

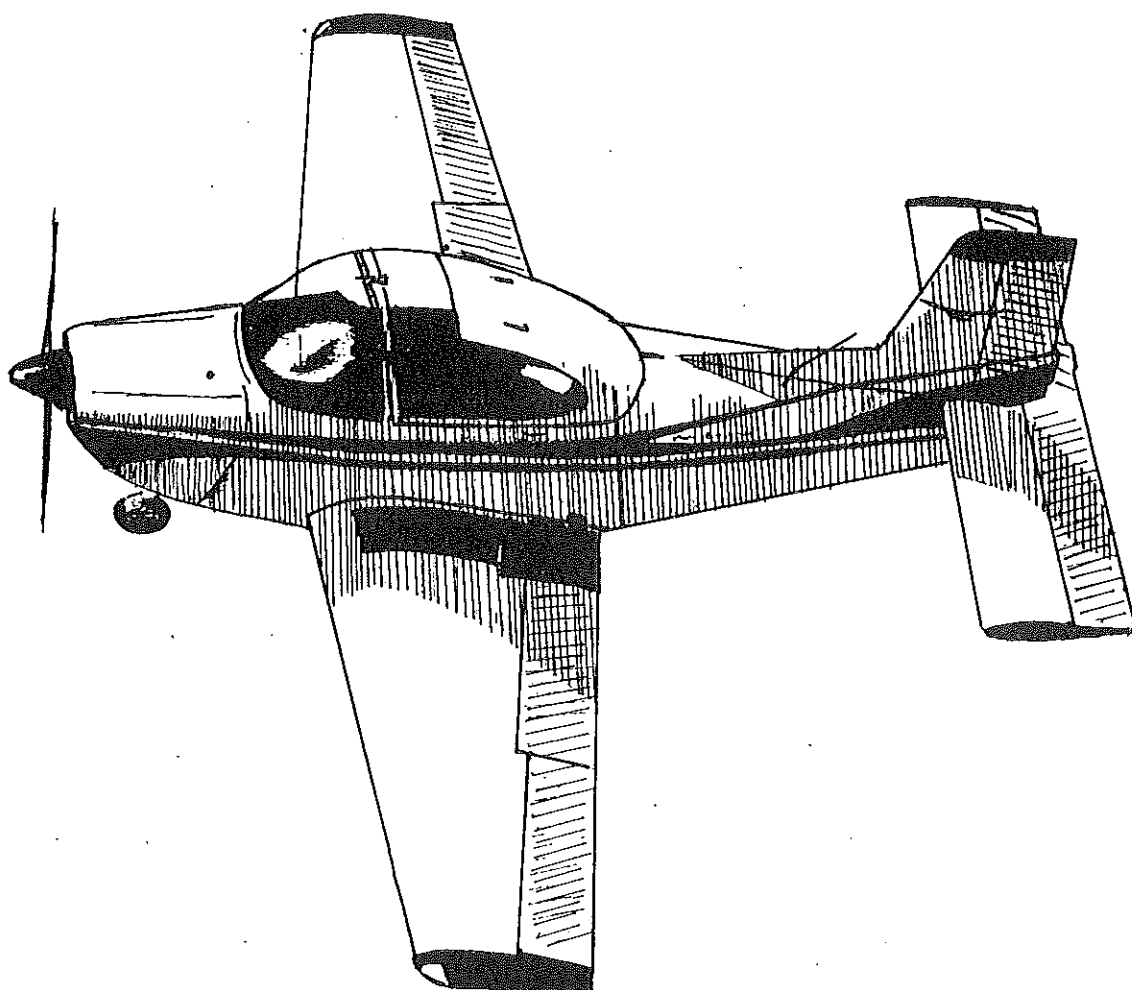
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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4-8-1990 Queensland Safari
12-8-1990 " "

22-9-1990 President's Fly-in to be held at Parkes
23-9-1990

NEW EDITOR

As mentioned in our last Newsletter this is my final committment as Editor, so please direct all articles for future publications to John Plummer, 20 Mallard Place, Bokarina, Queensland, 4575.

Contributions for our Newsletters have in recent times been a little slow, hence the smaller number of pages. The articles seem to come mostly from the same old reliable few. It's these articles which are the lifeblood of our Association and I'm sure that most of our members do something sometime which would make enjoyable reading, so how about picking up the pen and drop the Editor a line or two. "If you can write it, we can read it."

1990 QUEENSLAND SAFARI

Day 1	4-8-90	Group Up at Lightning Ridge
Day 2	5-8-90	Morning Tour of Lightning Ridge then to Charleville
Day 3	6-8-90	Charleville, Longreach (Stockman's Hall of Fame) - Lorraine
Day 4	7-8-90	Lorraine - Mt. Isa.
Day 5	8-8-90	Mt. Isa (Mine tour etc.)
Day 6	9-8-90	Lawn Hill Gorge - Escott Station
Day 7	10-8-90	Escott Station
Day 8	11-8-90	Cooktown.
Day 9	12-8-90	Depart Cooktown for homeward journey.

Jim Crocker has a spare seat, if interested ring him on 054 552258.

The Treasurer's new postal address is now : John Treble, P.O.Box 57, Keilor 3036

Advertising Rates

Small advertisement (3 to 4 lines)	=	\$10.00
Large Advertisement	=	\$20.00

Cheque to be made payable to the Airtourer Association and post with copy direct to the Editor.

*The next Newsletter will be published November, 1990.
Written contributions to be with the Editor by 31-10-1990*

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT MORUYA

It was the best representation of Airtourers, a total of 35 aircraft and a great example of the Airtourer Association aims being achieved.

As always, many members flew in from the Eastern States, S.A. and Tasmania. However this year daylight saving differences between three states caused amusement, (or was it a plot to confuse the judge of the secret arrival time), with three aircraft arriving at Moruya within minutes of each other and no two pilots having the same time on their watches.

Betty Rankin, myself and daughter Kathryn arrived by car late Friday afternoon from Sydney and Guy and Barbara Main's home. Many other members flew in on Friday afternoon or evening and were bussed to Batemans Bay. This resulted in a rowdy and fun-filled dinner upstairs at Spirals Restaurant at the motel. For most members this was the first sighting of the newest Airtourer follower, Kathryn, and many members took the opportunity to have a cuddle or in Ron Stiebel's case to "hone" his chatting upskills! (Too bad Ron, JOH has put her off limits until she's 25! In the meantime he's polishing his shotgun!).

Saturday dawned bright and clear and some adventurous souls braved the cold conditions of the motel pool with comments about it being "bracing". Others headed into Batemans Bay to look at the shops. Ron Stiebel was spotted wandering about the Bridge Plaza with a tray laden with scones, jam and cream, and a shop proprietor chasing him and wondering what had hit Bateman's Bay.

Saturday lunch was at the Moruya Aero Club where a band of hard working club members provided a choice of BBQ lunches.

A disappointing number of aircraft, 6 only, took part in the Nav trial. Instead, some other members headed towards the beach despite the windy conditions while others took to the air for some aerobatics or sightseeing of this lovely part of the NSW coast.

Dinner on Saturday night was at Bensons, a Batemans Bay restaurant which, needless to say was booked out by the Airtourer Association. During the dinner the various presentations, details of which are included below, were made and many members were seen dancing into the night.

One presentation that deserves special mention was the inaugural presentation of the Sonny Rankin Trophy for the best presented Airtourer. This was presented by Betty Rankin to Lindsay Dyer for his fine efforts with MUY.

Sunday morning was another glorious start to the day. The AGM was held upstairs in Spirals Restaurant at the motel. Local TV cameras were also present. The Co-Op meeting followed immediately, then everyone headed for the bus to take them back to the Moruya Aero Club for farewells and departures.

Overall it was yet another successful fly-in and AGM and encouraging to see that the number of Airtourer aircraft participating is increasing.

Presentations:

Sonny Rankin Trophy for best presented Airtourer - Lindsay Dyer VH-MUY.

Navigation Trial - John Treble (again) and Lindsay Marshall, VH-CRK.

Secret Arrival Time - Adrian Jolly, VH-BVV.

Longest Distance - John and Leonie Plummer, VH-BQW.

Airtourers Present: DAM, MTT, MUY, EQA, CRAK, OVV, IOF, MRF, MOI, MOA, MRZ, RQW, MRL, RQL, MTL, MUL, MVL, BVV, FVV, CTM, KHP, XVV, MWR, TWG, MOJ, TPY, MKL, MVI, MOG, PCC, BQK, LVV, SHR, RQG, MOH.

Author's Note: Apologies for the delay in publishing this report. Our move to Hong Kong was a major task and pieces of writing can get mislaid when moving from house to house, and country to country.

Many thanks to all of you who gave best wishes to JOH, myself and Kathryn for our new life in HK. Also it's been lovely to receive letters and phone calls from some of you already - they're always most welcome. John Treble and Stuart Hilsberg tried to phone us from the latest fly-in at Goolwa, but were so "tired and confused" that they had to get the Motel Manager to dial for them.

For anyone wanting a holiday in HK or a shopover en-route to other destinations, you'll be welcomed by your HK Airtourer Representatives. (Barbara Stott has visited us already). Our address is listed below.

As always, safe flying, Jan O'Halloran

AIRWORTHINESS DIRECTIVE AD/VAT/28 AMENDMENT 5

The following is the above A/D as published by the CAA with regard to Wing Spar Attachment and Fittings.

AD/VAT/28 Amdt 4

WING SPAR ATTACHMENT AND FITTINGS

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Applicable to Aircraft: All models.

Requirement: Remove wing and proceed as follows:

1. Inspect the rear wing to fuselage attachment bolts for corrosion and wear.
2. Inspect the lower fuselage longerons at the rear wing attachment points for elongation of bolt holes, cracks and corrosion.
3. (a) Remove the steel bushes from the wing attachment fittings P/Nos. 10009-1 and -2 or 10009-3* and -4* and inspect all surfaces of the fittings in the area of the steel bush locations for cracks using an approved dye penetrant method.

(* These P/Nos. fitted to all aircraft S/Nos. 51 and subsequent).

- (b) Check bush holes for elongation.

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4. Remove the overwing stressed skin panel and the fuel cell and inspect the lower areas of the fuel cell compartment for corrosion paying particular attention to the rear spar carry through, associated hardware brackets and doublers.

Compliance: Unless the requirements of Para 4 have already been accomplished; within 3 years after compliance with the previous issues of this Directive, but no later than 31 December 1990; thereafter at intervals not exceeding 3 years.

Background: Amendment 5 is the result of the discovery of severe corrosion of the spar internal angles and steel doublers that attach through to the wing attach fittings.

Your Airworthiness Sub-committee supports the intent of the A/D however we believe that the requirement is not necessarily the most cost effective (dollar wise or future wing life) means of inspection. To provide an approved alternative the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd (being the Certificate of Type Approval Holder) has engaged an Aeronautical Engineer to raise an Inspection Scheme to compliment the intent of the A/D and therefore ensure the continued airworthiness of the Airtourer aircraft. Owners will be issued a copy as soon as it is an approved document.

Your Sub-committee is keen to hear from owners with reports of any defects found in their aircraft at any time. We are endeavouring to collate a broad picture of the fleet condition. Please drop us a note to PO BOX 34, SUNBURY. 3429.

We will continue to publish in the Newsletter A/D's and related airworthiness matters for all members reference.

S G HILSBERG
for the Airworthiness Sub-committee

THE PRESIDENT'S FLY-IN 22nd and 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1990

REGISTRATION FEE

A \$25.00 Registration fee per person will be charged (Payable on arrival) to cover expenses, which will include meals (Saturday Lunch, Evening Barbecue and Sunday Lunch) plus transport to and from Motel.

ACCOMMODATION

"Clarinda Motel" has been pre-booked for the Fly-in. For those attending contact the motel direct to arrange your own accommodation. The phone No. is (068) 62 1655.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER

- 0900 onwards Arrival of Members, Guests and Visitors. Please register on arrival \$25.00 fee payable per head.
- 1200-1400 Lunch
- 1400 Local flying activities and general discussion with other visitors. Some flying displays may be organised.
- 1900 Social Evening and Barbecue at Parkes Aero Club.
- 2300 Transport to Motel.

SUNDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

- 0900 To be arranged
- 1200 Lunch at Aero Club. Departures to suit.

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A full report on the South Australian Fly-in to Goolwa over the Queen's Birthday weekend will be published in the next Newsletter. Congratulations to Glenn Sturges who certainly knows how to organise a top weekend.