

17TH AUGUST 1977

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION.

The inaugural meeting of the Airtourer Association was held at the Royal Aero Club of New South Wales, Sydney Aust. (Bankstown Aerodrome) on Wednesday 17th August, 1977.

It is my pleasure now, to inform you of the Official formation of your, Airtourer Association.

Although not widely advertised and at very short notice, attendance was acceptable and personalities vis. Vic Walton, Allan Wood, Gerry Walsh, Richard Simms, made evening interesting. The meeting was followed by a small celebration which included dinner.

Agenda items were as follows:-

1800 K	Welcome by Chairman Purpose of the meeting Reasons for an Assn. Objectives of the Assn to be formed. Resume of Responses from proposed members.
1830	Endorsement, by vote, of proposals to form the Assn. Upon endorsement, (1) Election of Officers. (2) Official Business.
1900	Dinner
2200	Cancel Sar.

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE
AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION.

Attendance :- Messrs, Phil Hamer, Les Carter, Alf Coleman, Harry Couzin, Fred Tyfel, Roy Taylor, Gerry Walsh, Allan Wood, Vic Walton, Adrian Pfeoffer, Richard Simms and as Chairman, Robert Page.

The meeting commenced 30 mins late, but was declared open by the Chairmen, as a quorum was available. Everyone was made welcome.

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs. Doug Stott, Frank Rodgers, Roger Varney, Barry Blackmore, Henry Millicer and A.O.P.A., these apologies were accepted.

The Chair explained the purpose of the meeting as, to ascertain necessity and viability of the proposed Airtourer Association and to make an official stance by way of vote to endorse the formation of an Association and endorse the name proposed.

These reasons for an Association were considered

- (a) Social contact between owners, Pilots & Engineers.
- (b) Collective representation to statutory bodies.
- (c) A parts register.
- (d) Administrative Advise.
- (e) Technical. advise.
- (f) A regular newsheet to members.

The meeting was informed of the steps taken to guage response from Airtourer owners and enthusiasts.

These steps were:-

- (a) A.O.P.A. Magazine (May,1977) advert. & Editorial.
- (b) Flight International (Aug,77) Editorial.
- (c) Wings New Zealand (June,77) Editorial.
- (d) Letter and Pro Forma to each owner on Aust. register.

(Every proposed members letters were answered individually in writing).

Total number of letters, Pro Forma etc were	90.
number of responses	82.

Some of the responses were read at the meeting.

A direct approach had been made to Mr. H.K. Milicer (the Airtourer designer) and he has offered his complete support to the Association and has accepted the Official post of Patron for the Airtourer Association.

Although Henry Milicer could not attend the meeting he cabled his apologies, and expressed his "Congratulations, best wishes and support for the Association". Mr. Milicers response was accepted by the meeting and considerable merit is awarded your Association by this genuine offer.

Official Business.

The chairman then proposed a vote to endorse formation of the Association and this proposal was unanimously carried in the affirmative. The name Airtourer Association was likewise endorsed by vote and was the result of a majority descision of all proposed members, as well as the meeting and the forming committee. The name of Airtourer Association was also the express wish of the aircraft designer, Henry Milicer.

An election of officers followed and this gave nescassity for two qualifications.

(1) The office bearers and committee elected at this meeting would be a caretaker committæ, until the fly-in whenever that event takes place.

(2) The office bearers from any election should reside in the same state.

Both of these conditions were agreed upon and accepted.

The election of Officers produced :-

- As President: Mr. Harry Couzin.
- Secretary: Mr. Robert Page.
- Treasurer:

A committee of Regional Representatives was agreed upon the epicentre of these regions being common borders of Sth. Aust., Victoria, N.S.W.

- Therefore:-
- North Eastern Regional Rep:- open (NSW. QLD).
 - Southern Region Rep:- Mr. Doug Stott. (VIC. TAS).
 - Western Region Rep:- open (STH.AUST., W.A., N.T.).
 - Internation Rep:- Mr. Cliff Tait. (N.Z., U.K., FIJI, STH.AFRII to be confirmed.

Financial Affairs.

Submissions from proposed members indicated a need to keep fees as low as possible. This was agreed upon. Apart from a definite schedule by Mr. Doug Stott of VIC no other person except the forming group and members of the meeting gave consideration to the matter. Therefore the meeting agreed that Mr. Doug Stotts schedule be undertaken i.e., Joining Fee \$5 - Membership Fee \$10. Total of \$15.

But as Treasurer, I now wish to offer an alternative. Almost every response included a request for some form of recognition. e.g. Badge, Motif, Shoulder Patch, T. Shirt, Decal etc.

Now, after having done more homework on the matter. It becomes necessary to increase the joining fee to \$10 and keep the membership fee at \$10. Each member will receive

- (1) Airtourer Assn Badge - Pin type.
- (2) 2ea Decals 8"x6" or 6"x4" for Tailplans of A/C.
- (3) Printed Parchment for Hanging in Flight Deck of your Home, in return, for the increased fee.

Financial Acknowledgements:

- (a) RQL Group to recoup expenses in formation of the group.
- (b) \$5 donation by Mr. Francis Campbell, President of Gloucester Aero Club. (Credited to his a/cc).
- (c) \$2 received from Mr. Bob Wilson of Darwin N.T. for copying AD's and forwarding (Donation to the Association).

Please send your cheque or remittance to Airtourer Association.
47 Alexander Ave.,
HAZELBROOK. 2779.

Motif Competition.

The Airtourer Assn requires a motif for use on the Assn. Badge, Decal, Letterheads etc. Therefore I wish to announce a competition for the designed motif and a prize will be awarded to the winner at the fly-in.

The closing date is to be 1st Oct. 77, so use the stamped addressed envelope provided and also consider these points.

- (1) Airtourer Association (Not VICTA or AESL).
- (2) Base colour GOLD or SILVER.
- (3) Only one other colour.
- (4) Only two designs max. per person.
- (5) Open to financial members.

(So please send your \$20 fees in with the designs of your choice).

- (6) The Judges decision is FINAL (etc. etc).

But the committee reserves the right to alter a winning design slightly if it makes it significantly more economical. Simplicity of design and coloring is an advantage and remember that the motif will be the basis for all of the, Badge, Decal, T. Shirt, Letterheads etc. The competition is for the motif, not the best badge or best letterhead, although the motif may take the form of a badge. (A rough sketch will do, because we will get an artist to set it up).

If you think I've amplified this point excessively consider that this designed motif (whoever wins the decision, by a completely independent panel of Judges) immortalises himself and the Association.

Above all get it back early. I want to get the decal in the next production run of the best factory in Aust.

The Fly-in.

A fly-in is to be held Nov - Dec - Jan at some convenient Sth-Western Town eg: Wagga Wagga, Albury, Griffith. Date and venue by majority descision so with or without a motif entry send your choice of where and when with 3 preferences.

Fly-in is for Sat & Sun but you may wish to stay for either or both.

The fly-in will include:-

- (a) Election of a committee by MEMBERS.
- (b) Introduction of Association Rules.
- (c) Introduction of a Technical Forum.
- (d) Introduction of a Formation Flying Team and the Airtourer Aerobatic Aces (??????)
- (e) A fair amount of "Swappin lies".

Ladies & Family are very welcome, but please cater for every possible event.

Part (d) above:- The first of the formation manouvers will, if DOT permitted, be Break and Stream landing.

~~This, only involves precisely timed take off and landing, and precise altitude and airspeed on the circuit leg. There is no separation problem because everyone should be at 500 ft min separation. It is effectively a full circuit, take-off, climb, downwind, break-off base and landing, follow the leader fashion.~~
Nevertheless quite spectacular when accomplished in numbers.

Photographic Record.

It is hoped that each owner may follow the suit of Peter Coy of Moorndoo (VIC) and Doug Stott (VIC) and send a small colour pix of themselfed with their Airtourer. Actual size of the print does'nt matter but dont make it smaller than 1-7/8" square, and also send colour neg pr pos. (Preferably Positive).

A regular event will be to highlight one A/c and owner.

List of members.

A concise list of members is being produced and will be ready for distribution at the fly-in.

Members Responsibilities.

Fly carefully and stay Healthy.

Keep your Airtourer Al. (more about this later).

Keep your Association informed of all matters that could be of benefit or interest to other members, eg. trips, bright ideas, mods etc.

Be active in the Association.

Responses of the pro-forma and advertisement.

Most of the responses had interesting comments and each of these will be expounded at a later date, it might be worthwhile noting that only one person had a "bleat" about the Association being formed, but we can get about four more members if you know of Airtourers for sale. In the event of this knowledge inform the secretary of details S.A.P.

SUMMARY.

- (1) Motif competition (for badge, decal etc).
entries close 1st Oct, 77.
- (2) Fly-in venue & date 3 preferences.
Considerations close 1st Oct, 77.
- (3) Please submit \$20 fees by return mail with (1) & (2).
(\$10 Joining fee, \$10 Annual membership).

Next Newsheet.

Your next newsheet will contain,

- (a) Some technical revelations about your Airtourer.
- (b) An intro. to your office bearers.
- (c) A cross section of members comments.
- (d) Progress of the Assn. & plans for the future.
(that is if my good wife gets through typing this lot)!!!

Now, in conclusion I wish to say a few words on behalf of your President, Harry Couzin and Southern Reg. rep Doug Stott, who with me were most responsible for the formation of the Airtourer Association.

It is personally very rewarding when any "idea" leads towards reality, and that in turn looks successful, as all of you aviators would know.

~~But when the "idea" involves developement of knowledge, about a subject that your widely interested in, and contact with people of kindred interest, leading to new found friends, and all this evolves to form what was originally envisaged. Then that feeling can hardly be called just rewarding. (Its that first solo feeling. Without the shaky knees).~~

Your association is now formed, please use it to your benefit and don't hesitate to enquire or engage assistance from the committee.

Yours faithfully,



Robert C. Page (Bob)

Hon. Secretary.

MEMBERS, Please note :-

Remittances made payable to AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION.

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