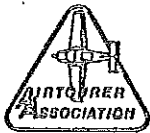
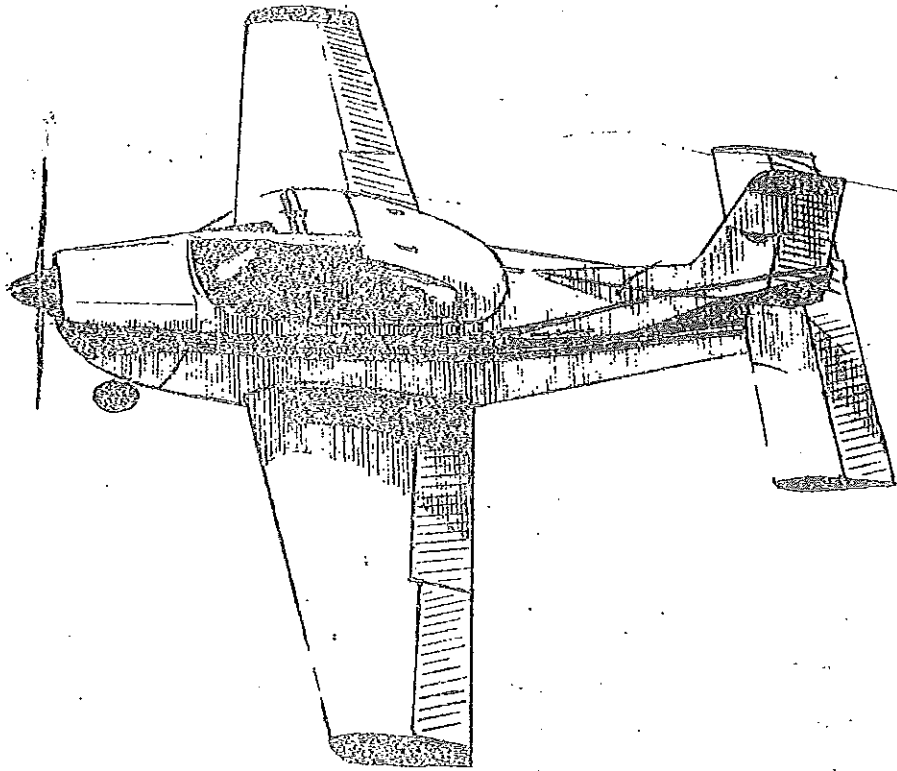


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# AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

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AIRCRAFT FOR SALE: See Pages 5.

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER No. 3 AUGUST, 1978

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Plans are well under way to make the coming Yarrandale Fly-In an outstanding success (we even have the witchdoctor doing a NC RAIN dance). Numerous aviation personalities involved with the Airtourer since its inception have indicated their intention to attend, which we hope will contribute to the success of the Fly-In.

Please complete and return the form at the end of this Newsletter, so that we may have an idea of the numbers to expect.

A registration fee will be charged to cover costs and will include meals and refreshments at Yarrandale (including a Bar service).

DON'T FORGET THE SECRET ARRIVAL TIME AWARD

INSURANCE

The response to our representations to the major aviation insurance companies has been poor. However, to date one company has expressed keen interest in arranging a scheme for Airtourer owners. Those members interested in participating in such a scheme are asked to complete the questionnaire at the end of this Newsletter, to enable the Company to prepare a submission to the Association.

NEWSLETTER

Members will no doubt have noticed the new cover of our June newsletter. The credit for this must go to Alex Hood of LaTrobe Valley. To conserve funds the Newsletter is being prepared by Alex, typed by his Mum and then printed using the facilities of the LaTrobe Valley Aero Club. Our thanks to Alex, Mrs. Hood and L.V.A.C.

BADGES

Manufacture and supply of cloth badges has presented some problems with the design. An order has been made and delivery is expected during July. All financial members will be sent one each as promised on joining. Additional badges will be available at \$4.50 each, including postage.

PUBLICITY

The April edition of NEW ZEALAND WINGS carried an article on the Association Convention and Fly-In at Griffith in January.

From time to time it is hoped that the A.C.P.A. Monthly Magazine and AIRCRAFT will carry articles on the Association in an effort to generate more interest in Airtourers and the Association.

SECRETARY'S NOTES (Contd.)

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs were due on the 1st July and it is requested that if you have not already done so you complete the enclosed renewal form and send together with your cheque for Ten Dollars. Membership cards will be issued on receipt.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AIRCURER ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD AT "YARRANDALE" ON THE WEEK-END OF 12th and 13th AUGUST 1978.

STOP PRESS: Cloth badges have now arrived

D.J.M. STOTT  
HONORARY SECRETARY.

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SOME THOUGHTS ON FUEL AGENTS' OPENING FEES

When we think of an association it is natural to think in terms of what it can do for US; and maybe this is as it should be. But in some cases it is just as wise to stand back and take a look at the broader aspects to make sure our efforts are not misdirected.

Many areas of our operation we share with other sporting or owner groups, and in order to present a united front on some issues it is important that we lend support to other organizations, and not just pursue a line of action that may lead to preferential treatment. Such action, whilst it may result in short-term benefits to a particular group, does nothing to solve the underlying problems facing general aviation, of which we are all a part.

Such a case in question is the investigation into Fuel Agent Opening Fees.

As purchasers of small quantities of fuel we find it particularly galling to sometimes have to pay half as much again for our fuel. However, to seek exemption from opening fees would be illogical, for although they seem unjust, consider the reasons for their implementation.

The "honesty system" that existed for years at many country airfields ceased because of continued abuse. With the increasing cost of fuel it is unrealistic to expect this system to ever operate again. At present carnets or cheques are not acceptable in some places, only hard cash. Consequently, supply of fuel must now be handled by an agent.

Time means money and increasing wages mean that agents take this into account when re-fuelling. In most country centres the business is not sufficient to warrant a permanent employee on the field. Re-fuelling can take anything up to an hour by the time the agent drives to the field (travelling time), carries out the re-fuelling and paper work, and returns. (Obviously the commission on just a small quantity of fuel would not cover this cost. So the opening fee was introduced.

The 'opening fee' is perhaps mis-named. A more correct term would be 'Service Fee'. This misunderstanding has caused the greatest heartache amongst customers who have found themselves in a queue of aircraft awaiting re-fuelling only to find they too must pay an opening fee. However, it must be realised that this fee is an average figure of multiple and individual re-fuellings.

The small commission received from low volume sales discourages many from undertaking the responsibilities of re-fuelling agents. In addition, i.e. the agent, not the oil company, must carry the bad debts. Quality control of re-fuelling equipment by the Oil Companies and D.C.F. involves regular sampling and checking of installations. Inevitably this takes time and generates volumes of paper work. These reasons are often given by Airfield Groundsmen, who in many cases live on the field, for giving up fuel agencies.

If opening fees are to become a fact of life then let us in return expect some guarantee of service; prompt service; certainty as to the existence of fuel availability and re-opening of strategic agencies. The latter would avoid the present fiasco of having to beg fuel from private suppliers.

YARRANDALE FLY-IN AND SPECIAL MEETING

A G E N D A

FRIDAY 11th AUGUST

Members welcome to arrive on this day  
Preparations in progress

SATURDAY 12th AUGUST

- 0800 - 1400 Arrival of Members, Guests and Visitors  
Please register on arrival - Fee payable (all inclusive)
- 1200 - 1400 B-B-Q Lunch
- 1500 - 1630 Special General Meeting (Chairman: D.C. Rankin)  
Subjects for discussion:-
- 1 Adoption of Association Constitution
  - 2 Election of Additional (two) Committee Members
  - 3 Select venue for 1979 Annual Convention and Fly-In
  - 4 The Airtourer Project
  - 5 General discussion
- 1630 Drinks
- 1700 Transport to WWL for those staying at MOTEL  
(Be ready to depart your Motel by 1900)
- 1900 - 1915 Transport pick-up WWL to Yarrandale for Social Evening
- 1930 - Social Evening and Dinner. Guest speakers to be advised.  
(including H.K. Millicer)
- 2300 or when required. Transport to West Wyalong

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

- 0800 Breakfast (Yarrandale Guests)
- 0845 - 0900 Motel Guests depart WWL for Yarrandale
- 0930 Informal discussions on technical, maintenance,  
and performance topics
- Flying by arrangement  
(Hopefully some formation and aerobatics)
- Tea or Coffee as required
- 1130 - 1330 Lunch
- 1330 Departures  
(an early or takeaway lunch by arrangement)

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO STAY LONGER IF THEY WISH

A QUIET SOCIAL EVENING IS PLANNED FOR THOSE REMAINING

YARRANDALE FLY-IN

FLIGHT PLANNING

IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR SUNDAY (GOING HOME) FLIGHT PLAN TO DOT AT THE SAME TIME THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR PLAN EN ROUTE TO YARRANDALE. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO DOT PROVIDED YOU CHECK FOR WEATHER PRIOR TO DEPARTURE AND YOU LEAVE YOUR SARTIME (If not FULL SAR) AS T.B.A (TO BE ADVISED). ENSURE REMARKS SECTION OF PLAN INDICATES PLAN IS FOR "SUN. 13 AUG."

This is due to the limited telephone facilities at Yarrandale; All necessary forecasts will be obtained and made available by 0900.

ETD's and SARTIMES etc. will be collected and passed to DOT using minimum phone calls.

YAR is an accepted abbreviation for Yarrandale.

V.H.F. COMMUNICATIONS.

Yarrandale is located in SYDNEY F.S. Area (frequency 125.0) very close to the boundary with WAGGA (frequency 122.1). At an altitude of 2500 ft. (QNH) it is possible to communicate with either station.

YARRANDALE Base Station will be operating on 119.1 during the Fly-In.

SARTIMES should be nominated to WAGGA FLIGHT SERVICE

FUEL

Fuel will be available at YARRANDALE on a cash only basis. Re-fuelling facilities are also available at WEST WYALONG.

WEST WYALONG ACCOMMODATION

Charles Sturt Motor Inn	...	...	Phone:	WWL 949
Mayfair Motel	...	...		WWL 811
Golden Way Motel	...	...		WWL 534
Country Inn Motel	...	...		WWL 897
Tattersalls Hotel	...	...		WWL 30

EXCEPT FOR THOSE STAYING AT YARRANDALE (SLEEPING BAGS ETC.) MOTEL OR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (BOOKINGS AND CHARGES) IS MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITY.

BOOKINGS MAY BE MADE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION PROVIDING A DEPOSIT OF TEN DOLLARS PER HEAD IS ENCLOSED.

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and then pay dearly for the inconvenience; not to mention the attendant uncertainty of quality.

In accepting such charges we should press for a standard scale of agent fees. At present these can vary from \$5 to \$25 or more. Business hours to be standardized and published.

Supply of fuel is rapidly becoming a sellers' market. Failure to recognize this fact could ensure the disappearance of yet more facilities. Witness the gradual phasing-out of 80 octane by the Oil Companies and their rationalization of marketing by removing competition from the major centres. As operators of small aircraft with limited range we have the most to lose from this present trend as commercial operators are now using aircraft with greater range.

If we, the customers, have to beat a retreat then let us make it an organized rear-guard action, and not the rout that must surely develop if our industry continues as divided and dis-organized on this matter as it does on many other issues.

(Alex. Hoed)

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION AND FLY-IN, 1979

Suggestions are still requested. Only one to date is for Mildura during Easter (13, 14, 15 April). Reasons supporting this location are its good facilities, it is central to most comers and far enough west to encourage the SA, and particularly the WA, members to attend. Ample accommodation is available and inclement weather occurs infrequently.

AIRTOURER PROJECT

It is hoped to have some significant information on this project by the Yarrandale meeting.

Members have indicated that there is enough interest and support throughout the Association to pursue the acquisition of the project as described in the March letter to members.

It is hoped that any negotiations carried out will be at a somewhat lower price.

AIR SHOW ATTENDANCE

Members are asked to attend Airshows, Fly-Ins, etc., whenever possible so as to present our Association to the Industry and to show that the Airtourer is flying in force as never before.

If you become aware of any such event in your area please advise the Secretary of the details so we may spread the word.

Members are asked to write a short account of any Aviation event that they attend so as we may include it in a following Newsletter.

KINGAROY (Q'LD.) FLY-IN, 21-22 OCTOBER, 1978

The Annual Fly-In of the Queensland division and Vintage Aircraft Section of the Sport Aircraft Association.

A great week-end is expected with the usual Queensland hospitality and sunshine.

Accommodation should be booked early - Hotel/Motel in Kingaroy, and transport can be found. If you bring a sleeping bag free accommodation can be had in the hangar.

SCHOFFIELDS AIR SHOW - 28 and 29 OCTOBER, 1978

The Schofields Flying Club has again invited the Airtourer Association to participate. As those of us who attended last year will agree it was a most enjoyable week-end. The Airtourer Association will again have its own parking area and Marquee similar to last year.

Former Association President, and formation member, Harry Couzin, has taken on the post of N.S.W. area representative. Harry is a member of the Schofields Club and will be doing some foot-work for the Association in preparation for this show.

LIGHT AIRCRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1979, 10-19 MARCH

These are to be held in Perth next year. 1979 is the celebration of Western Australia's 150th Anniversary. During the period 10th to 19th March the accent is on aviation with a Sport Aircraft Association of Australia Fly-In, the Aero Club Federation Conference and the Light Aircraft and Aerobatic Championships. The Australian Woman Pilots' Association will also be having their Annual General Meeting about the same time.

It is intended to organize an Airtourer FLY-AWAY for Eastern state members to attend this aviation extravaganza in Perth and surrounds. Numerous meeting points are to be arranged and the flight to the West would be completed in company.

AIRCURERS FOR SALE

(As at 10th July, 1978).

N O T E: Some members have expressed concern about the number of Air-tourers for sale and whether this is a trend; and, if so, might values be affected? etc., etc:

However, an investigation has shown this to be a healthy sign. The most common reasons for selling are:

- 1 Type being phased out by flying school;
- 2 Owner has purchased another larger aircraft;
- 3 Owner forced to sell due to financial commitments.

It is expected that the beginning of the new financial year, together with some advertising by the Association, will see these aircraft sold. Hopefully new owners means new MEMBERS for our Association.

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- AT115 VH-RSI \$9000. Bert Slater (03) 5469056  
S/N 119, Engine 400 to run (top O/H just completed)  
Prop 1500 to go. TT 5000. Major due March 1980.  
VHF Comm 11A. All Mods.
- AT115 VH-MVA \$9500. Paul Manders (02) 5162130  
S/N 01, TT 2200, Engine 990 to go with top C/H.  
Major completed Oct. 77, Recent Fuel Cell, New Spinner  
and Tyres. VHF Cessna 300, Bendix ADF.
- AT115 VH-PHP P.C.A. Alan Woods/Hoxton Park Flying School (02)6070211 (B)  
S/N 165, TT 7500, Engine 800 to run, Skyphone VHF.
- AT115 VH-TWG \$10,000. Frank Campbell (0655711) Gloucester 344.  
S/N 144.
- AT100 VH-MBG \$7000. Dave Dickins (057) 458205  
S/N 117, TT 5400, Engine 140 to go. Major completed Sep.77.  
New Tyres & Battery, Tinted perspex, Skyphone VHF.  
Light green & White, Always hangared. Airframe good.
- AT100 VH-RKL \$7500. Roy Coburn, Illawarra (02) 700626. A/H. 3719371  
S/N 168, TT 4200, Engine 200 to go. Major July 1979.  
New Fuel Cell, New Prop., Tidy A/C. Red and White.  
VHF Comm 11A.
- AT150 VH-MGJ \$16000 (INC) Pat Schipp, Skyways, Benalla (057) 623285  
S/N A514, TT 3825, Engine 1245 to run with top. Prop  
1145 to run. U/O legs 1550 to run. Major due Dec. 1980.  
Wing rib mod. complete. Cleveland Wheels and Brakes.  
Recent new fuel cell. Recent Poly. paint. May be fitted  
with CS prop. if desired. 360 VHF.
- AT115 VH-MTH \$ Offer. Philip Hamer (02) 821547  
S/N 13, TT 3580. Engine 670 to run with top. Nearly full  
life prop. Major due August, 1980. Stripped and repainted  
with Urethane Aug. 77. Narco Comm 120 (720 channel).  
Column PTT & Intercom.
- AT100 VH-GNC \$11,500. Andrew Withers, Belmore Stn., via WENTWORTH. N.S.W.  
S/N 26, TT 3610. Full Life Engine, Major due May 1980.  
Recent New Fuel Cell. New Tyres, Skyphone VHF. One owner  
since 1967.
- AT100 VH-WHC \$8500. Greg Wardman (069) 252617  
S/N 141, TT 1800, Engine 30 since C/H. Prop. 1200 to go.  
Major completed May 78. New Paint. VHF 10 Ch. Skyphone.
- AT100 VH-MFN \$9000. Terry Hardie, Mid-Murray Flying Club. (050) 322444  
S/N 58, TT 6615, Major completed June 78, Engine (B)  
975 to run with Top C/H.
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AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION

SUBSCRIPTION - 1st July 1978 to 30 June 1979

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION - VH - \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose ten dollars (\$10) being payment for my subscription to 30 June 1979.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. YARRANDALE FLY-IN/SPECIAL MEETING Yes  No  Tick Hope to   
AUGUST 12-13  
Accommodation - Bringing Sleeping  Motel  Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Bag
2. 1979 CONVENTION/FLY-IN  
Mildura - April 13-15   
Perth - March 10-19   
Other  Your choice: (1).....  
date .....  
(2).....  
date .....
- PERTH FLY-AWAY, March 10-19. ....  
Interested ?  
Yes  No  Maybe
3. I am interested in a Group Insurance Scheme for  
Airtourer owners Yes  No
4. SPARE PARTS - I would like to see the following parts If YES, please complete reverse side.  
available through the Association  
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5. AIRTOURER PROJECT - Please comment .....  
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# OUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE!

## AIRCURER ASSOCIATION

### GROUP INSURANCE SCHEME - - - QUESTIONNAIRE

The following information is required to enable a submission to be prepared for the Association. Name not required.  
This questionnaire will remain with the AIRCURER ASSOCIATION. RESULTS ONLY WILL BE FORWARDED TO ANY OTHER PARTY.

- 1 AVERAGE UTILISATION PER ANNUM
 

(A)	PRIVATE/PLEASURE	.....	HRS
(B)	DEMONSTRATION/AIRSHOWS	.....	HRS
(C)	OTHER USES	.....	HRS
- 2 PILOT EXPERIENCE
 

(A)	AVERAGE TOTAL	.....	HRS
(B)	AVERAGE ON AIRCURER	.....	HRS
(C)	LIMITATIONS	.....	
- 3 IS YOUR AIRCRAFT HANGARED? ..... YES/NO
- 4 HULL VALUE \$.....
- 5 CATEGORY REQUIRED FOR INSURANCE
 

(A)	FLIGHT, GROUND, TAXI & THIRD PARTY	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OR		
(B)	GROUND & THIRD PARTY ONLY	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OR		
(C)	THIRD PARTY ONLY	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
	OR		
(D)	FIRE RISKS ONLY.	.....	<input type="checkbox"/>
- 6 DO YOU HAVE A REGULAR WORKSHOP FOR MAINTENANCE? ..... YES/NO
- 7 IF YES .. DOES HE HAVE LONG TERM EXPERIENCE ON AIRCURERS?  
(INCLUDING REPAIRS OR REBUILDING) ..... YES/NO
- \* 8 IF YES... PLEASE ADVISE NAME & ADDRESS OF WORKSHOP  
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\* Question 8 is for Association Use ONLY

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

MEMBERS - IF YOU HAVE ATTENDED A FLY-IN OR LIKE SHARE THE EXPERIENCE WITH OTHER MEMBERS THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER; OR IF YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE ON A TECHNICAL MATTER, OR A PROBLEM CONCERNING YOUR AIRCRAFT OR OPERATION - LET US KNOW AND SUBMIT IT FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.