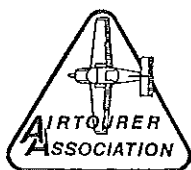
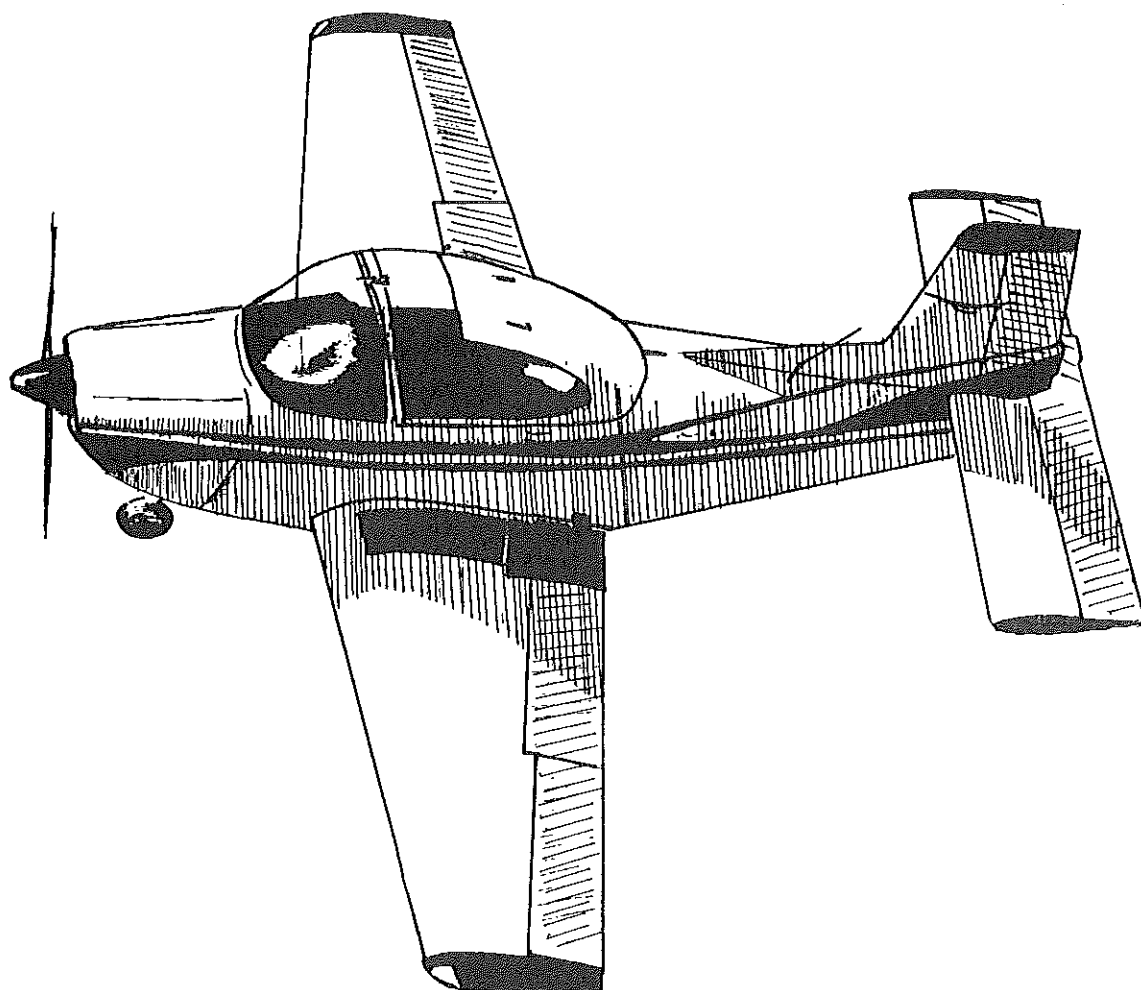


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Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter should be submitted direct to the Editor

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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

22/2/85 1985 Airtourer Association Convention to be held at Wangaratta,
23/2/85 Victoria. (Full details this Newsletter.)
24/2/85

21/9/85 Yarrandale Fly-In
22/9/85

NOTICE OF MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association will be held at the Merriwa Park Motel, Hume Highway, Wangaratta, on Sunday 24th February, 1985 at 0800 hours.

STAN WRIGHT Hon Sec.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS OF THE AIRTOURER CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

In accordance with the N.S.W. Co-Operative Act, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-Operative Limited, will be held at the Merriwa Park Motel, Hume Highway, Wangaratta, on Sunday 24th February, 1985 at 0930 hours. Notices will be posted to all members prior to the above date.

G. MAIN Secretary,
Airtourer Co-Operative Ltd.

WANGARATTA 1985

REGISTRATION

The Registration fee for the Convention will be approximately \$25.00 per person, which will cover :--

Saturday Lunch, Afternoon Refreshments and Dinner, also Sunday Lunch.
Transport to and from the Airport. (A visit to a winery time permitting)
Coffee and Tea available at all times.

ACCOMMODATION

The Association has pre-booked Motel Accommodation at the Merriwa Park Motel, Hume Highway, Wangaratta, Phone (057) 215655, for Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd February.

The accommodation cost is for room only per night, breakfast is extra.

Double \$42.00 Twin \$42.00 (if shared \$21.00 each) Single \$34.00

A deposit of \$12.50 per person should accompany your Registration, cheque made payable to the Merriwa Park Motel, and posted to Tony Matthews, P.O. Box 74, Parkes, N.S.W. 2870.

Make sure your accommodation deposit is with Tony by the 8th February 1985, as the Motel cannot hold pre-booked accommodation beyond that date.

TROPHYS TO BE AWARDED AT WANGARATTA

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy (Airtourer Association Wings) for the Secret Time of Arrival, will be presented to the crew of the Airtourer/Aircruiser whose arrival time is closest to that of a pre-determined time. Those arriving either Friday or Saturday will be eligible for the award..

Cliff Tait Trophy

The Navigation Trial has this year, been kindly organised by the Wangaratta Aero Club, a course of about 100 N.M. has been set. The winner will receive the Cliff Tait Trophy.

Association Trophys

The Best Presented Airtourer.

The Longest Distance,

Navigation Trial Winner.

These Trophys will be presented at our Annual Dinner on Saturday 23rd February.

WANGARATTA AIRFIELD is located 1 N.M. SSW of Town Centre

ELEVATION 493 feet AMSL

RUNWAY 26/08 2 Power Lines on approach to Runway 26.
Numerous obstructions up to 120 feet high AGL immediately North of the field.
Radio masts 026 mag 6 N.M. from the field 312 ft. AGL
(3NE 1566 KHZ)

CIRCUITS 26 Left Hand 08 Right Hand

RADIO Wangaratta Base 119.1. Suggested Inbound calls on both 119.1 and 118.6.

CONTACTS Wangaratta Aero Club (057) 21 3845 (Aerodrome)
(057) 21 3222 (After Hours)

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL 1985 AIRSHOW

BALLARAT AIRPORT 16th, 17th FEBRUARY, 1985

I have been in touch with the organisers and they are very happy to give the Airtourer Association a Public Static Display Area for the both days. On arrival ask on the S.M.C. for taxi guidance to the display area.

John Treble

A Note From Your Secretary

At a recent gathering of the heads of your Executive the matter of collecting subscriptions for the "Airsport" was discussed. The reason for this discussion was the extra work involved by both your Treasurer and Secretary in ensuring that those who paid for "Airsport" received their copies and those who received copies paid for them. At one stage we were losing over \$200 per year on "Airsport".

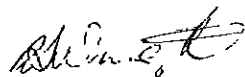
After a Meeting between our Treasurer and the Editor of "Airsport" it was decided to stop collection of subscriptions as of the end of December. Those who have paid for twelve months will still receive their magazines till June. Those who have been receiving magazines but haven't paid will receive a letter asking for the balance.

The Executive of "Airsport" after holding a meeting have decided that any financial member of the Airtourer Association wishing to join the Sport Aircraft Association of Australia, for a limited period, can do so with out paying the joining fee.

May I suggest you write to Tony Self, PO Box 251, Carnegie, 3163 or Dr. Peter Crooke, Old Toolangi Rd, Dixons Creek 3775 for an application form.

If any members are unsure as to how they stand please contact either John Treble or myself.

Your Secretary


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Stan Wright

LAKES ENTRANCE FLY-IN 1st & 2nd DECEMBER 1984

Everyone had a very enjoyable time at Lakes Entrance over the week-end. Six aircraft attended, 5 Airtourers and a Cessna 210.

By 1.00 p.m. everybody had arrived at Campbells Airfield, Lakes Entrance. A mini bus from Lextours was hired, and we drove to Lake Tyre's where we had a leisurely two hour cruise of the Lake.

From there we ventured down to Marlo, where a fly-in was being held for the Opening of the Orbost Aerodrome where we devoured some hamburgers and amber liquid, and listened to country music.

On the return trip we were entertained by the telling of jokes and tall stories (some of them true) by Stuart, Stan and John.

It was after 10.00 p.m. when we returned to Lakes Entrance, where we proceeded to raid the Fish Restaurants in the area, however all were closed for service, except one where we enjoyed a meal with wine supplied by Stan Tilley.

The weather for Sunday was superb. Bonnie as usual had her early morning swim. By 10.00 a.m. we boarded the mini-bus for some more sightseeing. Our tour guide was a local who knew everything about everybody in the town. We visited a Timber Mill owned by a local character who French Polished the roots and stumps of trees, some of these were magnificent to see, from there we drove to a Railway Bridge made entirely of wood, in 1913, some of the posts were sunk 60ft into the mud, the height of the bridge was about 120ft above the Lake.

Then we drove to a small Weir and had a paddle in the cool water. When morning tea was held, everybody wandered into the bush to look for Koalas (or so they say!) however none were sighted until the drive back, where one was spotted sleeping on a branch high above the road.

The rest of the morning was spent at the 90 mile beach, where the more adventurous went for a swim, and one or two received a surprise drenching by an unexpected wave.

Back at the aerodrome Col Campbell and his wife supplied a beautiful spread of salad sandwiches, which was enjoyed by all.

After lunch we all departed for home, tired but happy after a fun weekend at Lakes Entrance.

Yvonne Green.

Attendance

RQL Stuart & Kerry Hilsberg
BQK Stan & Bonnie Tilley
MKL Ian Donovan
MUJ Bill Miller & Yvonne Green
CRK John & Doreen Treble
CAR Ross & Lynette Graham
CESSNA 210 Mal Anderson & Karen

Last Minute Apologies

FME Jim & Judy Crocker
MVI Stuart & Trish Krichauff
MRF Lindsay & Beryl Marshall
MOG Bob & Bev Gilmore
RQH Ken & Jean Bell

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

4.1.85

The Editor
Airtourer Association Newsletter
16 Meehan Court
KEILOR 3036

Dear Sir,

May I through your newsletter bring up the subject of venue for our AGM's.

At previous meetings I cannot help but notice how boring it is for some of the non-flying partners, especially when it becomes time for Nav trials etc.

Although not wishing to condemn the choice of sites of recent meetings, has any thought been given to holding one at a sea-side resort or at a mountain hide-away.

Instead of a navigation trial, how about a bus trip to some points of interest to everyone.

Come on members put your thinking caps on and come up with some good ideas at Wangaratta.

Thanking you sir,

Yours faithfully,

Biggles
"Biggles"

Dear John,

In the last Airtourer Newsletter an article was reproduced from the April 1984 issue of "Australian Flying" regarding the sale of a Victa Airtourer 115 4350Y to Piper Aircraft. From the article one would have supposed that the sale went through and 4350Y was shipped to America. To put the record straight this did not eventuate and this particular Airtourer eventually was placed on the Australian register as VH-MUB its new owner being Hall Plantations of Madang TPNG. Its construction number was No. 49. Its career was short lived as it was lost at sea off the Queensland coast. An Airtourer eventually did go to the U.S.A. a Victa Airtourer 100 purchased by Cessna Aircraft for evaluation purposes in 1965. It was later sold and was put in the "experimental category" and flown by a private owner in California.

With warm regards,
Frank Rogers

FOR SALE

THE WORLD'S FINEST AIRTOURER.

A UNIQUE COLLECTORS ITEM

Purchased new from Aerospace Industries, Hamilton and lovingly cared for by only two fastidious private owners since. Has never been available for hire or aeroclubs and has been always hangared since new.

A.S.E.L. Super 150 T5 ZK-CYS. S/N A526. Lycoming O-320 E1A, 150 HP. Hartzell Constant Speed Propellor. Total time on airframe, engine and propellor only 760 hours. The aircraft was constructed in 1969 and is in "As Manufactured" condition, Original paintwork and perspex is immaculate and interior is as new. Never damaged. Over \$10,000 extras installed including new full Gvro Panel, EGT, CHT, CAT, King KY 195 Dual VHF, Digital King KR 87 ADF, King KA 134 Audio Switching Panel. C of A to January 1985. Colours - Dark green, white and gold. 125 knots cruise, 1500 ft per min climb, excellent short landing and take-off performance. Balloon tyres, landing light, strobe, fully aerobatic, limit load factors + 9g-3g. Price \$NZ 35,000. Every mod completed. Photos and engineers report available.

Reply 729-319 (B) 847-205 (H) M. H. Nathan.
P.O. Box 5117
Wellington, NZ.

Vice President Stan Tilley has informed us that his 115hp B.Q.K. is for sale. Don't panic he's not leaving us, Stan is having MTL, an Airtourer he previously owned, custom built with a 10.320 (ex decathalon) by fellow member Mark Leech.

For further information on B.Q.K. contact Stan direct on (002) 252302

Airtourer 100 VH-MTE

Engine: 490 hrs to top overhaul, 790 to overhaul.
Prop: 710hrs to run. Major: Due July 1987
Avonics: Twin VHF - Narco Com. 11A, King KY-92 ADF: King KR86
Nav: Narco Nav. 122 VOR/GS/MKR SSR: Narco AT150
Presently NVMC only requires Electric Turn Indicator for lim. IFR
A/H. D/G Turn ind. reconditioned July 1984
2 New, 1 Near New tyres/tubes plus a mess of spares. Price: \$10,500.
Home Base: Hoxton Park N.S.W. Phone: Bob Vandervelden 047 394331
John Kearney 02 6226150

VHF Skyphone Transceiver, suit Base Radio. Contact Stan Wright

REGISTRATION FORM

NameA/C Registration.....

Address.....

.....Phone.....

I will be accompanied by

and will arrive at Wangaratta.....(time) on (date).....

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 \$12.50 per person for Motel Accommodation.

Make cheque payable to Merriwa Park Motel and post with above Registration Form to Tony Matthews, P.O. Box 74, PARKES, N.S.W. 2870, by the 8th February, 1985 to ensure accommodation.



FOR SALE

SHIRTS WITH PRINTED ASSOCIATION BADGE ON LEFT CHEST

T-SHIRT (Normal style with round crew neck). \$8.00
V-NECK WITH COLLAR - SPORTS SHIRT. (Two colour) 12.00

SIZES	14	90 cm	SM
	16	95 cm	M
	18	100 cm	L
	20	105 cm	XL
	22	110 cm	OS

Shirt colour is WHITE or BONE - collar is DARK BLUE.

Transfers	=	50c	Lapel Badges	=	\$2.00
Cuff Links	=	\$4.00	Cloth Badges	=	\$5.00
Tie Bars	=	\$4.00			

Send your order to Secretary, together with cheque and order details including size.

Full Coloured 10'' x 8'' Photographs of the LINE-UP AT ALICE SPRINGS as on the cover of Newsletter No. 29, August 1984 are now available for \$10.00.

If required please advise Secretary Stan Wright.

RIVERINA AIRMOTIVE PTY. LTD.

For Aircraft Engine Overhauls, contact our Airtourer Association member Barry Kenyon, Proprietor L.A.M.E. Building 123, Parafield, South Australia, 5106. Phone: (08) 258 2209 A.H. (08) 44 6003.

AIRCRAFT HISTORY QUESTIONNAIRE

To help complete an individual Aircraft History, please fill out and return to Stuart Hilsberg, Box 34, Sunbury, Victoria, 3429.

Any photographs would also be appreciated.

Reg.. VH-..... Serial No..... Date of Manufacture.....

ORIGINAL OWNER

Name..... Date of Delivery.....

City/Town Hours at Disposal.....

..... A/C Base

ANY SUBSEQUENT OWNERSHIP DETAILS IN ABOVE FORMAT

Name Date of Delivery

City/Town..... Hours at Disposal

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PRESENT OWNER

Name Date of Delivery.....

City/Town Hours as at

..... A/C Base

BRIEF HISTORY

e.g. Significant flights, aircraft used to train the Wright Bros. or flown inverted under Sydney Harbour Bridge at 0246 25th February 1969. Or anything that makes your aircraft special. (apart from being an Airtourer)

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - 1985

WANGARATTA - VICTORIA

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 22nd FEB. P.M. ARRIVALS
Registration at Airport with transport to Motel.
Informal evening meal.

SATURDAY 23rd FEB A.M. ARRIVALS - Registration
1230 LUNCH - at Airfield
1300 BRIEFING for Navigation Trial
1330 START of Navigation Trial
(approx. 75 minutes flying)
1500 REFRESHMENTS - at Airfield, discussions etc.
1730 TRANSPORT - to Motel
1900 Return to Wangaratta Aero Club for Annual Dinner
and Presentation of Trophys

SUNDAY 24th FEB. 0730 BREAKFAST in Dining Room
0800 Airtourer Association Annual General Meeting
0930 Airtourer Co-Operative Annual General Meeting
1000 TRANSPORT - to Airfield
1030 INFORMAL FLYING - Aerobatics etc.
1230 LUNCH - at Airfield
1300 A Free Afternoon for flying with departures to suit.

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - WANGARATTA, VICTORIA - 24th MARCH, 1985

AGENDA

OPENING

1. APOLOGIES
 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 3. BUSINESS ARISING
 4. CORRESPONDENCE
 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 6. SECRETARY'S REPORT
 7. TREASURER'S REPORT
 8. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENTS (2)
HONORARY SECRETARY
HONORARY TREASURER
COMMITTEE (2)
 9. GENERAL BUSINESS
 10. CLOSE OF MEETING
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The next Newsletter No. 32 will be published during May, 1985. Contributions to be with the Editor by 30th April, 1985.