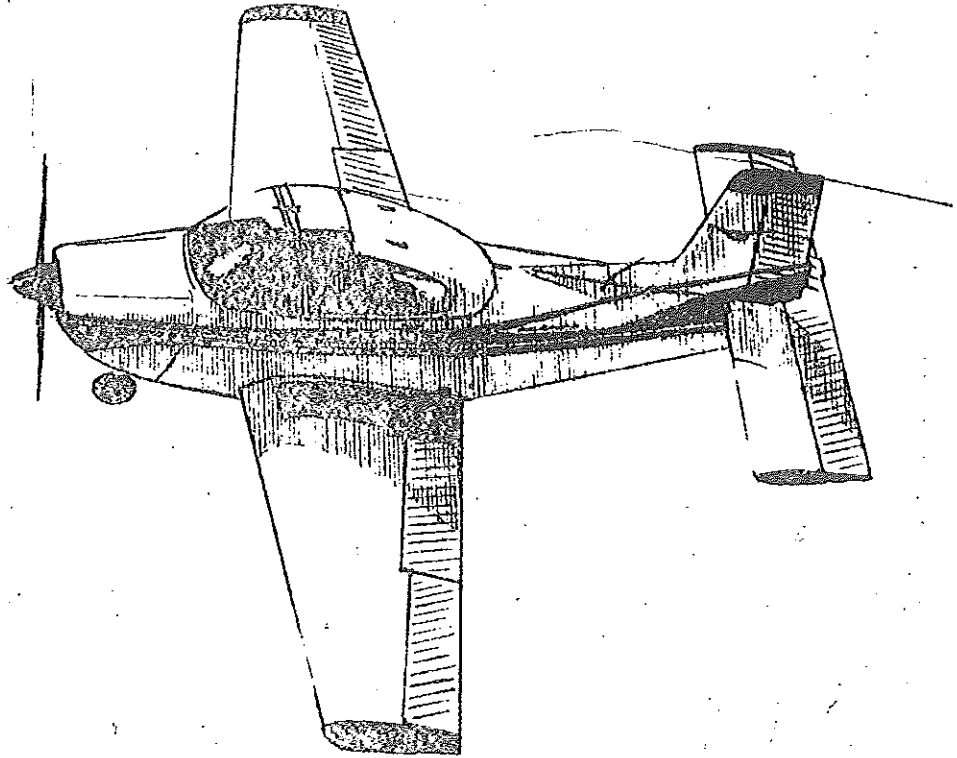


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to the Association is requested.

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

"YARRANDALE" It would seem that old man weather continues to bless us with conditions which are not quite suitable for V.F.R. operations. However, our Junior Vice-President was way in front - Earl Johnson headed for "Yarrandale" on the Thursday, 27th September. - the first to arrive for our weekend. Congratulations, Earl and Leslie.

Due to weather Sydney folk were few in number and Brisbane and Melbourne folk even less.

We missed our patron very much. As there was no public holiday in Victoria Henry was committed to be at work on the Monday and not willing to take the chance, he decided against it.

It was great to have with us a representative from New Zealand Aerospace in the person of Len Parkinson, Plant Maintenance Superintendent. We hope you enjoyed your stay at "Yarrandale", Len.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming Mac Job, Editor of "Aircraft", and Peter Patroni, Senior Vice-President of A.O.P.A. It was a great delight to have you both at our Association gathering at "Yarrandale". We do thank you both and hope to see you next year.

To our R.A.A.F. members, lead by Squadron Leader Bryan Sweeney and Captain Don McNaught, and their crews, our grateful thanks.

Our unusual aerobatic display by Dick Simms (Senior Vice-President) in an Airtourer did not eventuate as Dick could not make it to "Yarrandale". However, we did enjoy the display by Don Pollock in his Pitts. Many thanks, Don.

Activities: Friday and Saturday - arrivals by air and car (better by car by far), though 4 C.T.4s (Parrot Section) plus VH-CTH and NAA did arrive.

Saturday saw R.A.A.F. formation flying and aerobatics plus more arrivals which continued through the whole weekend. We eventually mustered some 16 Airtourers, 4 C.T.4s, 1 Cherokee 6, 1 Cessna 150, 1 Grumman Tiger and a Pitts.

The Saturday night Bar-B-Que and film evening was enjoyed by all.

Sunday was a day to remember - five aircraft in formation - 100 A.T. MIL, 115 TWE, 160 CTH, 210 MVR and C.T.4. - most impressive, made possible by our wonderful mates from the R.A.A.F., while Captain Zero handled the 210 Air-cruiser with professional skill. I am sure that Peter in the Cherokee 6, plus his team of photographers, will produce some wonderful photographs. Here's hoping. A wonderful weekend was had by all.

Here again I must say thanks to every member of our Association who joined with us to make this annual fly-in such a success in the face of bad weather and fuel prices. It speaks volumes for your devotion to the Airtourer Association and what we aim to achieve. Our Association is progressing and has marked its place in General Aviation, due only to your dedication, members. The Presidents, Committee, etc., can only do so much, without members' support we fail. My grateful thanks to you the members of our Association.

We did have a short meeting of the Executive of the Co-op, which is well advanced and in the near future you will all be hearing from me on this subject.

As your President I feel we owe our thanks to so many who assisted our Association on these occasions and I must mention the support of the local Aero Club and its members who so readily assisted here at "Yarrandale" with all the many chores which are so vital to our success; Les Harmer with the bus service and films, R. McClintock and Central Engineers for heaters, plus personal

assistance from many members of the W.V.A.C., not to forget our local watering hole, Tatts, while our local telephone exchange enabled us to use this facility over the entire weekend. Many thanks, Mrs. Harding from Yalgogrine North. To our Secretary, my grateful thanks, Doug. To the girls who so wonderfully helped Betty over the weekend, and all we can say is very many thanks, and we do trust you will all join us in 1980 at a date to be fixed by the local farming community, as they now say, if there is a drought, put the "Yarrandale" Fly-in on!!!! No "Yarrandale" Fly-in for our Association would be complete or so well catered for without Stan and Joan Wright, both members of our team, handling the work load, organising and cooking. I am sure everyone must pay tribute to these members of our Association. My personal thanks too, as without Stan I am sure on this occasion I would have stalled .. I.A.S. off the clock!!! with little or no height to recover. My grateful thanks to you both.

Until next years Fly-in here, happy Airtouring from M.V.R.

Sonny Rankin, President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT 1978/9

This report is presented in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Airtourer Association.

The past year has seen our Association's progress continue forward from the successful completion of the previous year.

Last August the first "Yarrandale" Fly-in was held and, as reported in our Newsletter, was an outstanding success. Like a boomerang it is very difficult not to return, having sampled the fantastic hospitality of Sonny and Betty Rankin, and their West Wyalong friends.

Our policy of attending Air Shows and Pageants continued through last season with representations at a good cross-section of gatherings across the nation. We hope we can continue, but due to fuel problems we will be devoting our efforts more selectively.

The Annual Convention at Mildura over Easter set new standards for our Association to aim for in the future. The attendance was our largest to date. The General Meeting was most successful with a large number of items covered. The 1980 Convention is planned for PARKES, N.S.W., next Easter, and a joint meeting with the S.A.A.A. is planned for Easter, 1981, at KINGAROY, Q'LAND.

During the last six months arrangements were finalised for our affiliation with the Sports Aircraft Association of Australia. Our membership charges have been adjusted to enable you to obtain their journal "AIRSPORT" (unless already a member of the S.A.A.A.). Our affiliation with this national body for sport and recreational flying (a term you will hear a lot more of) was considered by your Committee a necessity to help support our aims. Space is being made available in "AIRSPORT" for Airtourer articles and all members are asked to give their support with written contributions.

The Department of Transport is at present holding a Cost Recovery Study to which we contributed (see September Newsletter). It is mainly through Associations and Groups making responsible comments and suggestions in this way that our section of the industry will be heard or recognised.

The "Airtourer Co-operative Ltd." was formed and moves with this venture will be made in the near future. The supply of parts from N.Z. will have its problems until the Co-op. gets off the ground, but in the meantime a good liaison exists for the direct acquisition of goods by the Association and members are asked to contact a member of the Committee if in need.

With the price of Avgas taking giant leaps we must consolidate all efforts to make OUR flying as cost-efficient as possible by looking at all charges made on us. We propose, during the next year, to push with the S.A.A.A. for an extra category of registration entitled "SPORT AND RECREATIONAL" so to

better reflect the type of operation enjoyed by Airtourer owners and pilots. We also intend to prepare a submission for a special case to be made of the Airtourer in the hope of further reductions in A.N.C.'s. The other major cost of insurance is already subject to investigations, but the progress has been very slow and it is not expected to make much headway until the Co-op. is under way and we have some levers to help push our case.

To continue as a representative association we must endeavour to maintain a high membership from Airtourer owners and pilots from both Australia and overseas. Our eventual aim being to have every Airtourer represented. The present policy is to use Association funds in a responsible manner to further the aims of the Association. It is noted that some membership renewals are still due and if yours is one we ask you to send your cheque by return mail.

Treasurer, John Treble, has taken up the position very well and his half-yearly report is provided in this Newsletter.

Our special thanks this year go to Wing Commander W.G. Pearcy, Commanding Officer, No. 1 F.T.S., Point Cook, for his support in permitting his staff to attend our functions in their C.T.4A Airtrainers. Their presence has always helped make our gatherings a success. Thanks also to Captain Don McNaught who has represented the Association at Pt. Cook during the year. We hope that this excellent liaison will continue.

Harry Couzins is once again running our hospitality tent at the Schofields Airshow (10 and 11 November) and you are asked to attend and represent our Association (especially Sydneysites). I regret that due to study commitments I will be unable to attend, but most of the Committee have indicated their intention to attend.

Thanks again to all those members who have helped during the year with various matters and functions. If you have not as yet attended an Airtourer Association function we look forward to seeing you during the coming year. We really do have a good time and learn a lot into the bargain.

Doug. Stott, Honorary Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period from the Annual Meeting, April 1979, until 31 August 1979

At the time of taking office we had two Accounts:-

- No.1 Account for General Business
- No.2 Account for Socials, Fly-ins, etc.

No.1 Account at Mildura showed a credit of \$344.33. We now have a credit of \$310.33, as shown.

BALANCE No.1 ACCOUNT

Credit at A.G.M.	..	..	344	33
+ Credit 31.8.79	..	..	1,638	47
			<u>1,982</u>	<u>80</u>
- Debit 31.8.79	..	..	1,672	47
			<u>Total Credit</u>	<u>\$ 310 33</u>

BALANCE No.2 ACCOUNT

Credit at A.G.M.	..	..	264	00
+ Credit 31.8.79	..	..	1,361	48
			<u>1,625</u>	<u>48</u>
- Debit 31.8.79	..	..	1,529	72
			<u>Total Credit</u>	<u>\$ 95 76</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (Contd.)

I must make mention of our material assets which total \$ 1,824 : 00.
John Treble, Treasurer

A THOUSAND AND ONE LAUGHS AT "YARRANDALE"

(Jean Thorpe)

Having sold my Airtourer prior to the "Yarrandale" Fly-in, getting there on four wheels didn't present the problem it did to many members. With the weather down to the deck on the East coast, arrivals were well below expectations. Earl Johnson must be a weather prophet because he departed Taree on the Thursday, thus making sure he arrived before the weather.

By the time Wal and I arrived on Friday afternoon, wife Leslie had already done a hard days work assisting Betty Rankin with food preparations for the members. Secretary, Doug, planned to arrive on Friday, but was grounded in Melbourne, but finally made it on Saturday after flying through the Killmore gap in R/S conditions.

I was informed that Sonny, our President, has two joys in life - buckets of spring rains on his property and a line-up of Airtourers in front of his homestead. We now have to convince him after the second "Yarrandale" "Washout" that he cannot delight in these two joys at the same time. When the date for the 1980 event is announced, we should all plan to surprise him by arriving a week earlier, thus making sure all members can participate, and he can dance in the rain on his nominated weekend!

We awoke to blue skies on Saturday morning, but learned that the conditions down South were marginal and with 2000 ft. base in the N.S.W. ranges there was little chance of the Sydney boys getting through.

With Sonny, Simon and Earl busy preparing the hangar for the evening program, I was appointed O.I.C. Flight Service, "Yarrandale". I decided I should first inspect the N/S. strip after the heavy rain - Betty's bike was the answer - no yellow vehicles available at "Yarrandale International" - 3,200 ft. one way presented no problem, but backtracking 3,200 ft. into a strong headwind really tested the state of fitness.

After missing so many "galahs" both on and at the side of the road during the drive from Mt. Eliza, I couldn't believe my ears when over the radio I was informed "Parrot formation, estimating West Wyalong, one zero"!! What a magnificent sight when 4 C.T.4s overflew the field before landing. Always a delight to have the Point Cook boys join us and entertain us with their precision flying - great P.F. by the R.A.A.F. and a very enjoyable way of seeing our taxes at work. The stalwart, Don McNaught, soon to be posted to Oakey, Queensland, has promised us he will bring down the Army's Pilatus Porter next year.

About midday, "Charlie Tango Mike, arriving "Yarrandale" SHORTLY" - "Shortly? That's not good enough for "Yarrandale" control", I replied - "I can't give you an accurate", said Doug, "but I can tell you I'm pedalling hard". Next to arrive was Mike Uniform Alpha from Moorabbin who found the roads and railway lines of great help and spent sometime "cutting the daisies" somewhere in central Victoria. As the afternoon progressed we were able to welcome a few more Airtourers, but nowhere near the number anticipated.

Like Mildura, what a wonderful weekend it turned out to be, despite the lack of numbers. "Yarrandale" homestead became a veritable rabbit warren with bodies bedded down all around the home. After the Saturday social evening and film show those who did not depart in the bus for the motels in town staggered off to their allotted beds. I haven't yet figured out what happened to Earl Johnson. About midnight I discovered him standing by the table tennis table, towel over one arm and toothbrush in the vertical - awoke next morning and, looking out through the "Bridal Suite" window, I found

Earl standing outside, facing East, still with the towel over the arm and tooth-brush in the vertical! - Could it be that he lost his allotted bunk for the night, or did he decide that if he lost sight of his attachments he wouldn't find them again?

Not quite "with it" on any morning before 10.30 a.m., when I presented myself for breakfast Betty Rankin enquired, "Did you sleep well, Jean?". "Not really Betty, you see Shirley Smith decided to bed down in the sleeping bag in our "Bridal Suite" for the night so I slept with one eye open, keeping an eye on Wal!!" Shirley has since reported to me that she had a great weekend, she came home feeling half her age - must be that Spring feeling!

President, Sonny, had been confined to bed with pleurisy prior to the event and was far from well. However, the thousand and one laughs with great friends in the Airtourer Association on this weekend was a far better tonic than gallons of the medicine prescribed.

Many of the members who slept in the motels in town complained of only getting a few hours sleep due to the well-known hospitality of Tony and Liz - it might be advisable to store up plenty of sleep prior to arriving for the Annual General Meeting - they may never go to bed in their home town - Parkes.

See you there! Jean Thorpe

"YARRANDALE" FLY-IN ATTENDANCES - 29-30 SEPTEMBER.

HVR	Sonny and Betty Rankin	"Yarrandale"
TWE	Bill and Yvonne Kelly	Dubbo
MJA	Stuart Hilsborg and Shirley Smith	Hoorabbin
INL	Alan and Merle Wood	Hoxton Park
CTM	Doug Stott and Mac Job	Essendon
HOG	Bob Gilmour and Brian Trotter	Donald
HTH	Tony and Eliz. Mathews	Parkes
MOJ	George Penfound	Canberra
DDZ	Charlie Robertson and Daryl Wishart	Wedderburn
WAU	Bernie Mitchell and Dave Wearne	Echuca
HTP	Earle and Leslie Johnson	Trees
MOA	Adrian Pfoeffler and Dave King	Bankstown
HRF	Lindsay Marshall	Lockington
IOF	Harry Hutchison	Cowra
YAV 44	Bryan Sweeney and Don McNaught	Point Cook
YBF 52	Terry Connolly and Brad Johns	" "
YAE 29	Dennis Brock and Kim Callaner	" "
YAL 36	Mike Castles and Jock Forbes	" "
HLK	Peter and Bev, Patroni, Peter Kelly	Melbourne
FFF	Don and Ruth Pollock	Canberra
Car	Jean and Wal Thorpe	Melbourne
"	Stan and Joan Wright	W. Wyalong
"	Len Parkinson	N.Z.A.S.I.L. Hamilton, N.Z.
Car/Bus	Bernie Tiomey, Harold Rossiter, Geoff Brattanston, Harry Stephenson, and many others from West Wyalong.	

There were numerous apologies, due to the poor weather, from members in Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

Having been the recipients of a most enjoyable fly-in/barbeque afternoon on Sunday last (Bannockburn, 3 June,.....Ed.) I must not let the opportunity pass without registering our sincere and deep appreciation of the efforts you people made to make the afternoon possible.

To witness four delightful flying machines (Airtourers, of course!) formation flying into one's airstrip, supplemented by another half dozen from other points of the state, and surrounded by these machines whilst we partook of

the barbeque must surely be the absolute height of an Airtourer owner's dream.

Thank you, Keith and John, for the trouble you took to organise this event. Thank you also, all owners and crews who attended, not forgetting, of course, ones who came by ground transport.

We were humbly, deeply appreciative, and delighted.

Bill and Yvonne Kelly - Tango Whisky Echo

"LEAVE IT TO THE OTHER BLOKE!

SOMEONE ELSE WILL PROBABLY DO IT!

Some months ago we published a news item that Peter Carr of Geelong is collecting worn out Continental 4-cylinder engine parts to make up two display engines for the Victorian State Museum in Melbourne to fit in and beside the original wooden Air Tourer VII-FHI. At the present price of these engines, it would be criminal to use good parts for display only, so Peter asked that any parts being scrapped during engine overhaul be sent to him at 123 Aphrasia Street, Geelong, Victoria, 2110. He had already personally contacted a few possible sources, and got a few components. He hoped that the news item would produce a minor avalanche of parts; enough to make the two engines required. He imagined that he would probably get one and four halves.

So far, the response to the news item has been ZERO!

So do not leave it to the other bloke. He has been leaving it to you."

The above item was received from Peter Carr for inclusion in this Newsletter. It is sad to see someone as keen as Peter frustrated in his attempts to procure unserviceable parts to complete this worthwhile project.

So how about it? Let's give Peter the support he deserves. If you do not have parts for these motors then maybe you know of the whereabouts of some... Editor

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

AMENDED AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE

AD/VAT/31A - CONTROL TORQUE TUBE ASSEMBLY - INSPECTION

This inspection, which was previously a once only requirement, is now required every 100 hours. This is due to cracks being found in some aircraft subsequent to the previous inspection required by AD/VAT/31.

The use of the internal control lock, together with an external clamp or lock, will reduce the likelihood of such cracks.

Should you find cracks in your Airtourer, please contact the Association for information on a suitable repair scheme and parts.

BATTERY - SUITABLE FOR AEROBATIC USE

The "REBAT S25M" is a battery of size suitable for use in all Airtourers with only one vent, which by means of a small plastic pipe can be vented out of the battery compartment and overboard. The use of this battery, suitably vented overboard, will eliminate acid spills in and around the battery compartment during Aerobatics.

Available From: ^{Alternative} Cooper Armstrong at -
30 Hawker Street, Airport West, Victoria.
13 Willis Street, Arncliffe, N.S.W.
7 Creswell Street, Newstead, N.S.W.

Discounted to \$48 for members - Must quote Association and Membership No. and Aircraft Registration.

WINDSCREENS

Members anticipating a requirement for a Perspex Windscreen are requested to advise the Association so an idea of numbers required may be ascertained for a production run of a small quantity, as it's cheaper to produce in bulk. At present the cost of a replacement windshield is in the order of \$400 for a one-off product.

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVEAD/VAT/37 -- WING RIBS INSPECTION AND MODIFICATION

Applicable to all models at 3,500 HRS. T.I.S. and then at 3,500 HR. intervals unless modified in accordance in A.E.S.I. Service Bulletin No. 019.

Copies of A.E.S.I. S.B.019 AND THE REQUIRED PARTS may be obtained from the Airtourer Association.

AIRTOURER UNDERCARRIAGE LEGS

The Association intends to conduct a survey of Airtourer owners with the view to increasing the 'life' of Airtourer undercarriage legs.

At present these legs have a finite life of 1500 or 2000 hours, after which they can be replaced, or alternatively, 'magnaflexed' at every 100-hourly.

To assist the Association in applying for a concession we ask all members who have undercarriage legs on their Airtourers with over 1500 hours to provide maintenance histories, in particular 'magniflex' test reports.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

<u>Airtourer Maintenance Manual</u>	..	\$35.00
<u>Airtourer Parts Catalogue</u>	..	\$30.00
<u>Copies of all Victa & AESL Service Bulletins</u>	@ copy price,	
	plus postage	
(A list to be included in a coming Newsletter)		

MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS

Following a number of instances involving careless and unskilled work by maintenance organizations engaged to maintain the aircraft of Association members, a letter of complaint was sent to the Department of Transport on behalf of your Association.

Reproduced here is an extract from the D.O.T.'s reply to that letter:-

"possession of a Certificate of Approval or an AHE licence shows that the holder has satisfied Department's requirements for obtaining such a Certificate or Licence it does not necessarily provide an indication of his efficiency or indeed his business ethics. Therefore it makes good sense for an owner to satisfy himself that the person to whom he entrusts the maintenance of his aircraft has a reputation for reliability within the industry. In addition that person is more likely to be efficient if he has adequate facilities and has had previous experience in the particular type of maintenance."

To assist you, the following is a list of the KNOWN maintenance organizations with previous experience on Airtourer type aircraft. This list incorporates amendments to the original list which appeared on Page 4 of the Newsletter, No. 5, January 1979.

It is not necessarily a recommendation of that organisation by the Airtourer Association.

Additions to this list are welcome together with the relevant details.

VIC.:

Peter Furlong, Latrobe Valley Aviation Services, Latrobe Valley.

Kevin Howard, Fieldair, Ballarat.

Roy McFadgen, Aeroswan, Swan Hill.

Ray Tinker, Moorabbin.

Ray Goulding, Goulding Airmotive, Bendigo.

N.S.W.

Alan Wood, Hoxton Park.

John Westcott, Parkes Aviation P/L., Parkes

Icarus, Bankstown - No Longer Agents for N.Z.A.S.I. Ltd. and no longer hold any stock

Ken Sage, Bombala

B. Jovanovich, Silver City Air Taxis, Broken Hill

Eric Aubert, Aircraft Engineering Associates, Lismore

A.C.T.

A.C.T. Aeronautics Services, C/o. Vee-H Aviation, Canberra

S.A.

Royal Aero Club of S.A., Parafield

Commodore Aviation, Port Lincoln

Q'LAND.

Jim Liddle, Ansett General Aviation, Archerfield

W.A.

Bernie Balwin, Bernie's Aviation, Hangar 125, Jandakot

SECRETARY'S NOTESRAFFLE

Airtourer Canopy Cover, to the value of \$130, is to be raffled by the Association. Tickets available from Secretary or Treasurer at \$5 each, only 50 tickets. Tickets still for sale. TO BE DRAWN AT SCHOFIELDS.

ITEMS FOR SALE

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION	CUFFLINKS	\$ 4 pr.		
"	"	TIEBARS	\$ 4 each	
"	"	LAPEL BADGES	\$ 2 each	
"	"	TRANSFERS	50 c. each	
GOLD-PLATED	"	"	LAPEL PIN	\$ 4 each

MEMBERS NOTE - In order to increase turnover a 50% discount Sale of the above items will be held at Schofields Airshow.

Members unable to attend may purchase direct from Treasurer, John Treble. Please include stamped, self-addressed envelope.

DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TILL 20 DECEMBER.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual membership is now overdue. If you are one who has overlooked this matter could you please forward your remittance promptly.

The subscription is now \$24 per annum (which includes a 12 month's subscription to "Airsport"),

or \$14 per annum to members who are already members of S.A.A.A.

The Joining Fee is \$10, and includes Association Badges, etc.

AMENDMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST (ISSUED JUNE 1979)N.S.W.VIC.

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 HILLER, W.H. Phone (052) 99814 (B) 212809 (H)
 POWNEY, T.S. Phone (054) 434738 (B) 439093 (H)

S.A.

SUTTON, P.J. Phone (08) 2964461 (H) 472222 (B)

Q'LAND.

SEPPER, D.H. 27 McFadden Street, WYNNUM, 4178.
 Phone (07) 3968029 (H) 3965152 (B)

A.C.T.

HOLLINS, G.L. Phone (062) 700330 (B) 958117 (H)

PATRON

Our Patron, Henry Millicer, has just returned from England having secured a place on the short list (of three) in a design competition for a new light aircraft being run by the Royal Aeronautical Society. The design, we understand, is not dissimilar from the Airtourer. We all wish you luck, Henry, in your efforts to again put this country on the aviation map. The results will not be known until further studies are concluded towards the end of the year.

AIR NAV. CHARGES

Members are advised that under the present ANC ACT, if you are claiming a 50% deduction for basing your aircraft at a NON-GOVERNMENT subsidised airfield and during the year sell the aircraft to someone who does not have his aircraft in a similar manner the FULL charges become due to the FORMER owner. This, we consider, to be most unfair as once sold the former owner has no control over where the aircraft is based.

Representations have been made to the D.o.T. and we do not intend to let the matter rest.

In the meantime - be warned if you sell your aircraft in similar circumstances.

NEWS ITEMSAIRMAN HONOURED

The Queen's Birthday Honours in June included an M.B.E. awarded to Cliff Tait of Hamilton, N.Z.

Cliff is Chief Pilot of New Zealand Aerospace Industries and is a Life Member of the Airtourer Association. Congratulations, Cliff, on a well deserved honour.

Cliff is also the author of "Flight of the Kiwi", an account of his round-the-world flight in an Airtourer. He has since completed many record breaking and long distance over water flights, delivering Airtourers, Airtrainers and Fletchers, to distant parts of the earth. At present he is working on a second book to be published about the end of the year, entitled "Water Under my Wings".

VICTA 210 AIRCRUISER

During the recent "Yarrandale" Fly-in, Mac Job, Assistant Editor of "AIRCRAFT" flew the Aircruiser, VH-MVR, so as to make it the subject of his "Pilot Report" in the NOVEMBER issue. We thank Sonny for making his "Queen Bee Airtourer" available to Mac for his report. We feel sure that reading the article will make those who haven't had the chance to fly this magnificent aircraft a little closer to having done so.

STOP PRESS

1. This week BIP: (Aust) Ltd. announced a 9c. per litre DECREASE, yes decrease, to the cost of their AVGAS.
2. YRD is now the officially designated abbreviation for "Yarrandale"
3. A sizeable article of an historical nature, from the beginning of "Viola" to the present time, will be included in the next issue of the quarterly, "Australian Aviation and Defence Review" (A.A.D.R.), which is expected to be on sale at newsagents during mid-December.

Compiled by Mac Job and Henry Millicer it is expected to make interesting reading.

PICNIC DAY - DONALD (VIC.)

A Picnic Day is to be held at Bob Gilmour's property, "Kyndalyn", near Donald, on Saturday, 17th November (or if weather unsuitable, Sunday, 18th).

All Airtourer Association members welcome.

Please bring a picnic or bar-be-quo lunch; details of strip available.

For further details and R.S.V.P. ring Bob Gilmour on (054) 976512 or write R.M.B. 856, Donald, Vic. 3480.

Fuel available by arrangement.

SCHOFIELDS

Once more the Airtourer Association will have a Hospitality Tent and Display at the Schofields Air Show.

Members and friends are invited to use this facility. Lunches will be available in this Marquee, and refreshments.

Association Committee members will be on hand to discuss the Airtourer Association and to answer questions on the proposed Airtourer Co-operative.

On sale will be stocks of Airtourer Association badges, decals, etc., at specially discounted prices (-50%). Also on sale will be tickets for the raffle of an Airtourer Canopy Cover, to be drawn during the weekend.

ARRIVALS

The October edition of the A.O.P.A. magazine contains, on pages 6 and 7, the relevant information for arriving aircraft.

ACCOMMODATION

In addition to the information in the A.O.P.A. magazine the Airtourer Association will make available their marquee for members to sleep in overnight. Bring your own sleeping bag, etc. Hot showers and toilet facilities available.

MEALS - DINNER available Friday and Sunday evenings for \$5 per head, Saturday night (Presentation Night) \$8 per head, includes drinks.

LUNCH At Airtourer Association marquee.

BREAKFAST Cooking facilities available for campers.

TROPHY

A trophy (courtesy of Schofield Air Show Committee) will be presented to an Airtourer owner present at the Show.

DEMONSTRATION

The Airtourer Association has been allotted a segment in the program and it is expected that a Flying Demonstration with P.A. commentary on the Association will take place.

MAINTENANCE

A maintenance facility will be on hand to assist during the weekend with minor unserviceabilities.

FUEL

An ample supply of both 80/87 and 100/130 oct. (4000litres) is available.

For further information and additional particulars contact A.A. N.S.W. representative, Harry Couzines, Phone (047) 512865 (H), (02) 7474 744 (B).

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