

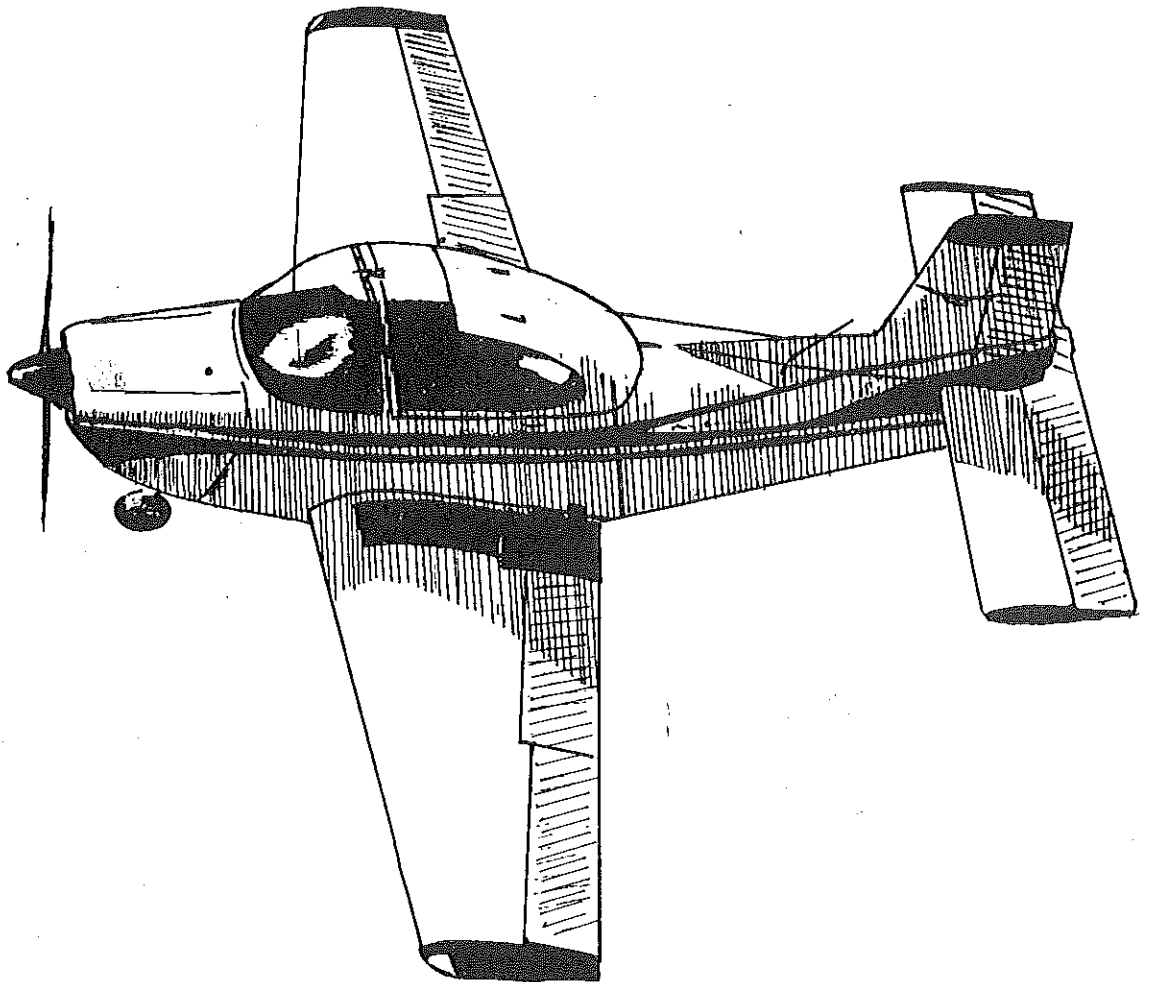
# AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

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Dedicated to the preservation and continued airworthiness of VICTA and A.E.S.L. Airtourer Series Aircraft.



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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

- 11- 3-1989 Annual General Meeting to be held at Leeton N.S.W.  
12- 3-1989 (details this Newsletter)
- 10- 6-1989 Combined Vic/Tas./South Aust. Branches fly-in to  
11- 6-1989 Mount Gambier (full details May Newsletter)  
12- 6-1989
- 16- 9-1989 Presidents Fly-In, Yarrandale.  
17- 9-1989
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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 Motel Riverina 12th March at 8.30 a.m.

G. WOOD, Secretary

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Guy Main advises a Change of address and phone No. ( see inside front cover) Guy and Barb have moved to a much smaller property to make for easier maintenance. Therefore a new home has to be found for the spares, drawings, tooling etc. Some of the spares have found there way to Alan Wood's Hangar, with the drawings are under Guy's wing for the short term.

The Co-op are hoping to find and advise a new home in the near future.

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TROPHYS TO BE AWARDED AT LEETON

President's Trophy

The President's Trophy for the secret time of arrival will be presented to the crew whose arrival time is closest to that of a pre determined time.

Association Trophy's

The Cliff Tait Trophy (Navigation Trial)

The Best Presented Airtourer

The Longest Distance

These Trophy's will be presented at our Dinner on Saturday 11th March.

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Graham Wood has advised the President that he will not be standing for re-election as Secretary at the AGM. Anyone interested in the position please advise the President.

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*The next Newsletter will be published early May, 1989.  
Written contributions to be with the Editor by the 30th April, 1989.*

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CONVENTION 1989 - LEETON N.S.W.

PROGRAM

Saturday 11th a.m. Arrivals, Registrations  
12.00 Lunch at Gliding Club.  
2.00 p.m. Navigation Trial  
2.00 Bus Tour of local interests for non-flyers,  
returning to Gliding Club at 5.00  
5.30 All aboard the bus for transport to Motel Riverina  
for accommodation check-In.  
7.00 Convention Dinner and Presentation of Trophy's at  
the Steakhouse, Motel Riverina.

Sunday 12th  
8.30 a.m. Airtourer Association Annual General Meeting.  
10,30 Depart Motel Riverina for short local tour arriving  
at Airfield at 12.00 noon  
12.00 Lunch at Gliding Club, departures to suit.

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Registration

The registration fee for the Convention will be \$15.00 per person, payable on arrival which will cover costs as below.

Saturday lunch, Sunday lunch, transport and tours.

All drinks at the Gliding Club are at your own expense.

Leeton Airstrip on Canberra WAC Chart

Runway 05/23 Length 1,000 metres Elevation 450'

Fuel Available.

There has been a change to the area frequency on Fiscom dated 20-10-1988 from 121-6 to 126-0. I repeat the correct area frequency is 126-0.

Gliding operations will probably be active over the week-end, so don't overfly the Airfield below 2000' AGL as the Gliders are winch operated.

Camping facilities are available at the Airfield and taxis are available.

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Accommodation

The rates for the week-end at the Motel Riverina are as follows :-

\$22.00 per person Twin/Share. \$16.00 single supplement which includes a Continental Breakfast in your room (fruit juice, milk and bread in fridge) plus packet of cereal. A cooked breakfast is available at extra cost.

The Convention Dinner at the Steakhouse is a three course meal at \$14.00 per head. All drinks at your own expense.

Make sure your accommodation deposit is with Tony Matthews by the 24th February 1989, as the Motel will not hold pre-booked accommodation beyond that date.

For those planning to arrive on Friday Night the 10th, Dinner will be at the Servicemans Club, 2 minutes walk from the Motel.

If unable to attend due weather etc. contact :- Motel Riverina, 1 Yanko Avenue Leeton, 2705, Phone (069) 532955.

The Phone No. at Leeton Gliding Club is (069) 556433

LIZ's LEETON PREVIEW

... "Leeton. Why Leeton" What's There?" ... "Umm .. Oh, yes! Letona tinned fruit! Yes!"

... "I'm not going all that way just for fruit!"

If that's how you thought when you heard the setting for the 1989 A.G.M. Airtourer fly in, then you're in for some very pleasant surprises. Thanks to Warren, Betty and Barry Kirkup, your President and Treasurer and their respective, respectful spouses had a great preview of what to see and do in Leeton.

The first surprise is the Airport. Both Doreen and I tried to convince our beloveds that it was "only a farm strip, so we'd better land and ask them where the real Airport is" (Barry K had hidden the windsock. He has promised to replace it before March 10th).

The club house, which usually throngs with glider pilots and other people who believe that no engine means nothing can go wrong, has a good bar and seating and a pianola which works! I'm going to bring a few rolls along ... only 12, (or else my clothing allowance for the flight gets cut.)

The next pleasant surprise is the town of Leeton itself, Heart of th M.I.A. it has water coming out of it's ears, so to speak, and this gives the town a pleasant almost coastal humidity. Palm trees flourish, making the place look semi-tropical.

The Riverina Motel is another agreeable surprise. It's big enough to take us all (38 double rooms) and is set around a courtyard and pool, with lovely lawns etc. The Dining Room and bar are most acceptable, and the tariff is most reasonable.

Doreen and I previewed the shops, which are small and well stocked, and the Kirkups gave us a guided tour of the district before giving us a super lunch at their rice farm. What else to see or do? The weekend of the fly-in coincides with a big Farm Fair or Field Days exhibition, which will have a very big craft show as well.

The only commercial sheep dairy and cheese factory is in Leeton. Fruit processing and fruit production. Rice milling and packaging. Rice farming and practice.

Barry and Warren have inside knowledge to get us in to see these things ... providing the season lasts. Fingers xed that it does!

Of course there will be a Nav. Trial ..(to be set by the same diabolical instructor who did the Trial at Griffith) and the A.G.M. Breakfast Meeting on the Sunday morning.

We're really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Leeton. Book up some fine weather in advance!

Cheers, Liz Matthews.

P.S. By the way Navigators, The Area Frequency for Leeton is 126.0' and NOT the frequency listed in the latest (Jan.) edition of the Great Pink Book. WHEN will CAA get it's act together ?

Liz

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FOR SALE

1. Airtourer VH,KHP 115 - NVMC, EHTR 1700 - Prop 700 HTR - Major 9/90 King VHF - King ADF - New AT150 TXP Mode C fitted - New Westac OAT-CAT - NEW DG - New Canopy - Paint7/10 = \$34,500.
2. McCauley MET-L-PROP Suit VICTA 115 O Time - Black Anodised - Best Offer.
3. Continental O-200 A Complete - Removed from Airtourer 100 \$5,000 or O.B.O.
4. Lycoming O-235-C1 155HTR 1st Life Magnetos have 1460 HTR \$6,800 O.B.O.

All enquiries: Col Taylor (069) 20 2028 (069) 20 2052 A/h.

3rd and 4th DECEMBER 1988

COMBINED VIC/TAS, N.S.W. BRANCHES FLY-IN TO CANBERRA

Awoke Saturday morning to a cavok day, the kind of conditions you hope for when a fly-in is arranged.

Departed Melbourne 10.30 a.m. into a headwind, arriving Canberra 12.30 to a very warm welcome from George and Mele Penfound, who arranged a gathering room and supplied sandwiches, cake and scones with a hot cup cuppa.

A count of heads added up to 18 people and as 4 cars were at our disposal George considered hiring a mini bus surplus to requirements.

Shortly after lunch we departed for a two and a half hour tour through the War Memorial. Always worth a visit as they keep upgrading the place and having not been there for four to five years I certainly noticed the changes.

Back to the Hotel for some pre-dinner drinks and a quick change then off to the Serbian Club for dinner, congratulations George on your selection of venue, the meal was tremendous, the music and dancing great all for the grand total of \$10.00 per head.

Before retiring after midnight a scenic drive to the look-out on Black Mountain gave us a wonderful look of Canberra by night.

Sunday morning saw us on our way again to the summit of Mt. Ainslie for an overlook of Canberra by day. Burley Griffin certainly laid out a beautiful city. Now onto Parliament House to see where all our money was spent. There was lots of discussion on the merit of it all, but I believe we all agreed that it was better built now than ten years hence as the price would have at least tripled by then.

Back to the Airport to more of Mele's sandwiches, scones, drinks etc, and all saying our goodbyes at 2.30 p.m. with all agreeing what another great week-end it had been.

Thanks to Tony Matthews, Rick Evans and George and Mele Penfound who made their cars available for our free transport plus a special big thanks to George and Mele for arranging everything for us including our two enjoyable lunches.

Doreen Treble.

Attendances

George & Mele Penfound	John & Doreen Treble
John & Leonie Plummer	Rick Evans
Tony & Liz Matthews	Mal Anderson
Ken & Eileen Sage	Ian Donovan
Graeme & Margaret Fletcher	Mike Fisher & Roland

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FINAL BUY NAME TAGS

Final call for orders for Airtourer Association personal name tags.

Information required:- First & last names, A/C Callsign - Cost \$2.00 each. All orders to :- 0117860 Sqn. Ldr. Evans R. J.

C/- Officers Mess,

R.A.A.F. FAIRBAIRN, ACT. 2600.

By end of March 1989. Please enclose monies, postage and return address.

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WANTED TO BUY

Victa Airtourer either 115 or 150 hp in good condition, with reasonable hours to run on engine and prop.  
Phone Bruce Martin (03) 857 6566.

## LONG RANGE FUEL TANK

A long range fuel tank suitable for permanent installation in Super Airtourers with 150/160 hp engines is currently being designed. It is expected to contain a minimum of 16 Imp gallons. A Supplemental Type Certificate and Flight Manual amendments would be required and it is expected that a further increase in MTOW would be part of the STC so as to enable two persons, fuel and some baggage to be carried.

Design and drawings on the installation will have to in part be undertaken by persons approved by the CAA to do such work and this of course will cost. To get the project off the ground some funds will be required and this would have to be shared by those interested.

It is hoped that a number of kits can be made in the first run. A final price cannot at this stage be estimated as it will depend very much on how many are involved in the first run. Installation would be best carried out at the same time as a Major Inspection as the wing must be removed to undertake the job. If done this way costs could be kept to a minimum.

For further details and expressing your interest, please contact:

Doug Stott C/o PO Box 1080 MILDURA Vic 3502

Further details and progress to date will be available at the AGM, however if you are interested, please advise NOW.

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## FINAL EPISODE RE COMMAND INSTRUMENT RATING

There was not a lot to report for our last two Newsletters due to a variety of hold-ups being mainly:- finding time for training, availability of instructor, a 100 hourly, a broken compression ring, poor weather, (Instructors don't instruct if there are alternate or holding requirements on, as they also need to get home) glideslope troubles, electric turn and bank repairs, etc. etc. etc.

However, after averaging a training run every two weeks the flying test time came and after a three hour flight I was elated when the Examiner congratulated me and said "You have satisfactorily completed the flight test for your Command Instrument Rating".

In retrospect there was a lot of swatting, a lot of hard work and sometimes wondered how long it would take to get there, never the less it eventually all came together.

If you find the motivation, have the dedication and application, go for it, I guarantee you will thoroughly enjoy the exercise.

I did.

John Treble.

AIRCRAFT PARTS FOR SALENEW

4	X	73851 4 Ring Pistons suit Lycoming 0235. C1, C1B, C2A, C2B, C2C, E2A Engines	\$120.00 each
1	X	Set 500 x 5 Cleveland Brakes with Chr. Discs	\$700.00
1	X	David Clark H10-40 Head Set	\$380.00
1	X	Softcom C-40 Head Set	\$350.00

Gasket Sets

		Marvel Schebler Carburetors	
		Lycoming Engines 0235-C1 MA-3A	\$100.00 set
		0320 MA-4-5PA	\$100.00 set
		0360 MA-4-5	\$100.00 set

INSTRUMENTS (NEW)

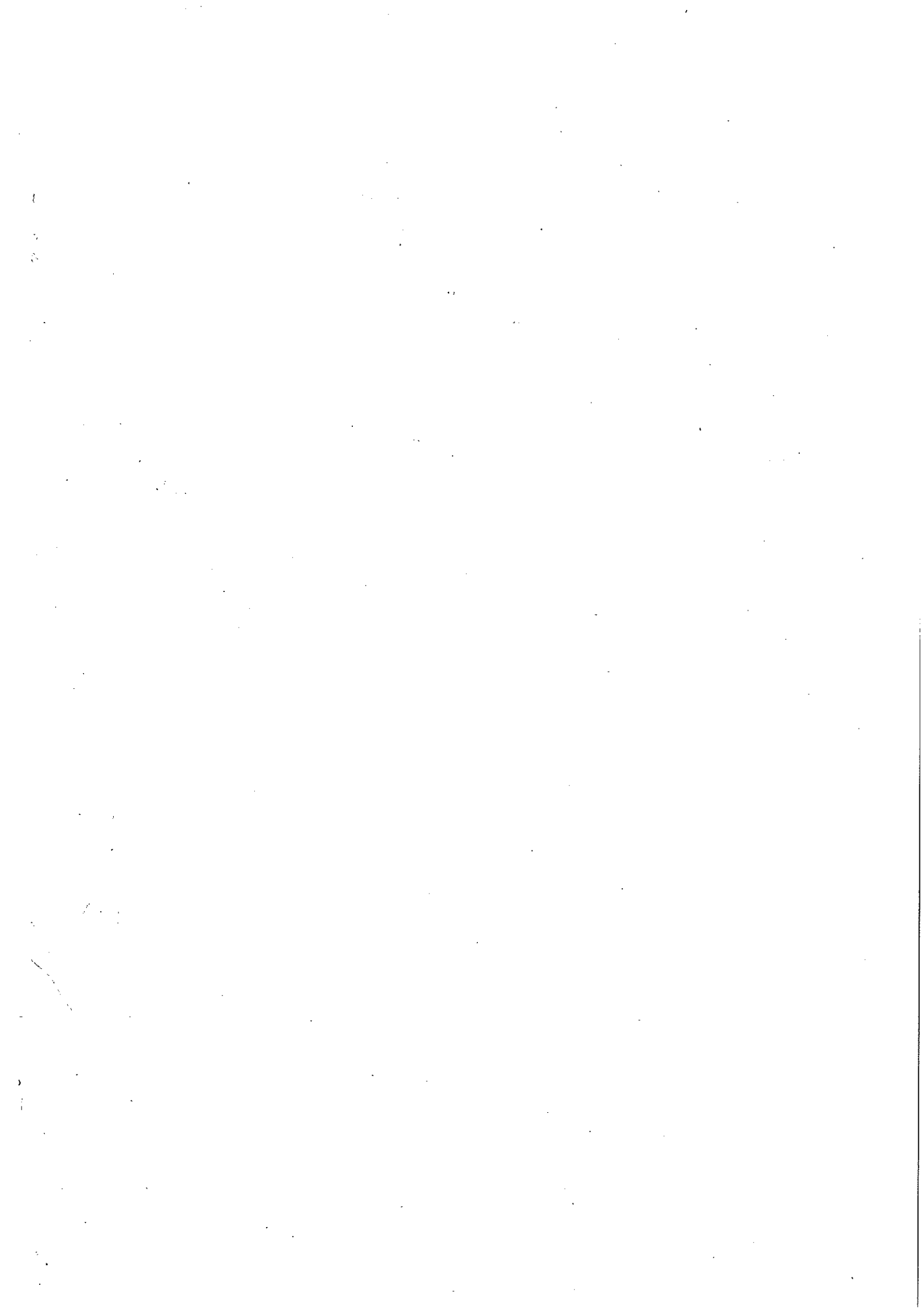
1	X	Westach Amp Gauge -60 to +60	\$ 50.00
1	X	Westach Amp/Volt Gauge	\$ 85.00
2	X	Westach 60 Amp Shunts \$30 each	\$ 60.00
1	X	Westach 0-15lb Fuel Pressure Gauge	\$ 54.00
1	X	Westach Air Temp. Gauge	\$ 70.00
1	X	Westach Oil Temp. Gauge 40-120°C	\$ 57.00
1	X	Westach Oil Pressure Gauge 0-80 psi	\$ 62.00
1	X	Westach Pressure Sender Unit	\$ 30.00
1	X	Westach 5/8 Temperature Probe	\$ 25.00
1	X	Stewart Warner Pressure Sending Unit	\$ 20.00
2	X	2-1/2" Red Beacon Lights (Whelens)	\$ 51.00 each
		Klixon Circuit Breakers - 5, 15, 35 amp	\$ 10.00 each

USED

1	X	O.A.T. Gauge (Scott) -60 to +60°C	\$ 10.00
2	X	Grimes 28V Mirrored Nav. Globes	\$ 15.00 each
1	X	T.S.O. 0 - 260 Knt A.S.I. (Tested)	\$ 80.00
2	X	A/H (So-So)	\$ 20.00 each
1	X	Original Victa A/T Electrical Panel	\$ 40.00
1	X	Original Victa Oil Press. Gauge with Fittings	\$ 20.00
1	X	Original Victa Fuel Pressure Gauge	\$ 10.00
2	X	500x5 Wheels & Discs	} Off. Victa A/T \$150.00
1	X	Caliper to suit above	
1	X	King KY 92 T.S.O. Facial	\$ 20.00

Jack Murray, 74 Florida Ave., New Lambton 2305, N.S.W.  
Phone: (049 572536 Home (049) 280523 Office.





AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION - LEETON, 11th, 12th MARCH, 1989

ACCOMMODATION FORM

Name .....A/C Registration.....

Address .....

..... Phone.....

I will be accompanied by .....

and will arrive at Leeton.....(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 \$20.00 per person for Motel Accommodation.

Make cheque payable to Motel Riverina and post with above Accommodation Form to Tony Matthews, P.O. Box 74, Parkes, N.S.W. 2870, by the 24th February 1989 to ensure accommodation.