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EDITORIAL

This Newsheet is the result of a review of our Newsletter and its costs - as a result, this mini-newsletter will be circulated every two months or more often as required and the regular Newsletter about three times a year. As communication within our Association is quite important the committee consider that a regular Newsletter no matter how small is better than large intervals between a large Newsletter. Contributions requested.

Doug Stott, Editor/Hon Secretary.

QUIRINDI CONVENTION.

A most successful Annual Convention was held at Quirindi on March 4/5. We had some 19 Airtourers and 30 members attend. Our thanks go to the Leech family for all the work they did to help make the weekend a success. A full report in the next N/L

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM of the Association was held at the Quirindi RSL club on the morning of Sunday 5 March. Stan Tilley from Hobart was elected to one of the Vice-President positions in lieu of Dick Sims. All other positions remained unchanged. A copy of the minutes will be sent to all financial members.

SCHOFIELDS '83.

Although the weather was not co-operative we had 17 Airtourers attend. Harry Couzin maintained his high standard as host of our hospitality tent. A good time was had by all - even if their stay was extended due to the rain.

MANGALORE '83.

The SAAA had a most successful fly-in at Mangalore over the Easter weekend. Our Association was well represented with 10 Airtourers. Prize for Best Airtourer went to Ray Abernathy of Brisbane (RQG). Doug Stott received a prize in the photographic competition.

YARRANDALE '83.

The Annual Fly-In to Yarrandale will be held on the weekend 17/18 September.... Mark it on your calander NOW.... Full details in the next Newsletter.

1984 ANNUAL CONVENTION.

It is planned to hold the 1984 Convention at ECHUCA on the Murray River. The date is yet to be fixed but will be in late Feb or March, depending on accomodation availability at this popular country town. The Convention sub-committee have already started work together with local owners, Bernie Kitchel & David Wearne. A top convention is assured.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

Membership renewals will be due on the 1st July. The subs are still \$14 per annum. (plus optional \$14 for AIRSPORT) New membership cards will be issued this year. Please complete your renewal form and return to Treasurer, John Treble.

(73 Aviation Rd., Laverton. Vic. 3028)

AIRTOURER FATIGUE LIFE.

In response to requests from our NZ members, we are taking action in an attempt to increase the fatiuge life of the Airtourer. The Dept of Aviation have been asked to reconsider the directive they issued in 1978 (AD/VAT/41). We are also seeking other expert advise and will push the matter as strongly as possible. Further details in the next Newsletter.

\*\*\*\*\* VIC/TAS FLY-IN. \*\*\*\*\*

A B-B-Q lunch/Fly-in will be held at PENFIELD on Sunday 19 JUNE. Stuart & Kerry Hilsberg will be hosting the day (they live beside the airfield). Bring yourselves, your Airtourer and your copilot. Penfield is located just north of Sunbury, outside the Melbourne Zone, NW of Tullamarine. Contact Stuart for details - Ph:03-7441071 - BYO meat etc.

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INSURANCE.

George Kitchner has now finalized a group Airtourer Insurance Scheme for members of the Association.

Basic details are : Hull at 3.1 % of value.  
 Pass Liability (\$200,000) : \$130.00 pa.  
 Legal Liability (\$200,000) : \$110.00 pa.  
 Plus stamp duty.

Excess : Flight & Taxying : \$250.00  
 Ground : \$100.00

Uses: Private, Pleasure plus private hire.

Conditions:

(1) - Available only to financial members of the Association.

(2) - Forty (40) aeroplanes required to be insured.

Members already insured with JANAIR will obtain discount on renewal. Group scheme commences 1st July 1983.

Direct all communications with JANAIR : 02-892585/8162595.

FOR SALE:

TWE AT115, Bill Kelly, 168 Malak Caravan Pk. Sanderson NT 5793

MVL AT115, Howie Schriever, StJohns Rd, Bundaberg. 071-793499

CKE AT150, Geoff Abram, 139 George St, Quirindi. 067-461232

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MEMBERS BEWARE.!!!!!!

We are still receiving reports from members regarding unsatisfactory and/or expensive maintenance. Once again we state our advise that REGULAR maintenance on your Airtourer should ONLY be conducted by someone or an organization that are familiar with AND have experience on Airtourers.

You should closely monitor all work, obtain quotes and insist that you be contacted if extra work is required.

Dont be caught paying for someone's learning curve.

Any queries may be directed to the Association or the Co-operative for advise etc.

AIRTOURER CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

As a result of a Board meeting held at Quirindi, the arrangements with Transavia of Sydney have being terminated.

ALL requests for parts etc should now be directed to the Co-operative Secretary, 12 Turner Rd. Narellan. NSW 2567. Payment is required prior to dispatch of orders.

Phone: 046-461282 Telex : AA21335 (Attn: H.Knox) for all queries, prices etc.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members :

Bob West	Albury NSW	MVA
Chris Conroy	Southport Qld	BNV
FMA Flying Group	West Wyalong	FMA
Ian Page	Duri NSW	MTL
Peter Roch	Northbridge NSW	RSJ
Eric Duddy	Quirindi NSW	EQG
'Aus' Huttley	Kilaben Bay NSW	MVF
Tony Jackson	Bell Post Hill Vic	SHR
Greg Wardman	Wagga Wagga NSW	KHP
David Moore	Sans Souci NSW	MTE
Glen Willis	Vermont Vic.	---

CHIT-CHAT...

\*Doug Stott is almost mobile again after his engine failure en route to Quirindi. CTM now has a new piston/barrel assembly. Doug will tell you that a dropped valve can be frustrating, expensive and a dam bother !!

\*John Treble is now the proud new owner of AT150, VH-CRK.

He will now be able to fly Doreen around the country 20 knots faster !

\*Airtourer Aerobat extraordinair, Stan Tilley is yet again a prize winner at the 1983 National Aerobatic Comps - Congratulations Stan..

\*Member George Kinscher of Dubbo was appointed Association Historian at the Quirindi Convention - Members are requested to forward any bits of Airtourer History and photos etc to George. His address is PO Box 173, Dubbo. NSW 2830.