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The next Newsletter will be published in August 2015. Contributions and or advertisements are to be with JOH by 15 July 2015.

Advertisements are free for current members.

Editorial

Preparing this issue has been a combination of ups and downs. The success of the Convention at Bathurst has been tempered with the recent news of the passing of John Treble. Enjoy the report of the Bathurst weekend and we'll remember John in more detail in the next issue.

Safe Airtouring,

John O'Halloran

Cover Photo: The cover is a recent photo of John Treble with his immaculate Airtourer Super 150, CRK. Sadly John passed away on 18th May after a battle with cancer. Since he was unable to attend the Bathurst convention, the Association sent flowers. The following was his reply:

Thank you all so much for your kind thoughts and concerns to send me flowers which certainly lifted my spirits and cheered me up no end. Sorry I had to miss the Bathurst AGM but I guess you have to miss one sometime.

Late last year I encountered some unexpected Turbulence, (within the Pancreas area) which we're dealing with as best we can at this time. Warm regards and best wishes to every member of the Airtourer Association.

John served the Association over many years as Newsletter Editor, Treasurer and, in more recent times, as President. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts go out to Doreen at this difficult time.

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From The President

No. 9

Given that my report delivered at this year's AGM was very brief, I would like to use the President's message in this edition to report to all members.

If someone were to tell the people you see at the supermarket that you had just flown your light aircraft to some distant place, enjoyed non-stop entertainment, had been driven from place to place without effort, consumed plentiful good food and drink in company with a great group of people for a long weekend would they believe you?

But this is what a large number of us have just done at the Bathurst Convention.

In my first utterance to the members as President I identified what I considered to be the most important guiding principles for the administration of your Association. Call it a mission statement if you wish, but they were;

- Firstly to undertake the Association affairs in a businesslike manner.
- To be financially responsible.
- Stick to what we do best. The primary business of the Association is to conduct enjoyable and successful events for its members.
- But also to support safe flying and Airtourer ownership through education and information.
- Lastly let us never forget that above all else the Association is a Flying Organisation!

Restating these principals is necessary if we are to take a look at ourselves to assess our success in achieving our objectives. So far, how have we done?

Thanks to the work of your Committee the Association has never been more financially secure and continues to run its full calendar of enjoyable events to the enjoyment of all. We continue to inform our members via a first rate website and regular newsletter.

There is one exception. Generally, our attempts to become an educational organisation have failed. The recent survey of members indicated little interest in this subject when compared to high standards of food. The evidence on the ground has been the same.

No more education!

Our relationship with the RFDS has had a slow start, but the Bathurst AGM endorsed the Committee recommendation for this year's donation of \$1000 to the RFDS.

The donation is the sum of specific fund-raising throughout the year as well as from Association funds.



Members need to be become fully informed of the latest CASA “airworthiness initiative”, the Orwellian titled Proposed Airworthiness Directive PAD/PROP/1 Amendment 3.

Constant speed propellers fitted to Airtourers are in most cases manufactured by Hartzell but there are at least two MT installations. The owners of these a/c will be familiar with the time based overhaul periods falling due with relative few hours flown.

The proposed AD will extend this calendar life limit between overhauls to six years for all propellers **including fixed pitch**.

- Do not think that someone else will take this fight up on your behalf?
- Find a copy of this document on the CASA web site and read it.
- If you are happy, do nothing.
- If you are not happy I recommend writing to the Minister, Warren Truss, demanding an explanation as to why this imposition is being placed on you and what are the justifications.

If CASA get away with this, the next cab off the rank will be a similar amendment to AD ENG/4 to require us to “inspect” our engines at the manufacturers recommended calendar TBO for engines – 12 years. That exercise has been an “active project” on the CASA website since 2012. The cost of this prop AD will pale into insignificance compared with having to bulk strip engines every 12 years.

Frankly I believe CASA’s logo of “safe skies for all” is code for driving private flying out of the skies. The combined effect of the control cable retirement AD, SIDS, ADSB-out, PBN and prop/engine “inspections” every 6/12 years will be make the cost of private VH aircraft ownership untenable for all but its most dedicated and wealthy participants.

Our next event is the Winter Lunch, this year being held at Kyneton. We will be lunching in one of the many eating houses in historic Piper Street. Anyone wishing to fly down can be collected and returned to the airfield, the same if you need a lift from the railway station.

Final details will be on the website and in this Newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mike Fisher

Convention 2015 - Bathurst

John O'Halloran

The events committee once again ventured away from the traditional venues by selecting Bathurst for our convention this year. Previously, locations such as Bathurst had been avoided due to concern about weather and elevation. While the weather did intervene on one occasion it was mostly fine, which in combination with interesting activities, resulted in a most successful and enjoyable weekend.

Bathurst, about 200km west of Sydney, had the distinction of being Australia's first inland settlement when it was founded in 1815. The Airtourer Association Convention was officially part of the bicentenary celebrations.

The English settlement at Sydney

was established in 1788 but westward expansion was constrained by the vertical escarpments of the Blue Mountains. As the colony expanded there was more and more demand for farming land, especially after the droughts of 1812 and 1813. Eventually, after a number of attempts, Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson found a route through the mountains by following the ridge lines to a point south of what is now Lithgow. Lawson commented, "It was the best watered country of any I have seen in the Colony." Subsequently Governor Macquarie commissioned construction of a road using convict labour. The western terminus of that road was named after the Secretary of State for War and



Mike Fisher's guided historic walk. L to R. Jackie Brown, Mike Fisher, Monique Gillett, Jan O'Halloran, Pat and Bob Peak, Murray Wallace, Liz Matthews and Peter Bons.

the Colonies, Henry Bathurst.

The Airtourer arrivals on Friday were greeted to fine weather although there was broken cloud over the ranges to the east. A warm welcome and refreshments were provided by the local Bathurst Aero Club.

Considering the historical nature of Bathurst, President Mike Fisher initiated the first activity of the weekend by leading us on a historic walk through the central part of the city. The stroll took us past various workers cottages, terrace houses and even the occasional mansion show casing the rich and diverse heritage of Bathurst.

Friday evening's gathering was at the intriguingly named Ribbon Gang Lane, the site of the first hanging in Bathurst.

The early Australian colony, being a convict settlement, was a wild and harsh place. In September 1830 a group of convicts escaped from a farm near Bathurst and created havoc bushranging, murdering and horse stealing. Freeing other convicts they eventually grew in number to about 80 in what was known as the Bathurst Rebellion. Justice in the fledgling colony was swift and harsh with the ring leaders captured and hanged at Ribbon Gang Lane.

The dinner venue was at the Church Bar, one of Bathurst's oldest buildings, originally the Anglican Church School House. However, on arrival the staff had not heard of an Airtourer Association booking despite promises by Mike that tables had been reserved. The mystery was solved after a quick walk around discovered a number of tables were reserved for the Kyneton Laundry, which

happens to be Mike's business address. (Note to webmaster: Please create an email address president@airtourer.asn.au so Mike doesn't have to use his business email address.)



It was an enjoyable evening of gourmet wood fired pizzas with local brews. Unfortunately it was not without casualties. The uneven levels of an old building caused Stan Tilley to take a fall and on the walk home Jan O'Halloran fell (literally) victim to unlit and uneven footpaths. Dr. Doug Dow found himself practising medicine rather than aviation the next morning.

Other members obviously enjoyed themselves in other ways on the walk home as there were reports of 'pole dancing' around lampposts.





Ian Close, Sue Harris and Jackie Brown



David Crotty enjoying a wood fired pizza with Sheridan and Chris Wilson.



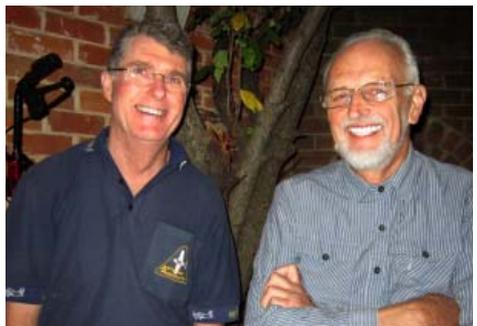
*Three of the Events Committee proving they **can** organize a booze up in a brewery.*



L to R: Gerald & Sue Smith, Gerry Pels and Liz Matthews. Gerald and Sue enjoyed the weekend so much they joined the Association. Welcome!



Bob & Pat Peak with David Wearne and Alan Wood.



John O'Halloran & Ross McBride



Group photo at Rylstone. Sitting L to R, Sheridan and Chris Wilson, David West, Lyn Butler, Judy Riddel. Standing, Sue Harris, Ian Close, Bob West, Gerry Pels, Liz Matthews and Robert Zweek.



Doug Dow receiving the award for Best Presented Airtourer from Alan Wood.



Taylor Anderson, Pam Zweek, Alan & Merle Wood share a joke.



Monique Gillett presenting her Secretary's Report at the AGM.



Judy Riddel & Lyn Butler enjoying a rest at Mayfield Garden.

Saturday kicked off with a hearty and traditional breakfast of bacon, eggs and damper at the Crago Mill Cafe. Originally the site of a mill which operated from 1906 to the mid 1950s, it fell into disrepair. In recent years it was restored as a heritage building and now hosts a cafe and antiques business. While the antiques made interesting browsing, the weight limitations of the Airtourer discouraged purchases.

The main event for Saturday was a fly away lunch to Rylstone. After a thorough brief by John Day covering the various options of runways at Rylstone and how to arrive and depart while missing each other and not jamming the radio, the flock of Airtourers departed. Remember those clouds over the ranges to the east the previous day? They were still there.

Rylstone is 42NM NNE of Bathurst and while of a similar elevation, the intervening terrain rose to 3,700ft with a cloud base of 3,500ft. The neat line of Airtourers proceeding in a orderly manner quickly dispersed as some went west to flatter terrain while others went east in the knowledge that the railway line to Kandos followed a valley. Diversions and tracks varied with pilot experience and passenger comfort with a number returning to Bathurst. While there were a number of different outcomes, all ended up being safely executed so overall, all decisions were correct.

In the end, six aircraft and two cars made it to Rylstone. Special mention must go to the drivers Robert Zweck and Peter Bons as the 42NM direct line translated into many more km of winding road.

A barbecue lunch was provided by the Rylstone and Kandos Volunteer Res-

cue Association although there was quite a bit of food left over.

The highlight of the weekend was of course the Convention Dinner. A sumptuous meal of hors d'oeuvres, followed by a two course buffet was served in a large function room that allowed ample opportunity for mixing. The courses were punctuated by presentations. The traditional bottle of wine for newcomers and the Best Presented Airtourer trophy was awarded to Doug Dow. This was a fitting reward for the work Doug has put into BQK over recent years.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation by long standing member David Crotty. David has extensive experience as a curator at Museum Victoria, the RAAF Museum and the Australian War Memorial. He is currently the curator of the Qantas Heritage Collection and gave us an entertaining and informative presentation on the collection.

On Sunday morning, with the AGMs completed in almost record time, there remained a challenge to drag the members away from the impressive morning tea spread provided by the Bathurst Aero Club.

No visit to Bathurst would be complete without a lap around Mt Panorama, probably the best known motor racing track in Australia. The first races were held in 1911 but it was not until 1938 that it was officially developed as a motor racing venue. With the exception of the war years it has been an active race track ever since with two major events each year, the 12 hour race in February and the Bathurst 1000 in October.

Being a street circuit it is open to the public outside racing events but with

a strictly enforced speed limit of 60 kph. Before hitting the track we visited the National Motor Racing Museum with its impressive collection of racing memorabilia and racing machines, both two and four wheeled. After a video presentation we headed off around the circuit in two buses, now fully informed on the history and challenges of the track, but at a very leisurely pace. Over the treacherous top of the mountain Niels Jensen managed a successful passing manoeuvre on Jon Pels driving the other bus.

After the excitement of motor racing a peaceful lunch was in order. The venue was Mayfield Gardens, one of the world's largest privately owned cool climate gardens. Covering 160 acres within a 5,000 acre working farm, it was inspired by the grandeur of English country garden

estates. Construction commenced in the mid 1990s and it was first opened to the public in 2008. Such was the response that it opened more frequently to the point where it went to seven days a week in 2014. The gardens now include a visitor experience centre including a nursery and cafe. Other features include an 80m water cascade, blue stone bridge and obelisk pond.

A light and healthy lunch was followed by a relaxing walk through the various gardens. Eventually it was time to return to Bathurst and for those remaining one final pub dinner at Stumpy's Bistro.

A most successful event, with ample interesting activities at a new venue. Well done and thanks to Mike and the Events Committee and thanks also to the Bathurst Aero Club for their hospitality.



Enjoying the peace and tranquillity of Mayfield Garden. Left, Andrew Clement and John Day. Above, Jon Pels and Jane Morris seated with Monique Gillett, Beryl Marshall, Jan O'Halloran, Andy Morris and Gerry Lawson standing.



Doug Dow's Airtourer 115, VH-BQK, winner of the Best Presented Airtourer Award.

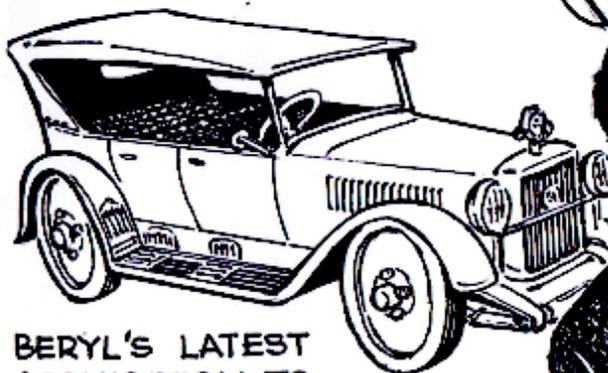
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Gerry Pels	DWT	Beryl Marshall	Car
George Penfound/Pat Sheil	MWR	Ian Close & Sue Harris	VVZ
Neil Jensen	CTK	Col Taylor	MRL
Stan & Bonney Tilley	MTL	Robert & Pamela Zweck and Taylor Anderson	Car
Jane & Andy Morris	FVV	Murray Wallace	CTK
Mike Fisher & Jackie Brown	BNV	Gerry Lawson	MTI
Jon & Rebecca Day	VRT	Chris & Sheridan Wilson	RQH
Peter Coy	Sportstar	Hugh & Maureen Knox	Car
Andrew & Sharon Clement	KGR	David Crotty	Car
Ross McBride	CNO	Peter Bons	Car
John & Jan O'Halloran	COI	David Wearne	WAU
Liz Matthews	CAR	Graham & Lorraine Wood	Car
Lyn Butler & Judy Riddel	Car	Alan & Merle Wood	Car
Jon & Mon Pels	LVU	Phillip Usher	Car
Bob & Pat Peak	EQG	Robert & David West	MVA

THE BATHURST



STAN'S LOW LEVEL "IMPROMPTU" PIZZA MANOEUVRE

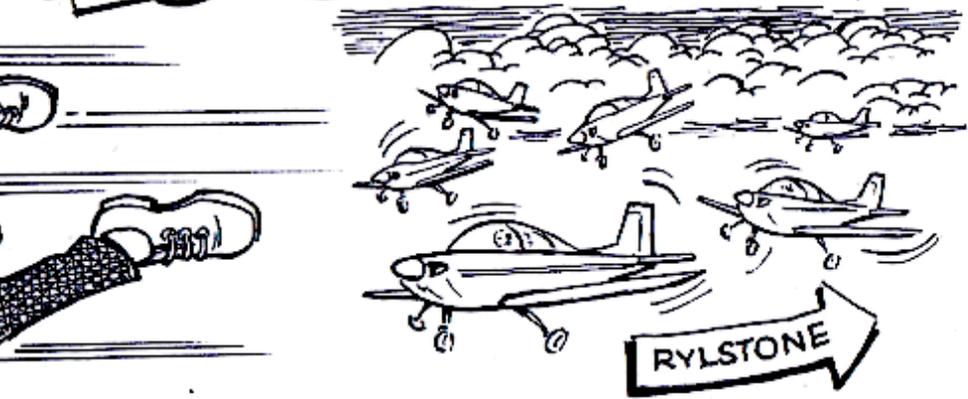
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ... IS IT FROM THE MOTOR MUSEUM? THAT'S A FINE FOR YOU!



BERYL'S LATEST ACQUISITION TO HER FORMULA TEAM



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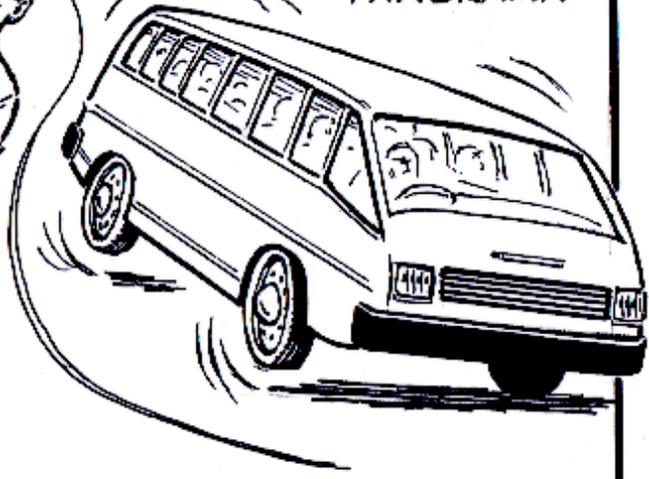


RETURN TO POLL POSITION



THE AIRTOURERS
POLE DANCERS ?

QUALIFYING LAP
AT MOUNT
PANORAMA





Group photo at Mayfield Garden

Heard At the Hangar Door.

Jan & John O'Halloran recently visited NZ and caught up with Life Member **Cliff Tait** and his wife Joyce. Cliff's flying these days is limited to Microsoft Flight Simulator including a model of Miss Jacy, ZK-CXU, the Airtourer 115 that he flew around the world.



CT4 owner **Murray Wallace** featured in the April/May edition of the AOPA magazine. Murray has had a wide and interesting career in flying including Army Aviation and airlines. He owns a SIA Marchetti and Cessna 180 (ex Army) as well as the CT4.

Bathurst Aero Club member Errol Chopping has some photos available from their website at www.bathurst-aero-club.org.au/events/photos/ They can be downloaded or viewed as a slideshow. Thank you Errol!

Beryl Marshall has a new toy which hasn't got wings! It is a 1926 Nash Ajax Tourer which was brought new by a cousin, Sydney Chappel of Bamawm via Rochester, in 1926 for £300. He sold it in 1969 for \$10 as a rust bucket, not running, out of a back paddock, to Tony Schapendonk of Melbourne who restored it beautifully. Beryl bought it from Tony and has brought it back home and into the family. At a maximum speed of 50kph she won't be taking it very far, so don't bank on her taking you for 'joy flights!' (She always enjoyed the Airtourer as journeys were much quicker than by road, and now she's gone to this extreme!)

Treasurer Gerry Pels advises that between the Sherrif's fines, collections from the previous year and a "top up" from the Association a donation of \$1,000 was made to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**. Well done and thank you for your generosity.

Membership Contacts

Need to check the contact details of a member? Misplaced your membership booklet? Did you know you can check the latest contact details from the website? Once you login an additional Main Menu item "List of Members" will appear. You can page through the list or use the "Search Users" function to narrow the search. Email addresses are not listed but there is a link to send an email.

Forgotten your username and/or password? use the "Forgot Login" link. All you need is the email address registered on our database, it will then send you your username and/or reset the password.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association (Inc.) held at Bathurst on 22nd March 2015.

Present: Mr. Mike Fisher President
 Mr. John Day Vice-President
 Mr. Gerry Pels Treasurer
 Ms. Monique Gillett Secretary
 Mr. Niels Jensen
 Mr. John O'Halloran
 Mr. Alan Wood
And 29 members. Apologies: 11 members.

The President declared the meeting open at 10:35 AM

Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were published in the May 2014 Association Newsletter.

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

Carried

Business Arising From the Minutes

All matters arising from the previous Minutes will be covered in the reports or General Business

Reports

President's Report

Mike Fisher thanked the Bathurst Aero Club members for their efforts in providing the venue and support throughout the weekend. The events program for the coming year was outlined as follows:

- Presidents Fly-In: Dubbo, 18th – 20th September 2015
- End of Year Gathering: Mansfield, 28th – 29th November 2015
- AGM & Convention: Goulburn, Date TBA.

Mike noted the events committee were in the process of researching the above destinations and that more information would be available via the newsletter and website soon.

Moved Elizabeth Matthews, seconded Graham Wood that the President's Report be accepted.

Carried

Treasurer's Report

Gerry Pels presented the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, included as Annex B. These accounts had been published in the February 2015 Newsletter.

Moved Christopher Wilson, seconded Beryl Marshall that the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be accepted and that any Committee Members be authorised to make the necessary certifications as required by the Department of Fair Trading.

Carried

Secretary's Report

Monique Gillett reported that it had been an active first year for the secretary. Her transition into the role was aided by the foundations put in place by the previous Secretary John O'Halloran. The joint administration was working well with membership numbers at 135 including 1 Hong Kong member, 4 New Zealand members and 14 UK members.

Correspondence throughout the year was routine.

Moved Andrew Clement, seconded Jon Pels that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Carried

General Business

RFDS Donations.

Mike Fisher invited Gerry Pels to announce that with the assistance of Beryl Marshall, the Airtourer Association had collected \$700 throughout the year from members.

Moved Mike Fisher, seconded Beryl Marshall that the Airtourer Association make an official \$1000 donation to the RFDS.

Carried

Election of the New Committee.

The President declared all Committee positions vacant. It was advised that the number of nominations received equalled the number of vacancies and therefore the new Committee was appointed as follows:

President	Mr. Mike Fisher
Vice-President	Mr. John Day
Treasurer	Mr. Gerry Pels
Secretary	Ms. Monique Gillett
	Mr. Niels Jensen
	Mr. John O'Halloran
	Mr. Alan Wood

Closure

There was no further business and the meeting was closed at 10:46 AM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd. held at Bathurst on 22nd March 2015

Present: Mr. John O'Halloran Chairman
 Mr. Alan Wood Director
 Mr. Stan Tilley Director
 Mr. John Day Director
 Mr. Jon Pels Director
 Mr. Andrew Clement Director
 and 18 active members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

Apologies: Nine active members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter).

Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:50 AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the May 2014 Airtourer Association Newsletter.

Moved John O'Halloran, seconded Andy Morris that the Minutes, as published, be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

Any matters arising from the minutes will be addressed in Reports or General Business.

Reports

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, John O'Halloran, presented the following report.

This has been a quiet year for the Airtourer Co-operative as the financial statement will show. The administration has been quiet as well, not for lack of items requiring attention but rather a reflection of the voluntary nature of the organisation. Nevertheless,

there are a number of issues that the Board will address in the coming year.

Easing the workload on Alan Wood remains the most pressing concern. I say “remains” because the Board has been pondering the problem for some time and there is no obvious solution to the comprehensive services provided by Alan. I might also add this includes the services of Hugh Knox in maintaining the accounts. I plan to spend a couple of days in Sydney mid year to examine more closely the day to day activities of Alan and Hugh.

The next most pressing problems are the implications of regulatory change. It's easy to criticise CASA but change is being led from ICAO and compared to the UK or NZ CAAs, CASA is taking a more gradual approach. One consequence is the LAME having less opportunity to exercise sound engineering judgement and rely more and more on documented processes. In particular, maintenance organisations that have obtained Part 145 approval tend to be less flexible in dealing with older aircraft types such as the Airtourer. One example is the requirement for release notes. There was a recent case of a part that was overhauled and modified in accordance with an Engineering Order (EO). The overseas maintenance organisation would not install it as it did not have a release note. We could well be facing similar problems in Australia and already parts such as windscreens must be manufactured by organisations with CASA production approval. This will most likely involve increased cost.

The system of approving modifications has changed from the old CAR 35 to the new Part 21. Consequently there has been a reduction in the scope of approvals for some engineers previously approved under CAR 35. This had an immediate impact on one of our members during an engine upgrade. Previously this modification could be done under a CAR 35 issued EO using AESL SB006 data. Under Part 21 this constitutes a major modification requiring a Supplemental Type Certificate. This is a much more involved, read “more expensive”, process. If the Co-op is required to develop modification, e.g. as a result of aging aircraft concerns, it could face significant costs.

There are other ongoing projects which I will report on briefly.

Usable Fuel. The usable fuel project has been stationary for some time due to time constraints on the test pilot, i.e. myself. The test plan has been drafted and requires only minor updates. Once the pilot, LAME, and aircraft are available the flight testing can commence. This is currently planned for later this year.

Aileron Skins. The Co-op is evaluating having aileron skins from the CT4 approved for the Airtourer. There are a number of considerations related to the CT4 using a different the type of sheet metal. The Co-op has engaged the services of an aeronautical engineer to evaluate the strength, flutter and other relevant characteristics required before the CT4 parts can be used.

Stock-take. A stock-take of parts stored in Lee Gordon-Brown's hangar has yet to be completed. Once again the limiting factor is the availability of volunteers.

Flight Manual. Questions have been raised about the ownership of the Flight Manual. While the organisation that supplied the document to MAI as the result of CASA changes placed a copyright notice on the documents, ownership of the intellectual

property remained unambiguously with the Type Certificate holder, i.e. MAI. When the Co-op settled with MAI's Administrator, the title to all intellectual property related to the Airtourer was transferred to the Co-op therefore the Co-op owns the AFM.

Directors Insurance. The Board is still seeking insurance for the Directors. One complicating factor are the apparent differences between the coverage described by the brokers and the actual wording of the policy.

AD/VAT/28. This AD has been with us for many years. It remains an invasive and costly inspection. The Co-op plans to conduct a survey to determine the extent of the problem with a view to possibly making a case to CASA to amend the requirements.

Drawings. The drawings have been held in the safe custody of Bob and Pat Peak at Temora for many years. Co-op member and LAME, Phil Usher, has volunteered to take over this task, still at Temora.

In summary, there is a lot to do but the critical constraint remains the fact that we are all volunteers. Therefore, we ask for your patience as well as your support and where practical, your assistance.

Moved Andy Morris, seconded George Penfound, that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Carried.

Financial Report

The Financial Statements are included at Annex B, (not published in the Newsletter), and have been available for perusal by Co-op members on the website. These statements show a quiet year with sales of just over \$25,000 and a net profit for the year of \$3,302. The overall position is sound with cash assets of \$37,770, stock at hand to the value of \$45,782 and non-current assets of \$70,000 being the intellectual property, jigs, tooling etc.

Moved John O'Halloran, seconded Chris Wilson, that the Financial Statements be accepted.

Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

Hugh Knox noted that under the new rules governing co-operatives the Airtourer Co-operative would be classified as a small co-operative and not required by law to have the accounts audited. He nevertheless suggested that the meeting consider a vote on the matter. The Chairman advised that since the law did not require an audit no motion was required unless any member desired an audit to be mandated. No motion was forthcoming. Nevertheless, the Chairman advised that the accounts would be independently reviewed in a manner similar to the Airtourer Association.

General Business

Annual Subscription.

At a previous AGM there was a motion that the Board is to recommend the amount for the annual subscription to the membership.

The Board recommended that the annual subscription remain at \$50 for the following year.

Election of the New Board

The Rules required that the two longest serving Directors retire at the AGM. Mr. John O'Halloran and Mr. Jon Pels therefore stood down but both agreed to stand for re-election.

No further nominations were received and hence both were elected. The Board therefore stands as follows:

Mr. John O'Halloran (Chairman)

Mr. Jon Pels

Mr. Stan Tilley

Mr. Alan Wood

Mr. Andrew Clement

Mr. John Day

Carried.

Vote of Thanks to Bob and Pat Peak

John O'Halloran acknowledged the contribution Bob and Pat Peak had made over a number of years as custodians of the drawings. Not only did they store them but responded to requests for copies by taking the masters to the Temora Shire Council and having them copied. John moved a vote of thanks to Bob and Pat for their contribution.

Carried by acclamation.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:32AM.

The Sheriff Gotcha!

Okay, The Sheriff had to reprimand and fine quite a few people for their misdemeanours or for winning trophies. However, the remaining “Goodie goodies” put their hands in the pockets/purses and contributed to the wonderful amount of \$200 for the RFDS. (They were probably scared of the woman with the badge.)



Some who were caught were: Gerry Lawson – ‘Can you transpond with Melbourne?’, Stan Tilley – for making a lousy waiter and breaking glasses. (Sorry Stan, we hope your shoulder has well healed.) Gerald and Sue Smith got off lightly, being first attendees, but they did offer The Sheriff 50c to do a town tour and treat everyone to drinks! David Crotty didn’t receive a fine for speeding on Mt. Panorama (doing the regulation 60kph), so The Sheriff fined him instead! Jan O’Halloran – falling for two Paramedics? (At the expense of a black eye and broken glasses. Jan, we trust you have recovered.)

John O’Halloran – At the AGM dinner elbowed his way passed Diners to make sure he didn’t miss out on a second helping of dessert! All those who partied late Friday night – you know who you are. And at everyone’s insistence The Sheriff fined herself heftily – she was told so many times for things she’d done, “That’s a fine for you”. (You are a great bunch, thank you so much, Beryl).

FOR SALE



Airtourer VH-UQX

TTIS 4860,150HP Lycoming 0-320 E2D,

Fixed Pitch Propeller Sensenich 74 DM 6S5-1.5-60.

Both engine and prop have approx 1387 hours to run.

Drawings of 150HP conversion. Cleveland Brakes and Wheels. New TKM Radio.

Fresh 100hrly and always Hangedared

\$52,000

David Hall - 08 86833211 or 0428837227 fishall1@bigpond.com

Airtourer Association

Winter Lunch

Sunday 14 June 2015

This year we are gathering for lunch from 1200 at one of Kyneton's favourite eating houses, Dhaba at the Mill, 18 Piper St Kyneton. If numbers warrant we can have our own private room.

In India, Dhabas line the roadsides, serving fresh curries to the common man and woman. They are simple and honest, a tent to cover pots perched above open fire, surrounded by tables and crowds. At Kyneton's Dhaba, this simple authenticity is the aim. Housed in a historic post and beam steam mill, Dhaba is a place for locals and visitors alike, to share delicious Indian food as well as stories, laughs and cultures.

The ritual of gathering around food is a huge part of Indian culture where it is always an honour to serve a guest. Please join us at this special dhaba and enjoy fresh, delicious flavours from the ancient land that is India, made by people that truly respect the tradition of cooking for sharing.



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And after a long lunch we can wander down historic Piper Street and visit the many and varied retail outlets that run the length of the street. The afternoon can be rounded off with a coffee and cake.

RSVP: Please reply by email to president@airtourer.asn.au by 10 June.

Anyone who is flying in to Kyneton Airfield can ring Mike Fisher for a pick up on the morning, please plan your flight to be ready for collection at 1145.

Calendar of Events

Winter Lunch 2015

The 2015 Winter Lunch will be held on Sunday the 14th of June 2015 at the Dhaba Restaurant Kyneton. See previous page for details.

President's Fly-In 2015

This event was originally planned for the Narromine / Dubbo area over the weekend of 18th-20th September. However, the Association has just become aware that Henry Millicer will be inducted into the Australian Aviation Hall of Fame that weekend at Wagga Wagga. The Events Committee are currently planning a change of venue to the Temora / Wagga area.

Watch the website for details.

Welcome

Gerald and Susan Smith from Warrandyte in Victoria. They were invited to the Bathurst weekend by Gerry Pels and enjoyed it so much that they have joined the Association. Welcome and we hope to see you at more fly-ins.

Ivan Porteus from Pascoe Vale South in Victoria. Ivan purchased Airtourer 150 RSJ which he now keeps at Kyneton and is learning to fly in it.

Gary McPhee who is a flying instructor at Lilydale Flying School. Neroli Merridew advised that Gary is doing a fantastic job promoting their Airtourer, ECI, for ab-initio training. Well done Gary, now you just have to convince one of your students to do their navigation training by flying to one of our events.

John Williams from Cambridge in Tasmania. John regularly hires Airtourer 115 MRE from Maurice Rolfe. He has extensive experience in aviation as an engineer and pilot both in GA and airlines. He got off to a good start as his first job was with Victa in 1962 at the Airtourer factory in the design office and doing metal work.

Invalid Email Addresses

The Association's membership database requires each entry to have an email address. A small number of our members do not have email and the database will create an email address containing the word "invalid". Unfortunately "invalid" is one of those words in the English language that has more than one meaning. In this case it was used as an adjective meaning that the email address was not valid. Unfortunately, one of our members read it as a noun, meaning a person that requires the assistance of others and took offence. We apologise for the distress we caused and will look at an alternative means of addressing emails that are not valid.