to continue its emergency rescue and primary health care work across Australia, and we certainly appreciate your past contributions.

We gratefully accept your kind offer for RFDS Victoria to be the preferred charity of the Airtourer Association.

Thanks again for your generous support.

Yours sincerely

Scott Chapman
Chief Executive

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd. held at Wentworth on 23rd March 2014

Present: Mr. Stan Tilley Chairman
Mr. Alan Wood Director
Mr. John O'Halloran Director
Mr. John Day Director
Mr. John Pels Director
Mr. Andrew Clement Director
and 14 active members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

Apologies: Twelve active members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:45 AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the May 2013 Airtourer Association Newsletter.

Moved John O'Halloran, seconded Bob Peak that the Minutes, as published, be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes will be addressed in General Business.

Reports

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Stan Tilley, presented the following report:

This year, the rules for running a Cooperative have changed. These rules are now defined on a national basis and has implications for the Airtourer Co-

operative. The NSW law, to which the Co-op is subject, has changed to reflect the national law. The Directors are looking into these changes and hopefully they will not be too difficult to implement. One of the advantages of the new national legislation is to make it easier to conduct business over state borders.

An ongoing concern for the Co-op is Directors Liability Insurance. This remains an open item and is being pursued as a matter of importance.

Sales by the Co-op have been reasonably quiet this year – but we are still able to keep all Airtourers flying and to ‘break even’ financially.

Our ‘king pin’ Alan attends to smaller requirements almost daily. However we do have many projects on the go and unfortunately it seems extremely difficult to keep some of these moving. I refer to:

Windscreens: The Coop mould has been recovered from Aerospace Plastics. It is now with Alan Wood. Screens from International Plastics in NZ appear to be quite satisfactory. International Plastics are also supplying certified canopy halves.

Usable Fuel: The AFM Temporary Revision remains applicable and the proposed modified fuel quantity indicating system awaits certification flight test. The Test Plan has been reviewed by the Co-op’s design organisation, Auto Avia Design, and requires minor update prior to being submitted to CASA for approval. The next hurdle is the availability of the test pilot to complete the tests.

Flight Manual: There are a number of revisions in the draft stage but these will require CASA approval which has the potential to be expensive. This will be delayed until after the usable fuel is recertified.

Aging Aircraft: All owners would be well aware of CASA’s concerns regarding this issue both from CASA correspondence and the briefing yesterday. The Co-op, as the Type Certificate holder, is responsible for the continuing airworthiness of the Airtourer and is playing an active role in CASA’s discussions. In particular, as was pointed out to the CASA representatives yesterday, the Co-op has amended the Maintenance Manual to address some of these concerns.

Control cables: Fortunately the Airtourer does not face the same threat as some other types regarding control cables since most of the controls are operated by push rods. Nevertheless, we are investigating the threat and are likely to make a recommendation along the lines of CASA’s, i.e. cables be replaced after 15 years.

Split Cows: Awaiting drawing from Auto Avia.

Andrew Ronald parts: Andrew Ronald has sold his Airtourer but has a supply of parts for sale. Andrew Clement is investigating to determine if any would be useful to the Co-op.

Succession: This is possibly the greatest threat to the Co-op at present. We still rely on Alan Wood and Hugh Knox to conduct the day to day business of parts supply and sourcing. The Board is looking at various options but still face the same problem, how could we possibly replace Alan?

Contact people: Alan is working with the Board to compile a list of contacts and suppliers.

I must acknowledge the voluntary work put in by all the Board members and people like Lee Gordon-Brown.

Finally, I have held the position of Chairman for nine years and wished to stand down from that position. I am happy to continue on the Board.

Moved Andy Morris, seconded Peter Hupfeld, that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Carried.

Financial Report

The Financial Statements are included at Annex B and have been available for perusal by Co-op members on the website. These statements show a quiet year with sales of just over \$15,000 and a net profit for the year of \$725. The overall position is sound with cash assets of \$34,783.

Moved John O'Halloran, seconded George Penfound, that the Financial Statements be accepted.

Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

Proposed Bonnie Tilley, seconded David Wearne, that Mr Richard Fong be reappointed Auditor for the following year.

Carried.

Director Administration Report

John O'Halloran reported that the joint administration with the Airtourer Association was working well. Currently there were 69 active members. He reminded members that a benefit of membership was access to current airworthiness documents such as the Maintenance and Repair Manual and Parts Catalogue via the website after logging in. This provided members with a means of satisfying their obligations to CASA as Certificate of Registration holders with regard to maintaining current documents.

Chief Pilot Report

John O'Halloran advised that the progress with the modified fuel quantity system was slower than hoped with work commitments disrupting his plans. Nevertheless, the modification had been installed in his aircraft and the test plan has been reviewed by Auto Avia. Some minor amendments were required and the test aircraft VH-COI would need to be moved to the Experimental Category for the flight testing. Subsequent to the flight testing the AFM can be amended to reflect the new usable fuel.

The modification kits are available from Alan Wood and can be installed under an engineering order issued by Auto Avia and held by the Co-operative.

General Business

Annual Subscription.

At a previous AGM there was a motion that the Board is to recommend the amount for the annual subscription to the membership.

The Board recommended that the annual subscription remain at \$50 for the following year.

Stocktake

The stock take of items currently stored in Lee Gordon-Brown's hangar at Tocumal was commenced November 2013. The task is not yet complete but could be finished over a weekend with the help of about eight people. This is currently planned for June and will be coordinated by John Day. The assistance of the membership will be required.

Election of the New Board

The Rules required that the two longest serving Directors retire at the AGM. Mr John Day and Mr Alan Wood therefore stood down but both agreed to stand for re-election.

No further nominations were received and hence John and Alan were elected. The Board therefore stands as follows:

Mr. Stan Tilley

Mr. Jon Pels

Mr. John O'Halloran

Mr. Alan Wood

Mr. Andrew Clement

Mr. John Day

Stan Tilley handed over the position of Chairman to John O'Halloran .

Carried by acclamation.

John O'Halloran acknowledged the contribution Stan Tilley had made as Chairman. Many members would not be aware of the travelling that Stan had undertaken at his own expense both in Australia and NZ to visit various organisations related to Co-op business. John proposed a vote of thanks to Stan and Bonnie for their efforts and support.

Carried by acclamation.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:20AM.

Email Security

You may ask, “what has email security got to do with the Airtourer Association?” The answer lies in the way the internet has become an integral part of everyday life, in the Airtourer Association context, the website and email notification.

We’ve all heard about the threats of hackers, phishing scams, computer viruses and the massive US Government spying on ordinary citizens revealed by the Snowden files.

Most of us probably have heard of the steps we should take to avoid the threats such as not clicking on links or opening attachments in emails unless you are ABSOLUTELY sure of the source. So how sure can you be sure that an email came from the Airtourer Association? A member recently received the following email:

Subject: Confidential - ALL Employees Important Document(s)

Date:

1 Apr 2014 07:28:38 GMT

From: <Administrator@airtourer.asn.au>

To: emi_darvish@airtourer.asn.au

Please find attached documentation I will need you to complete and send back to me as soon as you can if that’s okay.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide you with any further support or assistance.

Thank you

This e-mail and / or any attachment(s) is intended solely for the above-mentioned recipient(s) and it may contain confidential or privileged information. If you have received it in error, please notify us immediately at helpdesk@airtourer.asn.au and delete the e-mail. You must not copy it, distribute it, disclose it or take any action in reliance on it. For Affiliate Members, this publication is only intended to provide a summary. It does not purport to be comprehensive, definitive or to be legal advice. Changes to the law and government policy may occur quickly. We recommend that specific legal or other professional advice be obtained about matters discussed in this publication. We give no warranty (and accepts no liability) for loss or damage sustained by any person, corporation or other legal entity as a direct or indirect consequence of their reliance on the matters contained in this publication. For the future of our children please consider the environment before printing this email.

The attachment contained a virus!

None of the ...@airtourer.asn.au addresses in the email actually exist although it’s

relatively easy to pick likely prefixes such as administrator@ or helpdesk@ to make it look authentic.

Unfortunately email was developed as a means for academics to exchange messages during the early days of the internet. They never considered it would become so pervasive or that anyone would want to use it for nefarious purposes. Consequently it is relatively easy to spoof a genuine email to trap unsuspecting recipients.

After all that bad news comes the good news. From now on the Airtourer Association will not send you an email with an attachment or a link. If we want you to download information such as a Newsletter or registration form for a fly-in, the email will direct you to the website. In most cases the subsequent link to the article or download will be in the Latest Updates box, top centre of the home page.

Links on a website are OK to use, in fact without them the website would be restricted to a single page. However, you need to be confident that it's not a spoofed website, the best way to ensure this is to type the full website address into the address bar yourself rather than follow a link from an email or other source.

Having said that we won't put links in emails, you may still receive legitimate emails with links. Unfortunately, some email systems such as Google try to be helpful and will automatically make a link out of anything it thinks is a web address or email. Once again, the best practice is to type the website address yourself, (see front cover), then bookmark it or save it as a favourite. Use the bookmark in future and not any links in emails.

John O'Halloran
Webmaster

Heard At the Hangar Door

Airtourer Association and Co-op Board Member **Andrew Clement** recently celebrated a milestone with his 50th birthday. The obvious question is, which is older and in better condition, Andrew or his Airtourer.

The Airtourer's younger, although bigger, brother the CT4 continues to be the mainstay of the RAAF's basic pilot training. **Robert Zweck** keeps a close eye on all things aeronautical and in particular Airtourer/CT4 related. He found an article related to the uncertain future of RAAF basic training in the Northern Daily News. www.northerndailynews.com.au > search for "*basic flying in hold*"

When over twenty aeroplanes arrive at a small country town like Wentworth it's sure to get the interest of the locals and in particular the local press, in this case the Sunraysia Daily. To see part of the article and photos go to www.sunraysia.com.au > search for "*victa delight*".

Susie White won't be flying an Airtourer for a while, she's off to the Solomon Islands as part of RAMSI, the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands working for the Australian Federal Police.

Barry Edmondson from Newcastle in the UK has purchased Airtourer 150 G-AZBE

from Ralph Vincent. Meanwhile, the Newcastle syndicate's 115 G-AZOE has been sold to Roddy Smith from the wild and woolly islands of Scotland! Roddy previously owned Airtourer G-AZHT.

Phil Usher has just gained approval from CASA to open a maintenance facility at Temora. Phil has two early Airtourer 100s, MOA (s/n 3) and MUX (s/n 22) and hopes to see more Airtourers coming through his new workshop.

Col Taylor reported that he had been in contact with **Bill Pennell**. Bill is now confined to a wheelchair but is in good spirits and passes his regards to the members.

Lee Gordon-Brown has finished his tenure at Monash University and returned to the RAAF Reserve. He is supposedly working as an Engineer but is more often seen flying in a PC-9.

Calendar of Events

Victorian Winter Gathering

Sunday 15th June

Mon and Jon Pel's property at Riddells Creek. See the website for details.

President's Fly-In

Echuca, Victoria

20-21 September 2014

A weekend of fun, flying, a little bit of education and a visit to the Great Aussie Beer Shed. All the details on the website and in the next Newsletter.

Victorian End of Year Gathering

29th & 30th November 2014

This year's Victorian end of year gathering will be held a little earlier than usual to avoid the Christmas rush. It will be held in the Beechworth / Milawa area. Watch the website for details.

2015 Convention and AGM

20th & 21st March 2015

Orange / Bathurst area. Watch the website for details.

Welcome

Chris Goldsmith of the Vale of Glamorgan in Wales. Chris owns Airtourer Super 150 G-AZOF, has been a member of the Co-op for some time but joined the Association in the last renewals.

Peter Jenkins from Harpenden in the UK who owns Airtourer 115 G-AYLA.