

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

May 2003
Newsletter No.106



Dedicated to the preservation and continued airworthiness of VICTA and AESL Airtourer Series Aircraft



NEWSLETTER

<http://www.Airtourer.asn.au>

Editor, John O'Halloran	Mobile:	0411 968901 (SMS)
P.O. Box 778,	FAX:	(07) 54425180
Tewantin QLD 4565	Phone:	(07) 54476604
	Email	John_OH@Bigpond.com

Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter should be submitted direct to John O'Halloran at the contacts listed above. Please enclose payment for any advertisement. The next Newsletter will be published in August 2003. Contributions and or advertisements are to be with JOH by 15 July 2003.

Small advertisement (3 to 4 lines) \$10.00

Large advertisement \$20.00

Cheque to be made payable to the Airtourer Association. Post with copy direct to the publisher.

Editorial

What a great weekend the Silver Jubilee AGM was at Wangaratta! Thanks to the organising committee. Also thanks to the visitors from the UK and those members who made sure the Brits had a memorable time. Most of this Newsletter is devoted to covering Wangaratta.

Thanks to Margot Rayner and photographer Glen Alderton for the extensive coverage the Association received in AOPA magazine.

It seems that no Newsletter is complete without some mention of Flight Manuals. At this stage there is nothing further to report!

Safe Airtouring,
John O'Halloran

Cover Photo: Airtourer Super 150 VH-MWR owned by outgoing President Hugh Knox. In this photo Hugh is in the right seat with past VICTA Sale Manager Richard Sims flying formation. Photo thanks to Margot Rayner.

Disclaimer

The views expressed are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the Publishers, the Airtourer Association or the Airtourer Co-Operative Ltd.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

The Last Word on the AGM

Planning for the 25th AGM began last year and progressed over a 10 month period, for all who attended the AGM the depth of this preparation process should have been in clear evidence.

I would like to express my thanks to the AGM Committee, that is Beryl Marshall, Lindsay Marshall, Dot Ross, Jane Morris and Andy Morris for their hard work over the long period, their clear focus on the final objective and their willingness to disagree with me when the need arose.

Collectively we had to endure some very pleasant Sunday lunches in the best interests of the cause and I look back on them with considerable fondness.

The work of the AGM extended beyond the immediate committee and expanded as the AGM weekend approached. Many thanks to” :

Our excellent guest speakers Dick Sim and John Wynn.

Sue White for twisting the Wangaratta City's arm until they agreed to host a civic reception, which was a very pleasant introduction to the weekend.

Jack and Colleen Murray who prepared all the major event trophies.

Doug Stott maintained and updated the web page.

David Crotty researched and acquired the historic video material.

The aircraft Judges, Alan Wood, Ron Stiebel and David Crotty.

Our entertainers “Chris and Chris” from the UK and our own little talent bank “The Three Spinners”

Lastly, thanks to all of you who attended, in the end it was YOU that made it such a fantastic event.

Mike Fisher

Chairman AGM Organising Committee

Name Badges

Ron Stiebel is arranging some more Association name badges. These will be similar to the last lot, i.e. 80mm x 30mm with the enamel Airtourer badge at the left included under an epoxy bubble. More details and an order form will be enclosed with this Newsletter.

Some members placed orders with Ron at Wangaratta. The badge company advised that the number was too small and we request patience as those orders will be included with the next lot.

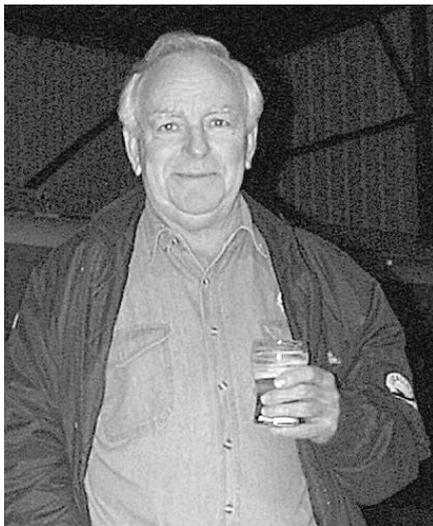
The New President.

Bill Pennell was elected President of the Association at the AGM in Wangaratta. Bill is a Marine Engineer who now works as a consultant.

Bill started flying when he was 20 and apart from the times when he was at sea has continued to the present. He encountered the Airtourer about 10 years ago when there was a 100 on the line at a local airfield. It looked an interesting aeroplane so Bill arranged to fly it. Bill's partner Lorraine Howson also flew the 100 but found the performance wanting in the Queensland summer.

About that time a T6, VH-XVV, appeared on the airfield but flew little. A local LAME mentioned to Bill that an extensive AD was due but the owner could not afford to have it done. Bill & Lorraine approached the owner and purchased a half share. About nine months later they purchased the remaining half. Since then they have put a lot of work into XVV and it now has a low time engine and three bladed propeller.

Bill and Lorraine are regular attendees at our fly-ins and we welcome Bill as the new President.



Kirkbride Airfield.

Kirkbride Airfield is an old wartime strip on the west coast of the UK. I landed there in 1999 on a visit to the 607 Group in Newcastle and it was the location of a UK Airtourer Fly-In. Much of the old wartime airfield is now farmland. The "tower" is manned on a volunteer basis by John Plaskett who provides a traffic information service and a warm welcome and cuppa to visitors, especially Airtourers. Unfortunately the airstrip has been effectively shut down while the farmland was quarantined due to "foot and mouth" disease.

While we have had our own problems with Type Certificates and Flight Manuals we have at least been able to keep flying. We wish John the best of luck in getting the airfield operating again, maybe with another Airtourer Fly-In.

25th ANNIVERSARY FLY-IN OF THE AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

By Margot Rayner

Last May, after a wait of almost two years, my latest wish came true and I was able to get a CT-4. My prime motive was to learn aerobatics to improve my flying, but I also wanted a touring aircraft with reasonable speed, endurance and interior space to replace my Grumman Tiger. Finding one hadn't been easy. None of the CT-4 owners in the Airtourer Association, all of whom I'd phoned at least once, had been willing to sell their aircraft. A few gave me some hope but, despite protracted follow-up, it was to no avail.

Eventually a non-member of the Association, Bill Antel of Murray Bridge, advertised his beautifully restored CT-4 for sale. After a few emails and phone calls to friends and LAMEs, I mailed a small, holding deposit the next day as I was unable to fly to South Australia until the following week. However, four or five would-be purchasers came out of the woodwork only a few hours later. Although my - as yet non-received - deposit was being honoured, I thought the only decent thing to do was to bite the bullet I so badly wanted to swallow anyway, and say I'd take it! As you can well imagine, I've had no regrets and nor, when I eventually told him, did my husband, Ben!

Owing to a broken arm, I was unable to attend the Airtourers' Parkes Fly-in last October. This year's Silver Jubilee Fly-in and An-

nual Convention at Wangaratta from 21-23 March became my first opportunity to meet so many of the members I'd been speaking to for years! Though I got cold feet at the thought of flying alone for even the short trip from Moruya, Ben virtually pushed me into the aircraft at midday on Friday, saying the weather was perfect and I'd better be off!

The first surprise was that there was no cigarette lighter for my hand-held GPS. But that caused no worries as I knew the route over Canberra to Tumut intimately and wouldn't need back-up for the first half of the trip. This gave me plenty of battery time after I turned it on.

The second surprise was the extent of the 'Canberra area' bushfires. There was nothing alive, not a blade of grass nor branch of a tree from Canberra's western suburbs, past Mt Stromlo and virtually to Tumut itself! For one who has lived through Canberra fires several times before, this was really shocking.

The rest of the journey was sunny and smooth, with fair winds and pleasant company (my own!) Eventually I reached Wangaratta where I'd not flown before and, surprisingly for a first-time airfield, didn't miss the airport! Andy Morris greeted me, directed me to a parking spot, and pointed me in the direction of registration and coffee. Both were welcome and



The original and some say the best. Four very original Airtourer 100s. Right to left: Graham King's MUP, Lindsay Marshall's MRF, Gerg Rutherford's MOC and Stu Krickauff's MVI.

efficiently handled by a team of willing workers led by Maureen Knox and Jane Morris.

From then on it was a hive of Airtourer activity. Following the surprise of a Friday-evening Mayoral reception given in the Association's honour, an occasion when we were able to try many fine, local wines, dinner that night (and on the Saturday) was the best I've ever had at a fly-in. All credit to the organisers as well as the local chefs!

Apart from socialising over food were the countless discussions with pilots, owners and Vica Airtourer enthusiasts spread among four motels in the heart of town. At last, I got to meet the celebrated Alan Wood with whom I'd spoken on many occasions about the purchase of CT-4s, Airtourers and even, at one stage, a British Bulldog. His advice was always excellent as can be seen by the final choice of aircraft I made. So I found it thoroughly deserved that he received an award during the

weekend's celebrations for 'the greatest contribution to the Airtourer,' for his development of long-range tanks.

Other discussions included chats with a group of eleven supporters from the UK. Members will recall that four of them attended the Mildura AGM two years ago. This enthusiasm for 'Down-Under' may merely be a desire to escape the British weather. Apparently, of four Airtourer events planned in the U.K. during 2002, only one was not washed out!

On Saturday morning, we worked off the Friday dinner with a hectic walk along the river banks. No prize is offered for guessing the subject of most discussions! I found out some useful information about ADs on the CT-4 and also met Stan Tilley whom readers no doubt recognise as an experienced, Tassie aerobatics pilot. I was pretty excited about his offer to take me up later that day for some formation flying. (By the way, when, on Sunday, I

did the same walk alone, I was amazed at the size of the ancient eucalypts beside the creek which I'd not noticed when in full conversational flight!)

While Stan and others attended a Committee Meeting, the remaining hundred or so devotees headed out to the airport. Really fascinating was an inspection of the early warbirds being restored in Murray Griffith's hangar. Some of the repair equipment he has is overwhelming but actually getting it into the hangar must have been even more so! A fringe benefit was a guided walk around the Mirage (remaining from the Drage Airworld collection, I presume) conducted by John O'Halloran. John developed a deep affection and knowledge of this aircraft during 15 years in the RAAF and conveyed much of his obsession to those of us present. The Mirage is no longer merely an-

other abstract fighter for me now and I owe that to John.

Another interesting 'walk and talk' was given by Mike Fisher whose restoration of his Airtourer took a decade of dedication. At the same time, aeroplanes were taking off for short flights including Des Heffernan's Aircruiser C-210. I hope soon to be taking up his invitation to the Frog's Hollow strip near Bega, though we are having some wet weather here on the East Coast at last!

In the afternoon, John O'Halloran organised a formation flight of four Airtourers. Stan Tilley generously took me along for the experience of 50 minutes in formation, in rather tough and bumpy conditions for the four pilots. Stan is certainly a splendid pilot. We were No 3 in the formation and, despite the exhilaration of watching Stan's skill at manoeuvre-

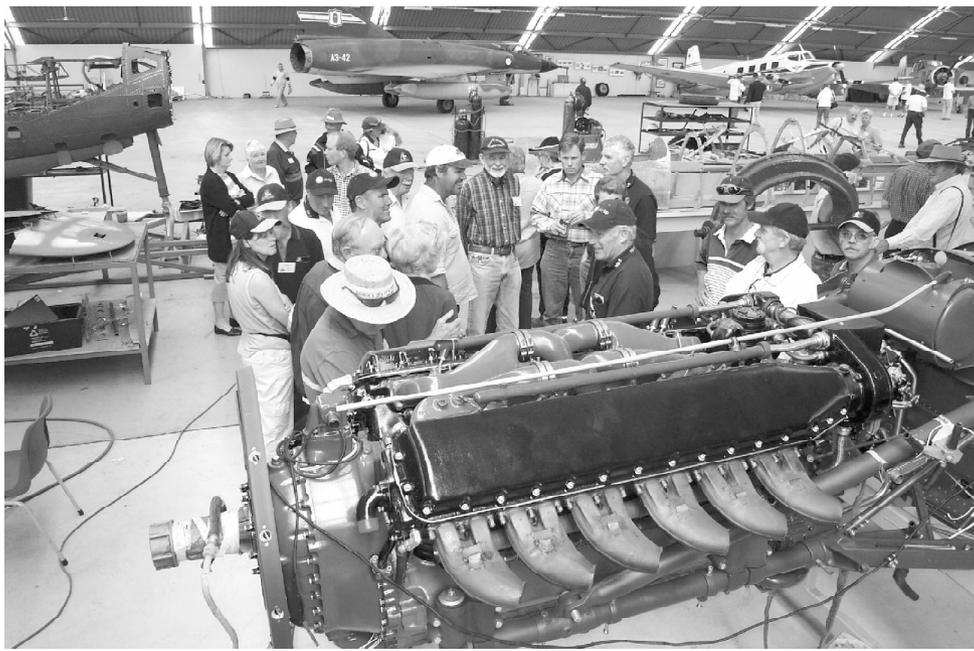


Roy Riddle with an old friend, a P40 Kittyhawk under restoration. It will probably end up in better condition than any Roy flew during the war.



Above: The 607 Group from Newcastle in the UK. L to R: Bill Beavis, John Calvert, Ian Lumsden, John Smithson and Barry Edmondson.

Below: Murry Griffith's restoration hangar. In the foreground is a P40, on the left is an Aerocobra and in the background the remains of the Drage Museum, a Mirage III on loan from the RAAF, a Drover and a Winjeel.



ving the aircraft, I spent rather a lot of time with my eye behind the camera lens taking shots of the other aircraft and of Glenn Alderton and Graham Wood in Graham's Cessna, the photo ship. No sooner had Stan landed and refuelled than he was away up in the air giving a super aerobatics display.

As mentioned briefly, the Convention Dinner was delicious but the company and entertainment something again. Unused to either English Airtourers, who produced an amazing folk song duo, or to the Aussie wives with their St Trinian's variety act, I found my ribs aching with laughter before the night was out. All too soon, Sunday duty called me back to the farm where my husband couldn't stay for the animals' evening meal. Sadly, I withdrew from the last day's trip to Beechworth. Stowing the first trophy I've ever won, I tossed my ample luggage into the back and taxied out with a heap of exciting memories. My early return home was warranted. After dreams of the Airtourer Association's warm welcome to their group of 25 years' standing, I was greeted at dawn on Monday by the birth of a Highland calf.



Above: Hugh Knox and Christine Scholfield cutting the Jubilee cake.
Below: Mike Fisher describing the restoration of BNV.



AIRTOURER

CARY, Paul PCC
 COUZIN, Harry & EMERY, Ralph TPY
 DALRYMPLE, Allan CND
 DAVIES, Richard & Veronica RIC
 DONOVAN, Ian MKL
 DOW, Doug BQK
 EVANS, Rick & Deb IOF
 FISHER, Mike BNV
 HALL, David & STURGES, Glen UQX
 HEFFERNAN, Des & Val MVR
 HERRMANN, John & Pamela LVV
 HOWSON, Lorraine & PENNELL, Bill XVV
 KING, Graeme MUP
 KIRKUP, Barry & Gillian WLK
 KNOX, Hugh & Maureen MWR
 KRICHAUFF, Stuart & Patricia MVI
 LAWSON, Gerry & Pam MTI
 MATTHEWS, Tony & Liz EQA
 MERRIDEW, Roger & Neroli ECI
 MORRIS, Andy & Jane FVV
 MURRAY, Frank & Jean CKE
 O'HALLORAN, John & Jan Car & COI
 PEAK, Bob & Pat EQG
 PHILLIPS, Fenton MRF
 RAYNER, Margot CTN
 RIDDEL, Roy & Judy OVV
 RUTHERFORD, Greg & Glenis MOC
 RYAN, David SHR
 SHEEHAN, John & GOWING, Robert, KHP
 SLATER, Bevan + Uncle Frank MRI
 TILLEY, Stan & Bonnie MTL
 TREBLE, John & Doreen CRK
 WALLACE, Murray & Andrea CTK
 WOOD, Alan & Merle MUL
 HILSBURG, Stuart COI
 McWHAE, Brian Share MVR

UFO

BONS, Peter with P Reiss
 DONE, Drew & Judy, Falco DJD

HUPFELD, Peter & Bernardine ufo
 McCREADY Steve & PARRY Scott TXL
 REISS, Phil HPR
 WHEELER, Keith with G Wood
 WOOD, Graham & MARTIN, Lorraine
 HOOD, Alex, Cessna

CAR

BAYLIFF, Rodger (UK) and DI GIULIO, Elaine
 BEAVIS, Bill & Marian (UK)
 BECKWITH, Doug & Frances
 BLEMINGS, Hector & Wendy
 BLOOMFIELD, George & Reba
 CALVERT, John (UK)
 CROTTY, David
 DAVIDSON, Dean & BOYCE, Cheryl
 EDMONDSON, Barry (UK)
 FANKHAUSER, Frank & WILLIAMS, Gwen
 HART, Alan (UK)
 HOPGOOD, Jack & ARTHUR, Eric
 KIRKUP, Warren & Betty
 LUMSDEN, Ian & Doreen (UK)
 MARSHALL, Lindsay & Beryl
 McKINNON, Dawn (L Howson's friend)
 MILLER, William
 MURRAY, Jack & Colleen
 PENFOUND, George & Mele
 ROCHE, Marjorie - Public Transport
 ROSS, Dot
 SAGE, Elaine
 SCHOLFIELD, Chris & Chris (UK) Train
 SIMS, Richard
 SMITHSON, John (UK)
 STIEBEL, Ron & SCRUSE, Denise
 STOTT, Doug & WHITE, Sue
 WEARNE, David & Sandy
 WYNN, John & David

Prizes and Awards Presented at AGM

Secret Time of Arrival - CRK - Frank & Jean Murray
Longest Distance - RIC - Richard & Veronica Davies
Airtourer to the Marque - MOC - Greg & Glennis Rutherford
Best Presented Airtourer - KHP - John Sheehan (Photo Below on left)
Best Presented CT4 - CTN - Margot Rayner (Photo right)
Glen Sturges award - Most effort to attend - the UK visitors.
The most inovative and useful modification to an Airtourer to Alan Wood for the Long Range Tank.
Presentation made to Hugh and Maureen Knox in appreciation of their devotion as President and first lady.
Sue White for organising Civic Reception.





WORLDWIDE

YOU HAVE TO CALL THEM TO

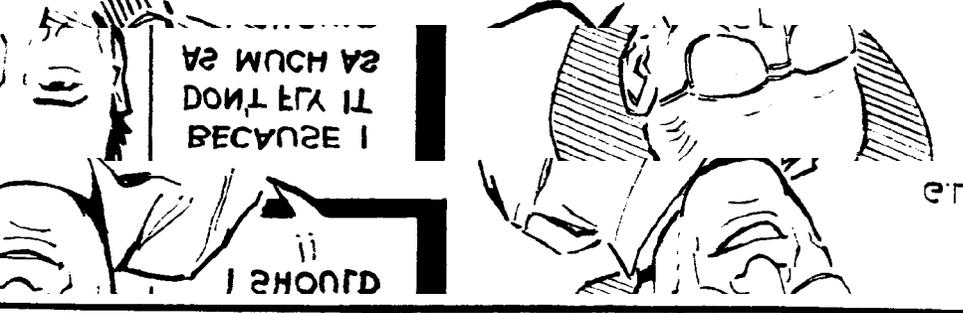
WORLDWIDE

ATTENTION WITH THE
A DEATH
SOME OF
GOT SOME



IT'S PROBABLY

it him



I BECAUSE I
IT YEAH IT
AS MUCH AS

I SHOULD

THE ORIGINAL AIRTOURER | "AWARD" EXTENSION "A" & "B" |



Above: Deborah Evans and Doreen Treble.
Below: David and Sandy Wearne.





Above: The “Three Spinners” entertaining the crowd on Saturday night. L to R. Jan O’Halloran, Liz Matthews and Beryl Marshall. (Yes they are WAC chart aprons!)

Below Left: Guest speaker Richard Sims. **Below Right:** Lorraine Howson describing the climb gradient of a Victa 100 when Bill Pennell first introduced her to Airtourers.





Above: Chris & Christine Scholfield folk song duo.

Left: The organising committee. L to R. Beryl & Lindsay Marshall, Doug Stott, Andy and Jane Morris, Sue White, Mike Fisher and Dot Ross.

Opposite Top. The UK round table. Top clockwise: John Calvert, Barry Edmondson, John Smithson, Chris & Christine Scholfield (standing), Ian and Doreen Lumsden, Marian & Bill Beavis, Rodger Bayliff and Elaine Di Giulio.

Opposite Lower: A group of questionable sanity at the Lunatics walk!



THE "SHERIFF OF LOCKINGTON" GOT 'EM, & HERSELF!

On Sunday of the 25th AGM the Sheriff was seen fining several people for "misdemeanours" or "mr.demeanours", which should be revealed as to why the Royal Flying Doctor Service was given \$129.35 - a wonderful amount and thanks to those who dug deep to support a good cause. Several people on the bus travelling back from Beechworth to Wangaratta offered money rather than be publicly accused of crimes, then at the Pinsent Hotel that evening the Sheriff fined the following people for the following crimes (she cannot remember them all - there were so many!):

On Friday:

- Mike Fisher left his lunch at home.
- Ron Stiebel - Lost his registration form and sent on scrap of paper with no information except number of night's staying and possibly where - he had to be phoned for details - forgot his name tags - made a mess of writing name tags, writing Denise Stiebel instead of Scrusel!? (Should we get suspicious?)
- Jean Murray must have wished son Wayne was with her, she wrote "Wayne" on name tag instead of "Frank".
- Murray and Andrea Wallace have been members for 10 years and this is their first Airtourer AGM.
- Alan Hart when he got his name tag put it in his pocket, then lost it and needed another the next day.

At Friday's Civic Reception:

- Gwen Williams not satisfied with the wine, wanted a sweeter variety - and got it.
- The Sheriff had to fine herself for allowing her mobile phone to ring during the Mayor's speech!, then lost her Sheriff's badge, which was later found with the assistance of English detective Mrs. Chris Scholfield.

At Friday's dinner:

- Fran Beckwith for spilling her wine on Dot Ross' dress.
- Gillian Kirkup for 'throwing' her wine at her husband! (Was Barry or the wine not sweet enough?)
- Liz Matthews for calling Dot Ross "Dorothy".
- The Sheriff for throwing water over Richard Davies head - or did she think he needed baptising?

Sunday's fines:

- A few 100hp Airtourer Pilots were seen unloading their pockets with coin so they could get off the ground!
- Peter Hupfeld paid a good fine, and so he should have, for paying some of his registration in coin!
- "The Phantom" for playing wrong notes on his Violin, and many other misdemeanours - too numerous to mention.
- David Hall for bringing "The Phantom" to the AGM.
- Bill Pennell for saying "yes" - to the Presidency.

- Lorraine Howson for letting him say “yes”.
 - Dawn McKinnon for not knowing where Lockington is. (That was nearly punishable by a flogging!)
 - John and Doreen Treble for good behaviour - couldn't find any fault with them!, and that applied to Lindsay Marshall (of course!), and a few others.
 - Fenton Phillips for having the “Three Spinners” in his motel room (he's upset he wasn't there too!).
 - Sue White for taking the dog to the Vet instead of Doug!
 - Hugh Knox for being a good President.
 - Maureen Knox for being a good President's wife.
- The dinner at the Pinsent Hotel was a good finale to a great weekend, with 82 enjoying a tasty bistro meal. In recognition of Bill and Marian Beavis' 29th wedding anniversary Jan and Beryl serenaded them with “The Wedding Night” song, using the new president, Bill, who was a **purrrfect** dummy. When the hotel lights dimmed to going out we finally got the message and headed back to the motels.
- Monday came too quickly and departures ended what was a great weekend. The organising Committee met for lunch and felt very pleased with the whole weekend, and hope all who attended had a great time and will come back to other fly-ins, no matter what size scale it is on.
-

Co-Op News

The Co-Op AGM held at Wangaratta on 23rd March 2003 was one of the most important in it's history. The motion to change the Co-Op from one with share capital to one without share capital was passed. The matter is now with the relevant Government department and the Directors should contact all shareholders shortly with details on returning their share capital. Additionally the Directors will call for applications for membership of the newly structured Co-Op.

Hugh Knox briefed the shareholders on the negotiation with the administrators of Millicer Aircraft Industries. The Co-Op has formally advised the administrator that the conditions of the original agreement have not been met, especially the requirement to produce an Airtourer for sale within five years. The administrator believes that this requirement has been met!

The next step is to commence court action. This will be an expensive but necessary step as all other avenues to recover what the Co-Op believe is rightfully theirs have failed. A number of shareholders advised the meeting that the Co-Op may retain their share capital to help fund the legal fight.

Some members have reported receiving emails regarding raising funds to support the Co-Op legal action. The Co-Op advised that this has not been originated by the Directors. Any official communication will be clearly identified as being from the Co-Op and will be signed.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association (Inc.) held at Wangaratta on 23rd March 2003

Present: Mr. Hugh Knox President
Mr. Ron Stiebel Vice President
Mrs. Colleen Murray Treasurer
Mr. John O'Halloran Secretary
Mr. Stan Tilley
Mr. Alan Wood
Mr. Andy Morris
and 56 members. (List attached as Annex A)

Apologies: 16 members. (List attached as Annex A)

The President opened the meeting at 9:10AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were published in the May 2002 Association Newsletter.

Moved Ron Stiebel, seconded Stan Tilley that the Minutes be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

Aircraft Flight Manuals.

The Flight Manual issue had been covered extensively in the Newsletters. While new Flight Manuals have been issued by Edge Aviation they did not adequately cover many Airtourers as they exist today. Flight Manual supplements are required to cover the modifications particularly upgraded engines. These Supplements were drafted by the Association and are currently with CASA for approval. The time required to have these Supplements approved exceeded CASA's latest deadline and the Association made a case to CASA for an extension. Despite some opposition from within CASA, Capt. Mick Toller as Director of Aviation Safety, issued an exemption as reported in the February 2003 Newsletter. Further updates on these Supplements will be included in the Newsletter.

Liability Insurance.

The Secretary reported that with the general difficulty in obtaining public liability insurance in the general community the NSW Government Department of Fair Trading has dropped the requirement for incorporated organisations to hold public liability insurance. There was some discussion as to whether the Association should continue such insurance and the matter will be further considered within the Committee.

Action. Secretary

Reports

President's Report

Hugh Knox confirmed that this would be his last report as President. He advised that the Airtourer Co-Operative was taking a significant amount of his time with the change in its structure and the fight to regain control of the Type Certificate. Nevertheless, he had enjoyed his time as President especially working with and the support from the members. The Airtourer was very much a part of his and Maureen's life. He also thanked Maureen for her patience when the Association took up his time and her support in organising the Fly-Ins.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Colleen Murray presented the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, included at Annex B. She advised that the increased expenditure for trophies was due to a new mould for the brass Airtourer models and artwork for the badges mounted on the trophies.

Proposed Ron Stiebel, seconded Rick Evans that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be accepted and that any two Committee Members be authorised to make the necessary certifications as required by the Department of Fair Trading.

Carried.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that correspondence during the year was routine and not requiring the attention of a General Meeting. Most correspondence related to membership enquiries.

Membership was slightly less than last year at 163 with three overseas not renewing and at least another three having sold their aircraft. Six new members had joined in the last year.

General Business

Statement Regarding Airworthiness Support.

John O'Halloran addressed the meeting in the role of an individual owner who had been involved with the AFM and Type Certificate issues. He reported receiving correspondence that asserted that if it were not for the efforts of Edge Aviation the Airtourer type was in danger of being grounded as a consequence of not having new FMs. While this was an Airtourer Co-Operative matter he wished the following facts be noted in the official records of the Association.

After Millicer Aircraft Industries went into administration, the Airtourer Co-Operative was licenced to fulfil the airworthiness support requirements of the Type Certificate holder. Writing new Flight Manuals to satisfy changed CASA requirements was the major airworthiness task. The Co-Op was well advanced in this task and had Flight Manuals drafted and a Flight

Manual workshop planned for the AGM in May 2002. The administrator cancelled the agreement prior to that AGM, nevertheless the draft AFMs were presented at the AGM. It was reasonable to expect that the new FMs would have been CASA approved by the August 2002 deadline. The Airtourer type was not in danger of being grounded.

Name Badges

Ron Stiebel advised that new Association name badges would be ordered. He showed the meeting samples and requested anyone wishing to order them contact him during the weekend. An additionally notice would be included in the Newsletter for those members not attending the meeting.

Association History

Doug Stott reminded the Association that he had been Historian for some time and requested that any member interested in taking over the honorary position make themselves known. He also advised that he was considering writing a history of the Airtourer and requested guidance on the Association's policy regarding use of Association historical records in what was essentially a private venture. The Association had at various times considered writing such a history and the Committee would consider it along with Doug's request.

Action: Committee.

Election of the New Committee

The number of nominations received was the same as the number of vacancies as defined by the Model Rules and therefore no vote was required. Although Hugh Knox retired as President, Bill Pennell had accepted nomination. The Committee is as follows:

President	Mr. Bill Pennell
Vice President	Mr. Ron Stiebel
Treasurer	Mrs. Colleen Murray
Secretary	Mr. John O'Halloran
	Mr. Alan Wood
	Mr. Stan Tilley
	Mr. Andy Morris

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 09:40 AM.

Airtourer Association Annual General Meeting

Wangaratta 21st to 23rd March 2003-04-23

Statement of Receipts and expenditure 1 March 02 to 28 Feb 03

Receipts		Expenditure	
Credit Balance	4,532.66	Credit Balance	8,758.90
Membership Fees	4,843.59	Bank Fees	90.20
Shirts Caps etc.	64.00	Shirts Caps etc.	74.10
AGM Port Macquarie	5,515.00	AGM Port Macquarie	5,401.50
AGM Wangaratta	5,000.00	AGM Wangaratta	300.00
President's Fly-In Parkes	3,126.00	President's Fly-In Parkes	2,643.50
Advertisements - Newsletter	30.00	Banner	418.00
		AOPA	120.00
		Newsletter	3,851.00
		Newsletter Postage etc.	815.29
		Stationary	86.26
		Trophies	540.40
Total	23,099.25	Total	23,099.25

Reconciliation	
Credit Balance	8,758.90
Investment Account	
(Includes \$485.87 interest	
after tax. Matures May 03)	16,725.91
'T'Shirts	910.00
1 A/D VAT 30	120.00
Total	26,514.81

Colleen Murray
Treasurer

Calendar of Events

President's Fly-In 2003

29th - 31st August 2003

Dubbo

Provisional program

Friday 30th August	-	Arrivals, dinner at major motel.
Saturday	-	Free. More arrivals and local flying etc.
Saturday Evening	-	Dinner at Zoo Conference Centre
Sunday AM	-	Bus Tour of Zoo.
Sunday PM	-	Flying, and departures.
Sunday Evening	-	Dinner for stayers!

The Association is negotiating a deal with the Council regarding the landing fee. It will most likely be a single fee equivalent to one landing for the weekend paid out of the registration fee. Final details and information on accommodation, landing fee and MBZ procedures will be included with the membership renewals in June.

Welcome

Deb Evans from Cairns. Deb and long time member husband Rick own Airtourer 115 IOF.

Updated UK Members List. At Wangaratta, UK representative Chris Scholfield, pointed out that a number of UK members were not included in the membership list. The following is an update.

Mark Hillier, David Henson, Alan Smart, John Sproat and **Simon Fage** form the Halton group with AT100 G-ATEX. G-ATEX went in for a paint job some time ago but a number of maintenance issues were discovered. It should be flying again soon.

Ian Lumsdon is a member of the 607 Group at Newcastle and attended Wangaratta.

Roger Bayliff is a partner with Alan Hart in G-AZOF and was also at Wangaratta.

Laurence Day from New Barn in Kent flies Super 150 G-AZHI.

Croydon Parry from Clapham in London is a social member.