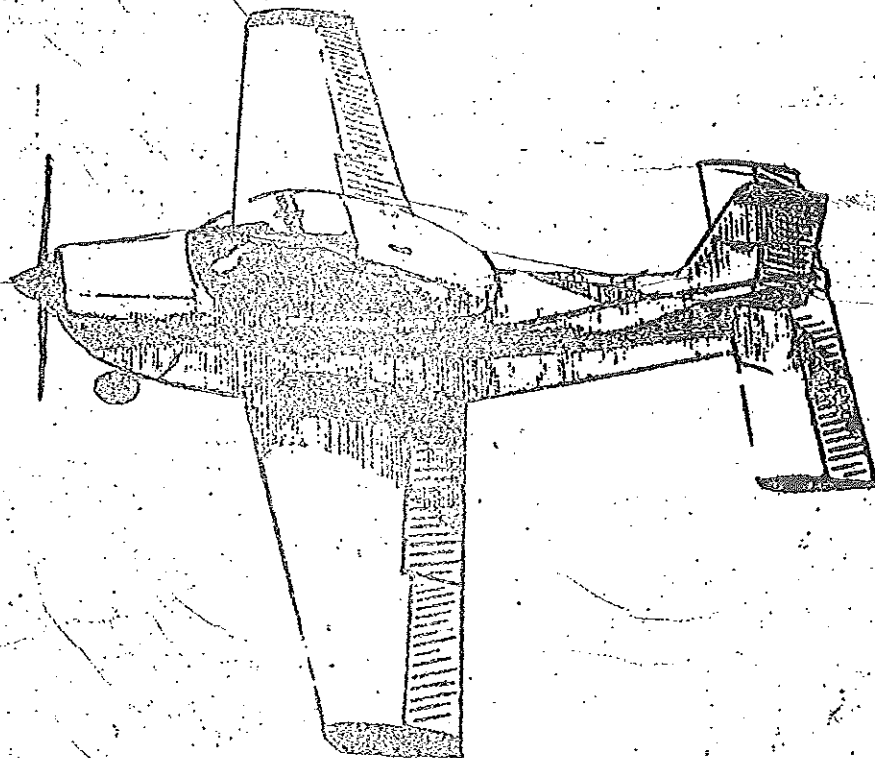


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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Well at last a Newsletter !! It is regretted that a delay has occurred getting this one together but due to a number of factors the delay's combined. With the position of both Editor and Secretary together with a move of house and all the associated hassell's, I'm afraid the Newsletter dropped a little in priority. Now that we are more organized, future editions should be more regular....

Our Association is still going strong as the most successful convention at LaTrobe Valley showed. (Report Later) A number of items are still being pushed by your committee, the most important of which is reduced ANC's for Sport and Recreational type aircraft. More should be occurring on this shortly.

Plans are already under way for the Annual YARRANDALE Fly-In, which this year will be held on the weekend of 18/19 September. A special Newsletter will be published about four weeks beforehand with all the details etc.

Our sub-committee are working on next years convention to be held in February and although a final decision has not been made, the most likely venue at this time is Quirindi, NSW.

The Co-op is now quite stable and the arrangements made with Transavia have proven to be satisfactory. If you have any problems with parts, please contact one of the Co-op Directors or Secretary Guy Main for help.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

All members and Airtourer owners in Australia are now recorded on computer and with this issue we publish a list of ALL Airtourer owners and members for your information. We are doing this in order to attract more contact between members and non-members in the hope that such contact will encourage the non-members to join. - We are still plugging for total representation .

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due and you are requested to complete the enclosed form and mail it together with you cheque for \$14 (or \$28 if you want AIRSPORT) to Treasurer:

John Trebler, 73 Aviation Road, LAVERTON, Vic. 3028.

I will be on holidays for eight weeks from the 24th July, so please address any queries during that time to Sonny, Earl or John. (I'll be thinking of you all whilst at Oshkosh and Farnborough.) Any of our members in the UK may contact me through the Short Bros stand at Farnborough.

The next Newsletter will be a special just prior to YRD and will be done by Alex Hood. With any luck (!) I should be back, just in time to attend.

Cheers and happy Airtouring...

Doug Statt,  
Secretary.

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1982 ANNUAL CONVENTION AND FLY-IN - LATROBE VALLEY

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The 1982 Convention and Fly-In proved successful despite the less than average attendance. Representatives from every state, except Queensland, were present and some fifteen Airtourers flew in.

With final preparations being made for the Convention it was particularly unfortunate that the RAAF contingent from Point Cook could not attend. A swift and severe cut-back on defence force spending left them no alternative but to cancel. Always popular at our Fly-Ins their absence was noticed. No doubt, the RAAF boys and their wives were just as disappointed as we, to miss the Convention. Well, there's always next year, provided the Government refrains from purchasing more Aircraft Carriers.

First to arrive on the Friday were Mark and Peter Leach who drove almost non-stop from Quirindi. They arrived just in time to assist with some last minute preparations. By that night Sonny & Betty Rankin, and Stan Wright, had arrived in the AIRCRUISER. Stuart Hillsburg, after meeting Doug Stett at Tullamarine, night VMC'd it to LTV in a Cherokee.

Saturday morning saw most of the other arrivals. Just in time for the afternoon bus tour were Earl and Leslie Johnson, and Hugh & Maureen Knox. They arrived from an overnight stay in Mallacoota, after a delay due to illness, attributed to the food they had eaten there the previous night (and they were sticking to that story).

Despite the pre-frontal rain the bus tour of the S.E.C. and the visit to the Old Gippsland Folk Museum was well patronised. Electrical power Generation proved quite a fascinating topic to the NSW members.

The dinner for Saturday evening in the Aero Club Hangar was abundantly catered for by "Colonial Cooking". Those who had the impression that the evening was to be a barrel in the corner of a dusty hangar floor and a meal of barbecued steaks and boiled potatoes were in for an unexpected surprise. The Latrobe Valley Aero Club members had transformed the hangar into a banquet hall with appropriate decorations, including a REAL AIRTOURER. A band provided dance music to an accompaniment of hangar doors pounding out a beat in the 30 knot frontal winds.

Highlight of the evening was the address and cutting of the Anniversary Cake by Patron, Henry Millicer. The cake, appropriately decorated, marked the 20th year of continuous Airtourer operation by the LVAC.

Sunday morning (the morning after !!) saw the formal business of the weekend conducted: the Airtourer Co-op Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Whilst the menfolk were engaged in serious discussion the wives were taken by some of the Aero Club member's wives on a shopping spree at the Sunday Market. Only the limited baggage space available in the Airtourer prevented a wholesale purchase of the market.

Following a magnificent salad luncheon provided by the LVAC Social Club, pilots and navigators prepared for the Nav.Trial. Aero Club committee-man Murray MacRae was seconded to organise this year's contest and judging by the favourable comments he seems to have

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struck the happy medium between a Trial and a Sight-seeing Tour. The course, taking the crews over the Loy Yang power station complex and over to the ninety-mile beach and the recently completed OMEGA navigation station aerial; thence to Sale Aerodrome where Betty Rogers and the Sale Flight members of the Aero Club were waiting with a welcome afternoon tea. From Sale the crews returned to the 'Valley' via Lake Glenmaggie in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range.

The evening meal was an informal barbeque, followed by the presentation of awards by President, Sonny Rankin.

BEST PRESENTED AIRTOURER - Ian Donovan MKL (of Oshkosh Express Distinction)

PRESIDENTS' SECRET TIME OF ARRIVAL - Hugh & Maureen Knox in their recently imported Airtourer 150 (VH-MWR ex ZK-CDM) beating Earle & Leslie Johnson (EQA) by a split micro-second.

CLIFF TAIT TROPHY (Navigation Trial) - John Treble & Kerry Hillsburg in John's AT315 NRP proved once again to be a winning combination.

LONGEST DISTANCE - Greg & Judy Rutherford - A great effort by Greg and Judy who flew MOC (ex LVAC aircraft) all the way from Bruce Rock, WA, some 1600 NM. Great navigation experience for Judy who had only recently gained her Restricted Pilot Licence.

There followed a video screening of Ron Stiebel's about the operations at Quirindi.

Monday morning saw most of the departures, so ending another successful Annual Convention.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT THE LATROBE VALLEY AIRFIELD ON 20.2.82

The meeting commenced at 2340 GMT.

PRESENT: D.O.Rankin; S.Tilley; A. Ronald; H.Knox; K&S Hillsberg; H.K.Millicer; G.Penfound; R.Gilmour; E.Kitchall; A.Coote; P.Sutton; G.Rutherford; F.Phillip; L.Marshall; I.Donovan; E.Johnson; P.Cary; D.Wearne; J.Willis (LVAC); J.Treble; D.Stott; P.Leech; M.Leech; S.Wright.

APOLOGIES: T.Matthews; R.Sims; A.Wood; G.Main; P.Rogers; R.Miller; N.Nolan; B.Leech; K.Flores; K.Bell; D.Setter; G.Kincher; B.Stott.

MOVED: P.Leech; SECONDED: S.Tilley that the apologies be accepted. CARRIED

MINUTES: The minutes of the 1981 Annual General Meeting were read.

MOVED: R.Gilmour; SECONDED: H.Millicer that these are a true and correct record. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:  
Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE: Outward:- A summary of outward correspondence was read to the meeting by the Secretary - It was mainly directed to new  
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members; new owners; letters of thanks to the RAAF for attending fly-ins; letters to Transavia re the Co-op and other general correspondence.

Inward:- RAAF; Transport Australia; New members and overseas owners.

MOVED, H.Millicer; SECONDED, B.Kitchell that the outward be approved and the inward be received and dealt with.  
CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

MOVED, H.Millicer; SECONDED H.Knox that the Presidents report be accepted as read.

CARRIED

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary tendered his report.\*

MOVED, G.Penfound; SECONDED, A.Coote that the report be accepted.

(\* The Secretary's Report was published in the November Newsletter.)

Henry Millicer thanked the Secretary for an excellent effort during the passed twelve months and drew to everyones attention the new revised membership list.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The Treasurers report dated 31.1.1982 showed a credit balance of \$3,421-14.

MOVED, H.Millicer; SECONDED, B.Kitchell that the report be accepted.

CARRIED

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The President declared all positions vacant. G.Penfound made a block nomination of all previous officers to their previous positions. The chair accepted the nomination; then called three times for further nominations. There being no further nominations; all previous officers were declared elected.

NEWSLETTER

Alex Hood tendered his resignation as editor of the Newsletter. The President spoke of the excellent work carried out by Alex and his mother (who did the typing), and accepted his resignation.

D.O.Rankin nominated D.Stott as editor of the Newsletter. D.Stott accepted the position.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1983 Annual General Meeting.

Discussion took place as to a venue for the next A.G.M., with several places suggested. It was agreed to leave the matter in the hands of A.Matthews and J.Treble; with power to organise the next A.G.M.

Airtourer Drawings.

Henry Millicer drew to everyones attention that the drawings (blueprints) of the "Airtourer" were the property of the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd.; and anyone found reproducing or using same without consent are liable to penalties under the copyrights act. All owners would benefit from the Co-op in the long run and it was in their interests to support it in any way possible.

As the meeting closed; John Willis; CFI for the LVAC thanked everyone for their attendance and wished all a safe trip home.

The meeting closed at 8:30 GMT.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1982.

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(Presented at the 1982 Convention)

Welcome to you all for our 1982 Convention; we are hoping that this annual event will have to be the best ever.

Firstly as Latrobe Valley was the first Aero Club to use the Airtourer for flying training it is quite fitting that we should meet here; My grateful thanks to this Club and especially Alex Hood who has played the major role in organizing this annual Convention. This year marks the twentieth year of training in Airtourers for Latrobe Valley. The very reason that we should gather here to mark this occasion. They still fly MOJ.....

You will notice by our Treasurers report that our Organization is in a very sound financial state which speaks volumes for your Committee and dedicated office bearers and all members and helpers. We all look forward to the continued success of our Association.

1981 was marked by the success of our Convention at Waggga Waggga, of which was well told in our Newsletter followed by Schofields, which was not so well attended; Yarrandale and Woorndoc, which also had cover in the No 17 Newsletter; these events no doubt keep us together and I am sure we all enjoy these events.

Your Committee are still currently active in their efforts to obtain some relief in ANC's with the Department. Much time has been given to effecting some type of Comprehensive Insurance for our Association and members in the event of some mishap. Your Sub-Committee, Tony Matthews, Stan Wright and George Kinscher are still awaiting answers via George Kinscher and Dick Sims; we hope that 1982 will finally visage this matter. Cheaper Insurance for Airtourer owners is a possibility and I do hope all interested have returned their form to our George Kinscher !!!!

As reported in the newsletter your Co-op is now taking shape and most problems are smoothing out. However 1981 was quite eventful for our Co-operative and it's members.

We look forward to 1982 with much confidence and I would like to express my thanks to our Committee and Office bearers and members for a wonderful job well done. It has been my pleasure to work with them all; I do thank you all for this privilege. Happy and cheaper Airtourer flying for 1982.

Sonny Rankin.  
President.

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AIRTOURER CO-OPERATIVE.

For the benefit of members we repeat the procedure to be followed when ordering parts.

- 1) ORDER DIRECT TO TRANSAVIA.
- 2) Transavia will invoice direct to purchaser with order number and full price. All goods sold C.O.D. unless approval for credit account is given by Co-op Directors.
- 3) Co-op members and SAAA members will apply for their appropriate discount to the Co-op Secretary, with invoice number and details. The Co-op Secretary will then forward refund to those entitled.
- 4) Transavia; Alan Wood and Guy Main will liaise to arrange manufacturing numbers of all spares; so that we will avoid "one of" manufacture to keep costs to a minimum.

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5) NOTE that Secretary, Guy Main and Engineer Alan Wood are prepared to assist you to clarify your parts requirement before you order from Transavia. This includes parts, numbers and description, or possible alternative parts if not available immediately. Also, Guy may be able to liaise with Transavia if difficulties or delays occur with supply.

Membership of the Airtourer Co-operative is still open and information on shareholding may be obtained from Guy Main.

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MOGAS FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT (Continued)

The following is extracted from FLIGHT INTERNATIONAL, dated 15 May 1982.

The C.A.A.(UK) has become the first airworthiness authority in the world to take the step of allowing the use of motor fuel (mogas) for private flights in 120 light aircraft types. This is considered to be a bold and arguable brave action for a body which to most aviation manufactures, is seen as the world's toughest in airworthiness standards.

The list of types is wide, but most have a gravity-fed fuel system and low compression engines originally certificated on low-octane fuel. Other aircraft will be considered individually says the CAA.

Restrictions include a pressure altitude of 6000 feet and - probably the biggest drawback if the law is to be strictly followed - the uplift of fuel only from an aerodrome installation.

A number of aircraft fitted with a Continental O-200A engines are included on the list - but NOT any model Airtourer, no doubt due to the lack of a gravity feed system.

Further information on this subject will be published as it comes to hand.

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LATROBE VALLEY CONVENTION ATTENDANCE LIST.

Bernie Kitchell/David Wearn	Echuca	V	WAW
Sonny & Betty Rankin	W Wyalong	NSW	MVR
John & Doreen Treble	Meibourne	V	KHP
George Penfound	Canberra	ACT	KOJ
Stan Wright	W Wyalong	NSW	MVR
Andrew Ronald/Chris Ronald	Geelong	V	MRJ
Greg & Judy Rutherford	Bruce Rock	WA	MOC
Ian Donovan	Essendon	V	MKL
Peter/Mark Leech	Quirindi	NSW	(MBG)car
Lindsay Marshall/Fenton Phillipps	Lockington	V	KRF
Doug Stott	Darwin	NT	(CTM)Jet
Henry & Katie Millicer	Anglesea	V	car
Bob & Bev Gilmour	Donald	V	MOG
Stan & Bonnie Tilley	Hobart	Tas	BOK
Stuart & Kerry Hilsberg	Sunbury	V	KEP
Earl & Lesley Johnson	Taree	NSW	EQA
Hugh & Maureen Knox	Sydney	NSW	MWR
Paul Cary	Forster	NSW	PCC
Peter Sutton/Gerry Lawson	Adelaide	SA	FHP
Aub & Barb Coote	Geelong	V	car
Alex Hood	Morwell	V	MOI

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MANGALORE 1982

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The Sports Aircraft Association held its first National Fly-In at Mangalore during the last Easter weekend. It was without a doubt the most successful event of its kind held in this country. All indications are that it will be an annual event at this popular location.

This year our Association was represented by about a dozen members and their aircraft. We hope this will increase somewhat next year!!!!

Our congratulations to Ian Donovan for winning the SAA prize for the best Airtourer with MKL. It certainly did deserve its visit to Oshkosh.

Full details of this event were covered very well in Airsport and Aircraft magazines during the last few months.

Our members that did attend Mangalore have made special mention of the local motel in Seymour. (see ads)

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CLASSIFIED'S

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"New Crossing Place Motel" 53 Emily St., Seymour, Vic.  
 Members of the Airtourer Association will be welcomed and are assured of first class service and accomodation.  
 All units feature heating, air conditioning and colour TV. The motel also has guests laundry, BBQ facilities and a swimming pool.  
 Courtesy transport between Mangalore aerodrome and the motel is available to guests.  
 Phone enquires welcome - Hosts Kathy & Martin O'Neale.

AT100 s/n 025 VH-BWG  
 Major due : March 84; Engine: 325 to run; Prop: 1520 to run.  
 Skyphone 10 Channel VHF; New Paint (photo on request); New seat upholstery; spare windscreen; all mods up to date; spare waggler.  
 Offered with damaged airframe of VH-KUM as advertised in Nov newsletter.  
 Asking Price \$9,500. Can be inspected at Broken Hill.  
 Phone: Garry Rawson; (080) 4494 Home; 2233 Work.

AT100 s/n 045 VH-6XD  
 3500 hours TT; Full life engine and airframe; both majors just completed; all mods completed; new prop and fuel cell; plus many new parts; perfect condition; always hangared; 360 VHF; \$10,500 ono. Located at Ballarat.  
 Phone: Syd Snowden; (053) 394145

AT115 s/n 124 VH-RSJ  
 For details, please contact part owner: John Saab;  
 (02)5590257

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## T-SHIRTS

Airtourer Association T-Shirts are being made.  
Place your order, including size to the Secretary, or  
indicate your request on your membership renewal form.

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NEW MEMBERS.

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John Falch	Belgium	OO-WIC
Kevin Thomas	Mullewa WA	VH-TPY
Jeffrey Worth	Worcester UK	G-AYWM
Clyde Thomson	Te Awamutu NZ	ZK-CWA
Timothy Scott	Traralgon Vic	LVAC
Gwenda McEwan	Yallourn Nth Vic	LVAC
Robert Milburn	Morwell Vic	LVAC
Geoffrey Maskell	Tyne-Wear, UK	G-AZOE
Peter Leech	Coogee NSW	---
Kath Corrihan	Gunnedah NSW	VH-MTP
George Hunter	Padston NSW	VH-MUN
Donald Watkins	Morwell Vic	LVAC

We welcome all the above new members.

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YARRANDALE FLY-IN 1982.

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This years Yarrandale Fly-in will be held on the weekend of the 18th and 19th, September. Arrangements are underway and the usual fun weekend is assured.

For our new members, the Yarrandale fly-in is our regular get-together at the property of Association President, Sonny Rankin. Yarrandale is located just five minutes flying time to the West-nor-west of West Wyalong. Camping facilities are available on the property if you so chose or arrangements can be made to stay at a Motel in WWL.

Full details, including a 'How-to-get-there' map and a program of activities will be included in a Special Newsletter to be published at the end of August.

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CLOTH BADGES

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A new supply of cloth badges is now available from the Association. For supply details please contact John Treble.

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NEWSLETTER.

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Our Newsletter for the past three and half year has being compiled and Edited by Alex Hood from LaTrobe Valley. All the typing was undertaken by him 'Mum' who we are most Greatful to. Some flowers and a small gift were presented to Mrs Hood during the 1982 Convention in recognition of her help to the Association.

Alex will no doubt be trying to get rid of us for a while yet, as his talents as a writer are now known to all our members. His superior (???) ability in organizing Nav Trials is also know by a number of our members (of those who survived !!!!!)

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Thanks Alex.

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On a sadder note, we learnt of the death earlier this year of Maureen Kinsher, wife of Dubbo member George Kinshcer (VH-RQL AT115) to whom we extend our sincerest sympathy.

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DESIGN NOTE.

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Owners of Airtourers that have modified their brakes from Dunlop to Cleveland should also modify the last part of the brake fluid line to flexible pressure hose.

As the Cleveland systems 'moves' on its attachments the metal fluid line used on the old system is likely to fracture due to movement of the new brakes.

THE RESULT IS NO BRAKES

Further information may be obtained from the Association.

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Membership List.

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18 + 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 1982

BE THERE !!