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Gary Weeks test flies his new Lancair Legacy. More on Page 14



**Above:** Gary Weeks takes off for the test flight of his brand new, beautiful and very swift Lancair Legacy.

**Below, left to right:** Donna Handley organised the Christmas party. Santa arrives at Wedderburn for the Children's Christmas party. Vic Laybutt is awarded the Gordon Crampton Trophy as Club Champion 2012



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If you want to stage an event, or invite the Club to join you on a flying jaunt please talk to me. You will earn additional Championship points.

**Bret Cavanagh**

#### UPCOMING EVENTS. Put 'em in your diary.

**Fund Raiser for Ryan's world record attempt.** Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February, Club Sapphire. Merimbula.  
Contact: Bob Phillips on 6495 9251 for bookings and further details.

**Social Workday.** Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February. Sign in by 9am. Free lunch for members. Wedderburn  
Contact: Richard Thompson.

**General Meeting.** Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm. Clubhouse.  
Contact: Margaret Nightingale.

**Annual General Meeting.** Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, immediately following the G.M. (approx 3pm). Clubhouse.  
Contact: Margaret Nightingale.

**AAAA National Fly-in** Friday to Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April. Echuca.

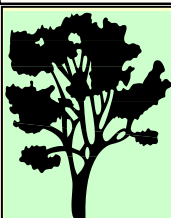
**Social Workday.** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> April. Sign in by 9am. Catering to be advised. Wedderburn.  
Contact: Richard Thompson.

**Aviatex Expo and Trade Show.** Trade days Friday and Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May. Wollongong  
For details go to <http://www.aviatex.com.au>

**Wings over Illawarra** (as part of Aviatex). Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 9am to 4pm. Wollongong

**Blue Mountains Fly-Over.** Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Details are pending. Bathurst

We need members to organise some social events and flying adventures. Contact **Bret Cavanagh** if you can help.



*Need some exotic plants, or want some peaches or other stone fruit? You can choose from a wide selection near the airfield, just around the corner at #7 Blackburn Road.*

**HARLAND'S Fruit, Nursery and Landscaping**

Phone 4634 1234 or 0402 086 032, or drop by and see Charles or Clayton.

*\*The Harlands also do hangar concrete slabs, at very reasonable prices\**





Welcome to the February/March 2013 issue of the NSW SAC Newsletter.

This issue covers the Children's Christmas party, the Annual Christmas party and Awards Presentation, and the Australia Day BBQ. It also tells about the first flights of Gary Weeks' new Lancair Legacy which he test flew in late December.

Thanks to Colleen Pillemer for providing a huge number of photos of the Christmas party, and thanks also to Anne Goulding for the photos

## From your Editor

of the Australia Day BBQ.

Hopefully, I will still be your Newsletter Editor after the upcoming elections. Whatever happens in March allow me to thank everyone who has contributed their articles and photos for the Newsletter, and the support given by the distribution team over the last umpteen years.

David Rittie

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## Words from the President

Hi there.

### Margaret Adams Resigns

We were all surprised and a little shocked to receive a note of resignation from Margaret Adams, where she decided to give up all catering duties for our Club. It was certainly a bit sudden.

Margaret Adams has been the driving force behind much of the Club's activities since its inception nearly 35 years ago. She has been the permanent fixture and the dependable rock that has always been around since the very beginnings of our Club.

Allow me to express my sincere thanks to you Margaret, for the considerable effort and the good work you have put in, and the way you have been so dependable for all these years. I'm sure I say this on behalf of all SAC members.

### Christmas Party and Awards

The annual Christmas party, organised by Donna Handley (with help from Diane Brookes) must have been the biggest and best yet. The food was top class and the band was excellent. It was a most pleasant and smooth running evening in the marquee with the integrated dance floor.

The major award winners for 2012 were Tim Causer and Richard Thompson (Clubmen of the year), with championship trophies going to Dave Thomas (3rd), Greg Goulding

(2nd), and the Club Champion this year, and winner of the Gordon Crampton Trophy, was Vic Laybutt. Congratulations and thanks to you all.

### AGM and Elections

As you will no doubt be aware, the Annual General Meeting will soon be upon us, including the election of office bearers. You will find a Committee Nomination form and a Proxy Voting form included with this Newsletter for use at this meeting.

It has become clear that a number of the members of the current committee will not be standing again for election this time around. If you wish to contribute to the management of your Club please fill in the nomination form. It must be received by 2pm on 3rd March at the latest. You can mail the form to:

**The Secretary NSW SAC  
PO Box 450, Campbelltown 2560**

or you can deliver the form personally to the Secretary (or her representative) in the Clubhouse between 1pm and 2pm on Sunday 3rd March.

### Lock the Gates!

Once again it has become necessary to remind all members that it is a requirement to lock the gates on leaving the airfield. It is simply not acceptable for the gates to be left unlocked, which has been the case on a number of occasions recently.



### First Aid Courses

We received only a small response from members wishing to attend a first aid course. It would, therefore, be too expensive to hold the course at Wedderburn, and alternates are being considered. Diane Brookes has given some suggestions on first aid kits (see **Page 12**) as an interim solution until some professional advice and recommendations about more complete kits becomes available.

### New President?

Because this is the last Newsletter before the March elections, it may be the last time I write this column as your President. Hopefully, I can continue to serve the Club in some way or another after the elections have come and gone. We shall see.

Please fly safely.

David Rittie

## From the Secretary's Desk

Hi Everyone

This will be the final Newsletter for the 2012/2013 committee before the Annual General Meeting in March. This year we have had quite a few new members join the club and the following information may be of interest to all regarding how the Annual General Meeting process will unfold.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the NSW Sport Aircraft Club will be held in the Clubhouse Wedderburn on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March following the General Meeting that will begin at 2.00pm.

There are no notices of motion for the AGM.

### **What is the process for the Annual General Meeting?**

The items of business for this meeting include the presentation of the President's Report, a review of the past twelve months, and the presentation of the Club's audited accounts presented by the Treasurer for ratification by the members. All committee positions are then declared vacant and the returning officer and his helpers conduct elections for office bearers and committee members.

Ballot papers will be distributed before the meeting. This usually takes some time so please be patient.

The draft minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting are available to read on the Club's website.

### **Who is eligible to vote?**

All full and associate members who have paid their membership fees and charges for the 2013/2014 financial year are eligible to vote. You must have paid these fees before the start of the meeting. It is strongly advised NOT to pay on the day, as this is extremely disruptive for both the returning officer and the Treasurer. All fees should already be paid but if you're running late and intend to vote at the AGM you will need to have paid by Sunday 3rd March. Social membership doesn't include any voting rights.

### **Who is eligible to stand for a committee position?**

All full and associate members who have completed the probationary period of six months and are financial members of the club may nominate for any of the office bearer or committee positions.

### **How do I nominate for a committee position?**

A nomination for this purpose is included in this newsletter. If you would like to nominate for more than one position, please use a separate form for each nomination e.g. if you would like to nominate for President and for a committee position (in case you're not elected as Presi-

dent but would still like to be on the Committee) then each nomination should be on a different form. The committee is made up of 9 members. The positions are as follows:

President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
6 committee members.

Please note that the member being nominated, the nominator and the seconder MUST all be financial members of the Club at the time of the nomination. Nomination forms must reach the Secretary by 2.00pm on Sunday 3rd March, 2013 either by post to PO Box 450 Campbelltown 2560 NSW or in person between 1.00 and 2.00 pm in the clubhouse on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **Can I still vote if I can't make it to the meeting in person?**

Also included in this newsletter is a Proxy Form. You can use this form if you can't make it to the meeting. Fill in the form and sign it and either send it to the Secretary at the above address or give it to a friend (a fellow club member) to bring to the meeting. You will need to nominate a member to vote on your behalf and there is a section on the form for you to specifically direct your vote if you want to. This is optional. Proxy forms should reach the Secretary before the meeting starts. Only originals will be accepted. Proxy forms cannot be faxed or emailed.

### **Why would I serve on the committee?**

The Club's Management Committee is usually made up of a diverse group of people who bring their individual skill and talents to the job of managing the affairs, finances and infrastructure of the club. There are at least 10 meetings a year as well as 4 general meetings to attend. If you think you have the skills and talents needed and have the time necessary to devote to the task PLEASE nominate for the committee for 2013/2014.

### **NOTICE OF MARCH GENERAL MEETING**

The March General Meeting will be held in the Clubhouse at Wedderburn on Sunday 10th March 2013 at 2.00pm.

There are no notices of motion for this meeting.

The draft minutes of the December General Meeting will be on the website for you to read by Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.



### Margaret Adams

It was a shock for me to receive a letter in the last few weeks from Margaret Adams retiring from her Social Committee role. There have been very few events at Wedderburn that Margaret hasn't catered for over the past thirty-four years. She has been ably assisted by a dedicated and varied band of helpers catering for Fly-in Brunches and Workday lunches as well as Open Day stalls and so on. Over the years Margaret has worked tirelessly for the Club and its members. She'll be greatly missed, particularly at workday lunches. I'm sure the rest of us will do our best to fulfil the wishes expressed in the final paragraphs of her resignation letter quoted here:

***"To all past and present members, relatives and friends who were always there to assist me in so many ways and for supporting all the functions I organised firstly as chair of the SAC Ladies Aux-***

### **From the Secretary's Desk (cont)**

*iliary and of late the Social Committee I "Thank You" all.*

***I have had the privilege to see our wonderful Club grow from day one and I would ask one and all to please keep SAC flourishing."***

Our thanks also go to Diane Brooks who has offered to oversee the catering for the Fly-in Brunch and the next workday lunch.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March for our annual "big day."

Cheers

**Margaret Nightingale**

## **Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch - 3rd February**

Due to the retirement of Margaret Adams, the Social Committee has taken on a new look. Because they are catering for aviators they called themselves "The Cabin Crew". Below is Donna Handley's report of the brunch. **Ed**

### **Our first Cabin Crew report**

Thank you to all our members for supporting our first fly in brunch for the year.

The numbers were great with 50 people attending.

Weather held off and we had a beautiful sunny day, wind picked up early afternoon.

Big thank you to Diane Brookes for organising and purchasing all the food.

Thank you to Clive Brookes and Errol Pillemer for manning the BBQ.

Thanks to our inside crew who set tables, collected money, cleaned up and washed up, Annie Goulding, Colleen Pillemer, Bill Handley and Ant Prehn.

We hope to have a huge turn out for our working bee on the 24th February. See you there.



**The CABIN CREW:** Errol Pillemer, Anne Goulding, Colleen Pillemer, Donna Handley, Diane and Clive Brookes

We would love to invite all the ladies out there to join us for lunch or afterwards for a get together with some bubbles and nibbles, children welcome.

Thank you again for all your Support

**Donna Handley**

**Below, left to right:** Jim and Rachel Lumb; Grace and Don Harvie; Peter Lightbown, Ian Kearsley and John Gallagher, all at the Fly-in/Drive-in Brunch



## Bird Talk

Hi Everyone,

It is with a touch of sadness I am actually writing my last “Bird Talk” contribution to our club Newsletter.

As most of you know I have given notice of my retirement. Over the next few months I have 2 surgical operations pending so I have decided to place my health first and by doing this I need to relinquish my position as co-ordinator of the Sport Aircraft Club Social Committee. This was effective from 22<sup>nd</sup> January this year and means I will not be continuing with the catering for the Fly-In/Drive-In Brunches and Social Work Day lunches, plus purchasing and delivery of most of the Club supplies.



Time and age have finally caught up with me and after almost 34 years of dedication in my major role in the Club I find I cannot give 100% of energy to this role, and believe you me, you do have to be fit, so it was time to give an opportunity to enthusiastic new Lady Associate members to do their best and just carry on where I left off.

I thought I should give you all a little insight as to how my column “Bird Talk” began. Back in 1977 our father Club, The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia (SAAA), held their monthly meetings in the Neil Stewart Room of the Bankstown Aero Club and the Ladies (usually around 12 to 14 were present) always met in the Lounge area to plan Fly-Aways, Air Shows, Raffles, arrange the catering for visiting Pilots from Oshkosh and other states of the USA, book venues for the Presentation dinners (the home builders of aircraft to receive their builders badge) - name it - we did it.

In those very early days the Women’s Auxiliary was chaired by Margaret Henriksen, a wonderful organiser, great personality and respected by all.

Low and behold out of the blue I was duly elected to take over the Chairmanship after Margaret had resigned in May 1979. I thought no way will I be as capable as Margaret, so with the support of so many wonderful Ladies to help, and by trial and error, we managed to succeed and were delighted with all that we achieved. By taking on the role of Chair of the Ladies Auxiliary (name change in 1981) I never expected I would have to write an article for the SAAA NSW Division Newsletter, so there in June 1979 I wrote my first article called “Birds’ Chatter”. Seems I changed the name of my article to “Bird Talk” in the July 1979 issue (not sure why) so from 1979 I have been composing stories about all that was happening around Wedderburn and Bankstown as the Ladies were looking after both SAAA and SAC Social activities.



As SAC was just beginning we needed to raise much needed funds for them so our attention turned to holding many Social evenings, together with outings to various halls to hold Square Dances, trips to theatres to see Aviation Films, we did so much to raise funds I would run out of space in this Newsletter if I tried to mention them all. I also wrote about many of our Ladies birthdays, congratulations when members became Grandparents, our wonderful Patricia Lalor on receiving her Pilot’s Licence, members overseas holidays, Charlie Weir becoming

## Bird Talk (cont.)

our first Octogenarian, welcoming our new Lady associate members and unfortunately writing about our members who had passed away. I needed to write every possible story I could find to keep our members informed.

At the same time Gordon (1<sup>st</sup> elected SAC President) commenced writing his article called “Wedderburn Branch News” and he had so much to write about as we were only four months old (Inaugural General Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1979) so together we had plenty of work to do for our Club.

In the early 80’s, SAAA changed the name of their Newsletter to “Fly-Paper Newsletter” so we continued writing for this until SAC decided to print their own Newsletter commencing from August 1985 and so this made it a lot easier to fill up every page with our own Club News.



Over these almost 34 years of being responsible for writing my regular screed for our Newsletter, I enjoyed having the opportunity to “Thank” one and all for giving of their time, energy, donations and most of all support in all they were asked to do to benefit our Club. In all the various activities, be it so many “social do’s” we held, (of which there were many) much needed Work Days, Open Days, Camp Quality special days, important social gatherings with our Wedderburn residents and our very good friends from the W.R.F.S. I know we succeeded because of our willing members, relatives and friends being there for us.

It was not just me. The team of Ladies that worked with me, over all these years, were fantastic, dedicated and very special to me and that’s what made the difference. Everyone pitched in to make everything work well. Remember we did the “hard yard” for our Club. I cannot “Thank” them enough for all that they did.

It would be remiss of me not to mention and “Thank” the many Gents who were assisting the Ladies by BBQ cooking, setting up tables and chairs, blowing up balloons, in charge of the Bar, washing up etc, whatever needed to be done they were there for us. To the many members children and grand children who came to be part of the team in recent years, it was wonderful having our Juniors working with us. I certainly appreciated their efforts and I “thank” you all.

I would just like to mention my “right hand” Dorothy McSparron, she was always there for me and the Club is not the same without her around, we miss her so much. “Thanks” Dot for all your hard work, your loyalty and your friendship.

As I close my final BT “Thank” you all for reading my few words in each Newsletter and it has been a privilege to be so involved with SAC from day one. I have been the lucky one to have met and worked with so many great people over all these years and just to remind everyone I am not leaving the Club I will still be around. I’m just having a well earned rest.

Cheers,

**Margaret Adams**



## Treasurer's Report

Hi everyone

I hope you all had a great break over the holidays! I managed to get all of the members' invoices out on the 7th January - just before going overseas on holidays for a couple of weeks. If you called me during January and I haven't responded that's my excuse. About 260 invoices and statements were sent by email and only about 25 by "snail mail" (i.e. Australia post). It's obviously a lot quicker and more convenient if you have email. Some of you have indicated you haven't received your invoice - if that's still the case, would you please EMAIL me at [NSWSAC@gmail.com](mailto:NSWSAC@gmail.com) to let me know - or phone me if you can't email.

I'd like to thank those of you who have paid your dues so promptly - and particularly those who clearly note who the payment is from and who have done me the courtesy of emailing me to let me know you've transferred funds. There are a couple of unidentified payments that have been received. If you are responsible for a cheque deposit on the 10th January for \$464.50 or a direct deposit on the 17th January for \$311 please let me know (preferably by email). If I can't locate the owner of these payments I will, unfortunately, not be able to allocate them to an account. I should also thank those of you who are able to make payments by electronic direct deposit - with nearly 300 members, processing cheques (along with responding to requests to confirm receipt of payment or sending copies of invoices by post) is quite time consuming.

The Club has just entered its new fiscal year (1/2/2013 - 31/1/2014) and we are entering the year in great financial shape. We have had a significant number of new members join the club and we have allocated all available hangar space which has kept our balance sheet strong. On the horizon, once our new lease is confirmed, is a substantial increase in our lease rates to the Commonwealth. We will have to review our membership and hangar fees once we know what the impact of the increase will be. Fortunately, with over 200 full members I don't believe it will be too painful. However, that is a matter for the next committee to address.

On that note, with the election of a new Committee looming in March, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the privilege of serving you as Treasurer last year. It was my second year in the job and I feel I finally have gotten the hang of it! It has been a rewarding yet demanding role. Given my other business commitments and my multiplying aircraft/helicopter projects, I have decided not to stand for an executive role this year. I would encourage other mem-

bers to consider running as Treasurer and will provide my wholehearted assistance to the incoming Treasurer. I have been nominated for a Committee position and, if elected, would be delighted to serve in that role. One of my frustrations as Treasurer has been that the day-to-day role of looking after the Club's affairs has



precluded me from working on a number of the projects that I think will be of longer-term benefit for the Club and members. It's a case of the urgent taking priority over the important. For example, I would like to implement a Membership System - at present we use a number of Excel and Word documents to record members details. This makes communications difficult, poses a privacy/security risk and makes the Treasurer's role much more cumbersome than it needs to be. A professional system will benefit all members. I'd also like to spend more time thinking about some of the risk management issues facing the Club and how to address these. And, I'd like to get involved in planning for some of the longer term infrastructure needs that members want to see.

At our last Committee meeting, we discussed the importance of renewal of the Committee. I hope you all agree that the leadership and initiative that the President, Secretary and rest of the Committee members have provided has positioned the Club very strongly. However, most of the Committee agree that having new blood on the Committee will allow us to grow stronger and better reflect the wishes of members. With this in mind, I would really like to encourage all of you to consider nominating for a role. I would like to see our newer members take an active role in the growth of the Club. I'd be delighted to talk to any member who is considering nominating (either as treasurer or committee member) - feel free to call me on 0412 404 787.

I look forward to seeing you around the airfield - feel free to drop by the hangar for a cold drink or a chat.

Cheers

**Allan Aaron**

## Children's Christmas Party

### The Story in Pictures



**Top:** Santa arrives; Santa with some special guests. **Above:** We are excited; Clive Brookes did the BBQ; Abbey Gray helps with face painting. **Below:** Jumping castle; Siahn Laybutt with Santa; The truck ride.



### CareFlight receives the SAC Cheque

Don Kemble, CareFlight's Manager for Communications and Engagement, attended the recent Fly-in/ Drive-in Brunch, specifically to collect the cheque for the \$2,750 that was raised at the recent Open Day.

In return, Don presented us with a framed certificate (pictured at right)

thanking us for our support. This certificate is now on display in the Clubhouse.

Don has offered to assist us with first aid courses and first aid kits if needed.

**David Rittie**



## Roo's News

### The Caretaker's Column of Candid Comments

A few words from Dawn and Rouen Andrews

Hi to all members.

2013 IS HERE and several members have encouraged me to continue this gossip column, so here goes - did you hear ---?!! . . .

#### MARGARET ADAMS

Sad news for all of us here, Margaret Adams has retired from the position of leader of the social committee /catering. Margaret welcomed us into the club here and has been a guiding light to Dawn and me. It has been a privilege to assist her in many and varied ways with the Brunches, Work days and Open Day and other club activities. A great big Hug and Thank you Margaret for all you have done for us personally.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our grateful thanks to all concerned for our invitation to and presentations at this wonderful club event. To Donna and Bill Handley congratulations on a fantastic evening, wonderful food, great music all added up to a great night.

#### OILS AIN'T OILS

The following oils are now available from the Caretaker and can be charged to your fuel account.

AEROSHELL 100 - straight mineral oil (for use in breaking in new or reconditioned engines)

AEROSHELL W 100 - ashless dispersant oil

AEROSHELL W 100 PLUS - ashless dispersant oil with anti corrosion additive

AEROSHELL W 15W 50 - multi grade oil

AEROSHELL OIL Sport plus 4 aviation oil (for light sport 4 stroke engines i.e. Rotax aircraft engines)

If you are unsure of the of the correct oil for your engine I have a manual available from Shell giving all necessary information

#### RECENT RAINS

The club rain gauge shows that from 22 - 29 January we had 185mm rain plus at 5.30pm 1st Feb another 58mm, a great big sigh of relief from us here . The tanks are full at the club house and the dams are also full. Our thanks to ANT PREHN for being our water man over the past several months climbing up and down the ladders and swapping water pipes to keep us supplied with water at the club house and residence.

#### VISITORS TO THE AIR STRIP

Over the holidays we had several fly in visitors, these being:

John Wauchope and Helen Black in their Drifter 250267



from Darwin via Atherton, Taree etc, circumnavigating Australia. Great people who stayed with their son at Stanwell Park for a few weeks, plus a trip to NZ.

Kevin Simmons and son Pete in their Jabiru SK from Nevertire near Dubbo. Flew in for a stay at Otford to see the New Year celebrations in Sydney. Has 7000 acres property, grows wheat, canola and has a Border Leices-

ter sheep stud of some note.

A true blue Aussie family.

Also two flying Padres from the Salvation Army based at Darwin and Dalby who were here to check a member's plane for suitability for their services in outback Qld and NT.

#### FIRE SEASON

During the period of our high fire risk we had several visits from the Wedderburn Fire Brigade checking up on our situation here. Thanks to Chris, Malcolm, Sharon, Anne and Ian for their concern and advice at this time. We also had a visit from Commander Wayne Benson the local area commander in Campbelltown in company with Det. Insp. Ward Hanson to assess the situation here in the event of a major crisis occurring. Also in respect of the road access through to Appin.

Our sincere thanks to all club members who phoned to check on us and offered accommodation and help if required. To Tim Causer, Clive and Diane Brookes, and Phil Ayrton and many others who were concerned for us at this time.

#### AUSTRALIA DAY BBQ

We had a great Aussie Day BBQ thanks to all who came. Did anybody notice that the current President and Past President were missing in action? - watching Aussie get beaten in 20/20 cricket!!

Our sincere thanks to all members and friends who called and sent greetings at Christmas, we really appreciated all your kind wishes and look forward to seeing you all soon.

**Dawn and Rouen Andrews**  
**Phone: 0425 380 964**

## Annual Christmas Party and Awards Presentation



**Top Row:** Steve Cohen and Kim Jackson; Peter Hodgens and June Nicholson; Ant and Suzanna Prehn; Steve and Karen Lalor; Dave Berry, Anne and Greg Goulding, Wendi Leigh. **2nd Row:** Chris and John Gallagher; Lloyd and Diane Shepherd; Bert and Jan Faulkner; Errol and Colleen Pillemer. **Above:** Pat Lalor rewards Lilli Harvie and Abbey Gray for their junior assistance; the after dinner dance; the band RELOAD. **Below:** Tim Causer and Richard Thompson received "Clubman of the Year" awards from Jacquie Thompson; Geoff May is rewarded for organising the Open Day; the caretakers get some loot. **Bottom:** Dave Thomas receives his Club Championship 3rd place prize from Ron Lalor; Greg Goulding receives 2nd place trophy from Ron Lalor; Vic Laybutt is Club Champion for 2012.



## Suggestions for Interim First Aid Kits

You will all be aware of the accident that happened to Jan Zytka a couple of months ago. This has raised our awareness of the possibility of other similar accidents happening, and which has driven us to seek out some first aid courses and also to get recommendations on appropriate first aid kits for our hangars, our aircraft and for the Clubhouse. Whilst we are getting information about availability and pricing on first aid kits it would be wise to heed some advice sent in from Diane Brookes. She sent in the following:

\* \* \* \* \*

*"I wanted to run past you an idea for a simple first aid kit that ideally could be in every hangar.*

*This comes from Jan's accident where no clean cloths etc. could be found to stem blood flow.*

- *Bright Green Plastic Tub with lid i.e. 32 litres size*
- *2 clean towels (old towels would be fine)*
- *various size bandages*
- *individual saline tubes - for washing out eyes etc.*

- *cheat sheets - explaining step by step procedure for burns, CPR etc. maybe in an A4 clear folder*
- *space blanket*

*A Nurse friend of mine suggested that if the person in that hangar had a particular medical problem that they could tape their details inside the lid, that could be useful, e.g. if they were diabetic.*

*With any luck even in the messiest hangar this container could be found and used in serious accidents while help is on the way. I thought this would be a simple and not too expensive option.*

*For purchasing First Aid items I have used*

*[www.livingstone.com.au](http://www.livingstone.com.au)*

*Regards. Diane Brookes"*

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Thanks for the recommendations Diane.

**Ed**

## A call for support for a world record flight from our former Club President, Bob Phillips

14<sup>th</sup> January, 2013

Hi All,

As secretary of the Frogs Hollow Flyers, I would like to invite fellow members of Wedderburn to attend a fund raising night to support one of our young members, Ryan Campbell who is 18 years old, on a record breaking flight flying solo around the world in a single engine aircraft.

He has ready set up a website, created a board of directors that include Dick Smith and is on the way to raising the considerable amount it will cost to achieve the world record. On his return, Ryan intends to spend a year travelling around Australia with the aircraft to schools, with the intention of inspiring the youth of Australia to re-engage with aviation, the power of goal setting and of dreaming. Check out his website at [www.teenworldflight.com.au](http://www.teenworldflight.com.au)

We as part of our local flying club – Frogs Hollow Flyers – are keen to show our support and contribute in some small way by holding a fundraising evening on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Club Sapphire in Merimbula and consist of a two course meal, excellent entertainment and music, a lively auction of quality goods or services (anyone for an aerobatic flight in an

Extra with world champion Matt Hall) including a trip for two to Fiji and a presentation by Ryan of the ins and outs of the flight. \$50.00 per person. It is sure to be a great night.

For Wedderburn members we can do a package of 2 nights accommodation, oyster and whale museum tours with a brunch fly home at Frogs Hollow on Sunday.

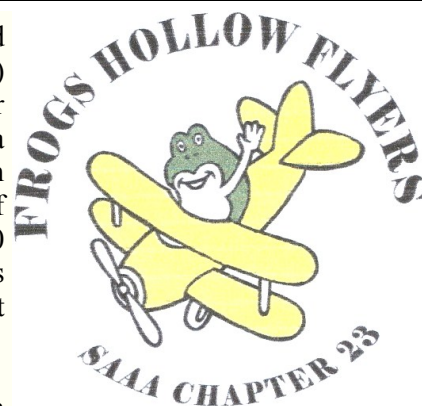
For further information, please contact Bob or Marya on 6495 9251 or email [bob.frogs@yahoo.com.au](mailto:bob.frogs@yahoo.com.au)

**CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT!!**

I hope so. Please let us know as soon as possible as time is running short.

Come and have a great weekend on the Sapphire Coast.

**Bob Phillips SAC Member No 003**



## Australia Day BBQ Saturday 26th January

### The Story in Pictures



Some of those who attended the Australia Day BBQ are: **Above:** Linda & Gary Weeks. Suzanna Prehn, Richard Thompson, Greg Goulding & Ant Prehn. Steve & Karen Lalor. **Below:** Anne Goulding & Jacque Thompson. Geoff May, Liam Thunder & Jacqui Duncan. John Bennett. Ian Harvie. Thanks to Anne Goulding for taking the photos.



## Recreational Aviation Australia's Extraordinary General Meeting

Some RAAus ordinary members called for an extraordinary General Meeting, which was held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February in Queanbeyan. Six SAC members were present. They were Dave Berry, Glenn Buttsworth, Robert Greig, Vic Laybutt, Peter Lightbown, David Rittie.

The main points discussed during the protracted meeting included the following:

- The controversial re-instatement of the President immediately after his resignation.
- The change in policy regarding junior members: no students pilots under the age of 15, no solo flights for students under the age of 16.
- A CASA audit and a series of failed follow-up audits.
- Some deficiencies in the Technical Manager's role and performance.
- Delays in aircraft registration and renewals.
- A request from the floor for more detailed financial reporting and budget planning.
- A series of motions from the floor aimed at improving RAAus management performance and increasing accountability to its members.
- There are currently approximately 100 aircraft awaiting registration and renewals, due to insufficient information available in RAAus files.
- There are some factory-built aircraft with 24-XXX registrations that will need to be re-registered as homebuilt (19-XXX registration) which will make these aircraft ineligible to be used in flying schools. This will include some Lightwing aircraft and some of the Gary Morgan produced series of aircraft.
- IBIS aircraft have also been registered in error. These aircraft may never be registered again in Australia, seriously affecting some flying school activity.
- The RAAus board members were not permitted to make any comment on the death of Carol Smith near Goulburn, due to the legal requirements of a court hearing.
- A minute's silence was observed in honour of lost RAAus members.

**David Rittie**

## Gary Weeks' Lancair Legacy takes to the air

Gary Weeks is an airline pilot and a relatively new member of our club. He had been working feverishly for a few months at Wedderburn to complete the assembly of his new Lancair Legacy. His work was rewarded when, on the 27th December, Gary flew it on its maiden voyage. The aircraft, VH-ZYA, flew faultlessly in his capable hands.

Gary is grateful for Martin Ongley's assistance, and to Peter Wordsworth who faithfully recorded the first flight.

You can find details about this aircraft along with a host of photos and videos of this event at <http://legacy550.wordpress.com/> and a video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qjf0\\_7OArp4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qjf0_7OArp4)

Congratulations Gary. We hope you get many hours of enjoyment out of this wonderful new aircraft.

David Rittie



**Above left:** Assembly of the Lancair is almost finished. **Above right:** This photo taken on one of its first outings. **Below left:** Gary's family joining in the celebrations. **Below right:** The comprehensive panel and beautiful interior.



## \* \* Aircraft and Hangars For Sale \* \*

### David Kent's Classic Cessna 172a is for sale

Classic Cessna 172a VH-MHF for sale. TTAF 4211.7  
100 hourly done in August 2012 (90 hours to run).  
Continental 0-300 6 cylinder 145hp engine, McCauley two  
blade fixed pitch prop.

Hangared constantly, good paint, interior excellent.  
Dual TKM MX11 VHF coms, intercom, Bendix T12C ADF  
with Davtron digital readout, Narco AT165 Transponder,  
dual GPS (Apollo/Garmin 295), Strobes.

Price: **\$45,000**

Contact: David Kent at [dbkent@gmail.com](mailto:dbkent@gmail.com) or on 8005 2652



## Stan Nightingale's new Whisper Motor Glider is for sale

This almost new **Whisper Motorglider**, registered experimental ZIP with the Gliding Federation of Australia, is the first flying aircraft of its type in Australia. Factory built, its features include: 120hp 6 cylinder 3300 Jabiru engine, Dynon D180 EFIS engine monitoring system, Flightcom 403 MC intercom, Icom A210 radio, LX16 electronic LCD variometer, Garmin 296 GPS, Garmin GTX 327 transponder, dual battery and wiring system, Airmaster AP 332 feathering inflight adjustable propeller and leather seats.

Wingspan 16m, Fuel capacity 85L, Glide Ratio 1:28 at 105km/h, 25 hours engine time and total hours.

Asking price: **\$99,000** (negotiable).

Contact: Stan Nightingale on 0415 911 373



## Nick Hunt's two CESSNA AIRCRAFT are FOR SALE

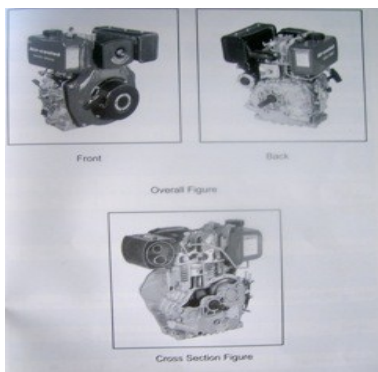
Nick Hunt is seeking expressions of interest from any club member for the purchase of his two Cessna aircraft. He will sell them separately, but if a member is interested in taking them both, a more favourable agreement could be reached.

Classic 1955 Cessna 180. VH-YMH. 4700 hrs TT. Immaculate condition. 3 bladed prop. New interior including panel. Recent new paint. Glider tow-hook. Due for engine Overhaul. **\$108,000.**



Cessna 185, 1961. VH-FFC. 6000 hrs TT. 300hp Engine, Eng O'haul due at 7025 hrs, 88" Seaplane prop. Parachute door. Glider tow-hook. Interior/Exterior excellent. **\$145,000**

For more detailed specifications and more photos, please contact Nick via e-mail at: [nickhunt.1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:nickhunt.1@bigpond.com.au) or by mobile phone 0427 279 798



## 10 HP Diesel Engine For Sale

T.W.M QDE 10

**Never used.**

Electric or hand start.

Comes with assorted pulleys.

**\$500.00 or near offer**

Call Margaret 0415 911 373



## For Sale - Randall Krebs' Zenith Tri Z



**The late Randall Krebs' 4 seater Zenith Tri Z, VH-DJE is for sale.**

TT 591, Engine 522 TR, Prop 1966 TR. Fresh 100hrly as at 15/3 2012. 2 x Com, ADF, intercom.

This aircraft is being advertised in the Aviation Trader for:

**REDUCED PRICE \$35,000**

However, a better price may be available to a NSW SAC member. For further information or test flight contact:

**Matthew Gray** at [weemelah@optusnet.com.au](mailto:weemelah@optusnet.com.au) or on **0411 505 521**

