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The next Newsletter will be published in May 2012. Contributions and or advertisements are to be with JOH by 15 April 2012.

Advertisements are free for current members.

Editorial

Once again it is my sad duty to report the passing of one of our active members. The Association was well represented at Colleen's funeral and our condolences go to Jack and the family.

The membership list will be distributed with this Newsletter. Once again I have underlined the names of those who have not renewed in 2011. They will not receive this issue or membership list so a gentle reminder from friends may help if they've simply overlooked renewing. (Email reminders have been sent.)

The President and events sub-committee have put a lot of work into making the 2012 Convention another successful one with interesting visits and flying activities. Unfortunately, my work commitments look like requiring me to be in Montreal working on a B747-8 simulator for much of March.

My thanks go to Pat Shiel and Ric Davies for their contributions to this issue. Pat has a wealth of experience during his time instructing in general aviation and we look forward to more lessons from the past.

Safe Airtouring,

John O'Halloran

Cover Photo: Waiting to go at Serpentine Airfield. Sue Clarke's MRI (L) and Rick Davies' RIC (R) about to fly to Langley Park in the heart of Perth. See story on page 7.

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Farewell



Colleen Murray

Once again we were saddened to hear of the passing of another regular participant in the Association Activities.

Colleen Murray passed away on 19th January 2012 peacefully at home.

Born and spending most of her life in the Newcastle area she was an accomplished ballerina being offered a position in London after WW II. Her father felt that London was too far away and too great a risk for his daughter and so Colleen remained in Newcastle. This turned out fortunate for a young dashing Jack Murray.

Jack always had an interest in flying which Colleen ended up sharing by obtaining her pilot's licence as well. Initially they owned Airtourer 115 VH-MVL which was destroyed due to a power loss after takeoff during an Association Flyway in Queensland. In spite of various injuries their love of flying and the Airtourer continued with the restoration of Airtourer 150 VH-MTP. Colleen, Jack and MTP continued to be regulars at Association events.

Colleen served as Treasurer over the period 1999-2008.

Our thoughts go out to Colleen's husband of 57 years, Jack, and their two sons.

15th January 2012

Fellow Members,

I invite every member to come along and share our 34th Convention and Annual General meeting to be held at Cootamundra, NSW, on the 16th, 17th, 18th March 2012.

Cootamundra has been selected for our 2012 Convention and AGM. We made this choice as we haven't been there before and it has all the facilities required for this type of event. It is also in the convenient and easy to get to central Riverina area.



Cootamundra is a country town with typical country hospitality. All the people we talked with at the places we will be visiting have indicated how welcome we will be made. They have extended their warm regards to us and are very much looking forward to our arrival.

When your events committee of Mike, Niel and myself journeyed there it came over strongly to us that the local establishments we will be visiting would look after us and give us their full support during our stay.

Our Saturday afternoon flying segment shall be a 60nm flight to Dick Smith's property at Gunderoo, to view the "History of the Original Bowlie Flying Club."

The Sunday Coach tour including lunch shall see us on a full day visit to Junee with lots of surprises in store for all to enjoy.

To make this type of Convention arrangement as entertaining as possible for everyone, we made two visits to Cootamundra, the first to put a broad plan in place, the second to fine-tune all necessary details. We guarantee you an exciting and outstanding weekend of events of full-on entertainment and I look forward to seeing you at:-

"COOTA"

Yours sincerely,

John Treble (President)

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS FLY- IN JDANDBOOFIELD (YJBO) 2nd – 4th DECEMBER 2011

John Treble

Several days before our Christmas fly-In date I did what I guess we all do prior to going flying for a few days. To carefully prepare the aircraft, current maps and charts all in order, plus everything else is all under control so as to enjoy the journey with our friends, as we always do.

A couple of late issues arose such as the East Sale RAAF aerodrome was not now available for us to land there, plus with a lot of recent rain in the Gippsland area, JDANDBOO field was declared unserviceable. However, West Sale aerodrome with their sealed runway was available which is where we landed and tied down for the weekend.

Friday morning saw us in a self-drive mini-bus to visit the RAAF Base East Sale. It is the home of the RAAF School of Air Traffic Control, which trains all military ATC in Australia. The school kindly gave us a tour of their facilities that includes their recently commissioned state of the art simulators that provide a full visual representation of the view from a control tower.

Back to Sale for lunch followed by a Gallery visit then out to WSL airfield to collect later arrivals.

A 30-minute drive had us arrive at Tinamba to a unique and lovely accommodation named the Happy Days. Onwards for an evening barbecue at YJBO to join with



Andy and Jane's FVV in the background with JD and Boo's VRT safely tied down at West Sale



Above: Mike Fisher, Andy Morris and Doug Dow attempting to hand prop a Grumman Tracker.

Above Right: Jane Morris and Bonnie Tilley in the Grumman Tracker.

Below Right: Stan Tilley eating 'airline style' in John Day's hangar.



a few relatives and neighbours of John & Rebecca, to about the best meal you could imagine. Well done Becky.

Saturday morning was all in the mini-bus to visit the Gippsland Armed Forces Museum at WSL, for a well informed conducted tour with lots of history regarding WW2. A short drive to Maffra for lunch then on to the Gippsland Vehicle Collection to view a wonderful range restored cars and motor bikes. Back to our accommodation by late afternoon for a tidy up before dinner next door at the Tinamba Hotel. Well it was more than a dinner, it was a 10 course meal which could only be described as a great several hour experience. A nice surprise to end the evening was a gift from Becky and John of a jdandboo field cap.

Sunday mid-morning saw us off for a very enjoyable light lunch to - via a morning Maffra street market - to YJBO, then finally making our way to WSL airfield for our homeward journeys.

A big thanks to John & Becky for organising the great weekend that we had, but we have to go back again sometime soon, to experience flying into jdandboo field for the 1st time.

Those in attendance were:-

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|--------------------------|--------|
| John & Rebecca Day | VH-VRT |
| Stan & Bonnie Tilley | VH-MTL |
| Andy & Jane Morris | VH-FVV |
| Doug Dow | VH-BKQ |
| John & Doreen Treble | VH-CRK |
| Mike Fisher | VH-BNV |
| David Crotty and Katrina | |
| Dot & Bruce Ross. | |

COME OFF THE GRASS

Rick Davies

Believe it or not folks, us West Aussie 'Airtourerees' managed to wrangle two of our mounts into the line up for the Langley Park Fly-in organized by Chapter 24 of the SAAA at Jandakot. Now they don't allow too many non-home built, vintage or military types to join the event. Luckily for me I've been in Chapter 24 for years and am sort of accepted 'cos of the Airtourer rebuild and owning a Tiger. As for Sue Clarke of MRI fame, she earned her entry on merit and ability. Sue and partner Adrian have a great routine with Victa and Christen Eagle, lots of smoke, noise and daring of which the finale sees the Eagle barrel rolling several times around Sue and MRI.

Just in case some of you don't know, Langley Park was Perth's first aerodrome and is squeezed in between the Swan River

and the CBD. As you turn final to the east you can watch your reflection flashing across the glass fronted skyscrapers then check runway alignment and clearance from the Bell Tower just off the starboard side, then back to the palm trees, the last obstacle before touch down and get off the runway AQAP to allow the next aeroplane some separation.

Whoops, got a bit carried away reliving finals there! Once accepted as a starter every pilot and machine had to satisfy the paper work scrutineers then do a performance circuit off the grass, achieving the required climb with intended load. No worries for 160's! I went in two up with Veronica while Sue took in a Jerry can and other smoke generating gear. MRI turned on a flat battery to add a bit of interest so



Waiting their turn to start from Serpentine Airfield to Langley Park. L to R, Sue Clarke, Rick and Veronica Davies.

add jumper leads and a spare battery just in case. No room for poor ole Adrian though, so he had to resort to his AT6 Texan for the trip, of course he was scheduled to do solo aero's aboard this stead as well as the Eagle.

The whole event took a massive amount of organizing with crowd control, security, fencing, runway marking, control centre, first aid, fire and rescue, food vans, etc etc... Not to mention the massive number of hoops erected by CASA for the team to jump through that resulted in a 200 odd page document to adhere to. All congratulations must go to this team of volunteers for turning a grass park in the middle of a city into an aerodrome for the weekend.

After a very thorough pilot briefing the departures from Serpentine began at

9.00am. Fastest first, Glassairs etc. down through T 18, Ezi's, RV's etc. We where in the 100 kt lot followed by Cub's, Aronca's etc down through the speed range to a fantastic array of vintage machines. Second last was a Sopwith Camel complete with la rhone rotary engine then a 1929 Pietenpol with A model Ford engine. Matt Hall was the only pilot with clearance to 0 ft and believe me he used it, down on the river below the trees on the bank.

All afternoon the show went on then again on Sunday till 1.00 pm. 2 o'clock saw the first aeroplanes depart and by 4.30pm all was quiet at Langley, apart from the tireless clean up crew who turned the 'drome back into a city park. An amazing effort and big hearty thanks from folk like me who just got to enjoy the weekend.



Lord Casey's Fairchild (Ranger) 24R-40

VH-ADF

by Pat Shiel

It was in February 1973, whilst I was the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) for the South Coast Aero Club (SCAC) at Albion Park Rail, when I was approached by club member, Barry Haddon.

Barry wanted me to accompany him to Brisbane with the intention of purchasing a Fairchild Ranger aircraft and with my assistance, ferry it back to Wollongong. Prior to this I had not seen, or even heard of, the Fairchild Ranger. I knew of the Fairchild Argus. It was powered by a radial engine. There was one located on a private airstrip beside the road to Kangaroo Valley, just outside Nowra. On one occasion, I remember this aircraft was flown into Albion Park airfield.

Later I was to learn that the Fairchild Ranger was powered by a six cylinder 200 HP inverted Ranger motor. The aircraft was originally owned by Lord Casey. He purchased this new Fairchild in 1940, whilst he was in the USA, for his own personal use.

In 1942 the aircraft was shipped to Australia and given the registration VH-ADF. During WW II Lord Casey donated the Fairchild to the RAAF where it carried the serial A36-4. It was returned to him after the war and based at his private airfield at Berwick, Victoria, and was still owned by him in 1956. Apparently it later went to a series of private owners.

Barry and I arrived in Brisbane in the afternoon of 25 February 1973. We then had dinner with the then owner, Mr Peter Annand. Mr Annand spoke at length on the characteristics of the aircraft. Pilots had to

be very vigilant during take offs and landings. The aircraft had a potential to swing on application of power and ground loop on landing.

Peter informed us that Lady Casey used to fly the plane and on becoming airborne, if the aircraft was pointing at an angle to the runway, instead of realigning with the take off path she just continued on the new heading. He stated that when operating at Longreach, controllers used to duck for cover, when Lady Casey became airborne and happened to end up pointing at the tower!

Peter, who was a private pilot with no instructor experience was granted a special approval by the CAA to endorse me on the Ranger.

On 27th February 1973 I went to climb into the pilot compartment of VH-ADF for my endorsement. Mr. Annand went into panic mode. "No! No! No! You will have to get out. I cannot fly on the right hand side!"

"Oh, yeah, righto," I replied climbing into the right hand side.

The Fairchild was equipped with 'heel brakes' at the pilot controls only. There were no brakes for the instructor. We departed Archerfield and proceeded to the training area for a period on aircraft experience and familiarisation, then returned to the airfield for circuit practice. Mr. Annand landed the aircraft in the three point attitude and requested a back track for circuits.

I then flew a circuit and did a perfect touch down however, before I could stabi-

lise the Fairchild in the landing roll, Mr Annand called "taking over" and snatched the controls from me. Immediately the aircraft went into a ground loop. The tower called, "Is everything all right?"

Mr. Annand responded, "Yes" , and requested a backtrack for another circuit.

This again happened on two more consecutive landings. Each time Mr. Annand snatching the controls from me and the aircraft going into to a ground loop on touchdown. After a third ground loop, the control tower refused us take off clearance, ending my endorsement training on the Fairchild.

Mr. Annand then signed my endorsement. The transfer of ownership of the aircraft was completed and Barry and I prepared to depart Archerfield for Wollongong on the 28th February 1973.

Due to doubtful weather conditions on the coast it was decided to track inland via Dubbo.

I went to climb into the pilot seat, when Mr. Haddon protested that he should be there, but I managed to persuade him that I should do the first leg to become familiar and confident with the aircraft before conducting his endorsement.

We were well into the flight and cruising at 6,000 feet over an airfield. I said to Barry, "That is Gunnedah down there." Barry responded, "Aren't you going to land?"

"No, we have ample fuel for Dubbo."

"I wasn't thinking of fuel" said Barry, "I was worried about engine oil."

Oh, no! Off came the throttle. A rapid descent and landing at Gunnedah. Barry went to the rear of the aircraft, pulled out a four gallon drum of oil and poured a substantial amount of oil into the engine

reservoir. Inverted aero engines are notorious oil users.

I decided it was now time to give Barry a go in the command seat. We proceeded to Dubbo, fuelled and then on to Orange. Darkness was now approaching and we were still two hours from Wollongong. So we decided to terminate and overnight at Orange.

On the next day, the 1st March 1973, we continued on to Albion Park and landed without incident. Mr. Haddon handled the aeroplane well, and ground looping was not an issue throughout the flight.

On the 1st July 1973 I did 30 minutes circuit practice with Barry. Then again on 20th February 1974 I did a navigation flight with Barry, being four hours, Wollongong, Goulburn, Braidwood, Wollongong.

Mr Haddon was concerned with the condition of the wings of the Fairchild. He dismantled the aircraft and it lay in a state of disrepair for a considerable time. The records show that the aircraft was withdrawn from the Register in 1974. Mr. Haddon passed on some years ago.

Fairchild Ranger VH-ADF however is still with us. It was purchased from Albion Park by John Gallagher of Loftus NSW many years ago, and John has kept it in safe storage with his other examples of this illustrious breed of aircraft.



“Catch the Coota Bus”

2012 Airtourer Association Convention and 34th Annual General Meeting Cootamundra, NSW PROGRAM OUTLINE

Friday 16th March 2012

- Arrivals at Cootamundra
- Airport Services & Facilities
 - Fuel pump receives Aero Re-fuelers swipe card, VISA and Mastercard with PIN identification. For all other operational information refer to ERSA and appropriate aeronautical publications.
- Shuttle bus to accommodation starts no earlier than 1430.

1830 Welcome Dinner

- Informal pool side barbecue at the Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn plus drinks from the bar. Pay as you go.
- If required, shuttle bus will pick up from other motels for non walkers at 1815.
Note: All breakfasts will be served in the motel dining room 0745-0900.

Saturday 17th March 2012

- 1030 Local Attractions Tour
 - Bus will shuttle us from the motel for a short tour around local attractions in the Cootamundra town.
 - Cootamundra Heritage Centre, former railway barracks, Hovell St.
 - Cricket Captains walk in Jubilee Park
 - Bradman’s Birthplace Museum
- 1200 – then to lunch at Di’s Coffee Shop after which we bus to the airfield.
- 1300 Flying Activities
 - Flying visit to “Gundaroo”
 - A chance to fly in to Dick Smith’s Blowie Homestead and informally look over the facilities and collection.

1930 Convention Dinner

- Formal, set menu, AGM Dinner at Ex-Servicemen’s Club, cnr Parker and Wallendoon St in the down stairs function room.
- Order drinks at the bar, pay as you go.
- Formal presentation of Convention Awards.

Sunday 18th March

- Meetings at Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn
 - 0900 Airtourer Association Annual General Meeting
 - 0945 Airtourer Co-operative Annual General Meeting
- 1030 or at the conclusion of the AGMs, bus transport will leave the motel for the airfield if required followed by:
- A full day bus tour to Junee.
 - A short road trip down the highway to Junee where we will visit a number of the many attractions Junee has to offer.
 - Monte Cristo haunted house guided tour
 - Licorice & chocolate factory for lunch followed by a tour of the production facilities.
 - The Round House Railway Museum tour departs the Round House and will drop off at Railway Square for a casual look around before returning to base.

1830 Dinner

- Cootamundra Country Club Bistro
- Pay as you go for meals and drinks

Monday 19th March 2012

- Shuttle Bus to Airfield Starts at 0830

For Sale



Airtourer T6-24, VH-LVV

Manufactured 1971, TTIS 4630, TTEng 1360, TT Prop 70.
Ex Singapore Air Force machine. New leather interior & chin scoop.
Transponder & GPS. Very good condition inside & out.

\$72,000 + GST ono

Email: marty@recreationalflyingco.com.au

REGISTRATION FORM
AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION
34th CONVENTION and ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
16th, 17th and 18th MARCH, 2012

All accommodation has been arranged with the Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn, rooms will only be held until the 28th of February. When booking mention Airtourer Association Convention. We are nominating one Motel this year as the Motor Inn is the focal point of a number of functions and they should be able to accommodate all our anticipated numbers. If there is an attendance overflow they will handle all excess bookings with a nearby similar motel.

Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn, 96 Sutton Street, Cootamundra (02) 6942 1833

Double/twin share bed and Continental breakfast in the Dining room will be \$52.00 per person. Single supplement plus \$30.00

Captain and First Officer's name.....VH-.....

Arrival day.....Departure day.....

For catering and venue requirements, complete the following details. Indicate Yes or No.

Will you be attending dinner on Friday? Yes/No

Will you be attending lunch on Saturday then flying to Dick Smith's (Bowlie Homestead)? Yes/No

Will you be attending the Convention dinner on Saturday? Yes/No

Will you be attending the Sunday Coach tour to Junee including lunch? Yes/No

Will you be attending dinner on Sunday? Yes/No

\$50 deposit per person. Number of persons.....X \$50 = \$.....Indicate if paying by Internet. Yes/No

If attending all functions the approximate total cost will be \$150.00 per person, which includes a Coota Convention Pin, Transport, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and Convention dinner, plus the Sunday Coach tour including lunch and entrance fees.

There are two options on how to pay your deposit:-

1. By the 9th March send this completed Registration form with deposit cheque payable to the Airtourer Association to:- John Treble, P.O. Box 57, Keilor, 3036.

2. Pay deposit by Electronic Funds Transfer.

Bank account details: Airtourer Association

BSB No. 032507

Account No. 121510.

Quote Name and send an email to: President@airtourer.asn.au

- Post your completed Registration form to above address or via email: - President@airtourer.asn.au
- Registration forms and deposit to be forwarded by 9th March.
- Return of deposit cannot be guaranteed after the closing date of 9th March.

For Sale



Airtourer 150, G-ATJC

Converted to a 150 in the 1990's, JC is fitted with a metal fuel tank and the rest of the fuel system, including a new pump, gascolator, pipes and hoses, was completely overhauled last year.

TTAF 4096 Hrs

Engine 1680 Hrs

Also

The remains of Airtourer 115, G-AZHT.

Enquiries to Robert Wyatt at wyattrobert1@googlemail.com

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Airtourer Co-operative Ltd

The Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative will be held at the Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn, at 0945 on 18th March 2012.

Agenda:

- Presentation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. (Published in the May 2011 Airtourer Association Newsletter.)
- Business Arising from the Minutes.
- Chairman's Report
- Presentation of Accounts. (The accounts will be available on the Association website early in February for access by current members.)
- Determination of Annual Subscription
- Election for retiring Board Members
- Other Business

Note: Only active members may vote at an AGM.

Proxy forms are available from the Airtourer Association website under *Airtourer Co-operative > Administration*

Nomination for election as Director

Airtourer Co-operative

The Airtourer Co-operative rules require that at the AGM two Directors stand down but are eligible for re-election without nomination. Additionally, other members may nominate for election if they are either active members in accordance with Rule 18, or are a person having special knowledge of the requirements to maintain the airworthiness of Airtourer series aircraft.

Any person wishing to nominate for election as a Director should do so in writing to the Chairman prior to the AGM.

For Sale

4 brand new Condor Aircraft Tyres for the Airtourer

5.00 5 120mph, 6 Ply Rating, Tube Type, 072-312-0
Retail they are \$89.50 each plus GST, asking \$50.00 each.
Pick up in Sydney

Contact Bill King
Mob 0407 285 641

Alan Wood's Aux Fuel Tank

Alan is considering having a set of aux tanks manufactured if there is sufficient interest. Could anyone interested please contact Alan directly or John Day, alternatively send an email to co-op@airtourer.asn.au

Bladder Fuel Tank

While on the subject of fuel tanks, John Day has found an interesting possible solution to getting that extra range out of the Airtourer. It's a collapsible 40 Lt portable fuel bladder supplied by an Australian company called Turtle-Pac.

Look up www.turtlepac.com and under *Products>Collapsible Jerry Can Fuel Tanks*.

The Association and the Co-op have no connection with Turtle-Pac and have not assessed this product. It's entirely up to the individual owners to investigate its suitability and legality.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Airtourer Association Inc.

The Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association will be held at the Cootamundra Gardens Motor Inn, at 0900 on 18th March 2012.

Agenda:

- Presentation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting. (Published in the May 2011 Newsletter.)
- Business Arising from the Minutes.
- Presentation of Reports. (Financial Statements are included in this Newsletter on pages 18 & 19.)
- Election of Office Bearers
- Other Business

Proxies may be registered in accordance with the Rules of the Association. These Rules and the proxy form are available from the Association website under *Airtourer Association>Administration*.

Airtourer Association Nomination for Election to the Committee

I nominate _____

for the position of: *(mark appropriate position)*

- President**
- Vice President**
- Secretary**
- Treasurer**
- Ordinary Members (three positions)**

Nominated by (Signature) _____

(Name) _____

Seconded by (Signature) _____

(Name) _____

I agree to being nominated for the above mentioned position.

Signature of candidate:

Date:

Note: this form will be available for download from the Association website under *Airtourer Association > Administration*

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT****FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010****AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****COOTAMUNDRA NSW 16 - 18 MARCH 2012****STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE 1/1/2011- 31/12/2011**

	Year ending 31 Dec 2011 \$	Year ending 31 Dec 2010 \$
REVENUE		
Membership Fees	6,474.00	5,224.00
AGM	5,649.00	5,700.00
Presidents 'Fly in'	950.00	3,660.00
Airtourer Co-Op Donation	2,000.00	2,000.00
Stock (caps/ shirts)		100.00
Member RFDS contributions		130.00
Airtourer Xmas lunch [VIC]		145.00
Interest [term deposit]	717.00	309.00
	<u>15,790.00</u>	<u>17,268.00</u>
Total Revenue	15,790.00	17,268.00
EXPENSES		
Bank Fees	67.00	74.00
AGM	5,200.00	4,427.00
Presidents 'Fly In'	1,049.00	3,605.00
Newsletter/stationery/postage	1,385.00	922.00
Public Liability insurance	1,347.50	0.00
AOPA subs	140.00	135.00
Trophies		160.00
Leukaemia Foundation	200.00	72.00
Stock (caps /shirts)	0.00	0.00
Jumba internet (fin year 10/11)	40.93	0.00
Name badges/Pins	365.51	0.00
Telstra mobile phone		50.00
(stationery/mobile phone)	209.13	0.00
RFDS donation		130.00
Registry of Associations	48.00	75.00
Refunds	100.00	475.00
	<u>10,152.07</u>	<u>10,125.00</u>
Total Expenses	10,152.07	10,125.00
SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	5,637.93	7,143.00

AIRTOURER ASSOCIATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

Balance Sheet		
	31 Dec 2011	31 Dec 2010
MEMBERS EQUITY		
Surplus/Deficit this year	5,637.93	7,143.00
Retained Surplus(Deficit)	<u>22,506.00</u>	<u>15,363.00</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS EQUITY	28,143.93	22,506.00
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank - current account	12,117.00	7,197.00
Cash on deposit	<u>16,026.00</u>	<u>15,309.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	28,143.00	22,506.00
TOTAL ASSETS	28,143.00	22,506.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00
NET ASSETS	28,143.00	22,506.00

Note: stock on hand \$300

Gerry Pels - Treasurer

2012 Calendar of Events

“CATCH THE COOTA BUS”

34th CONVENTION and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 34th Convention and Annual General Meeting will be held at Cootamundra NSW, on the 16th, 17th and 18th March. See this Newsletter for details.

The following dates are for Diary purposes only, as appropriate programs for these coming events are still in progress.

VICTORIAN BRANCH MID-WINTER LUNCH

The Annual mid-year lunch will be held at 12pm on Sunday 17th June.

PRESIDENT’S FLY-IN - “A RETURN TO THE HIGH COUNTRY”

The President’s Fly-In will be held in the Victorian Bright and Mount Beauty area, on the weekend of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd September.

VICTORIAN BRANCH CHRISTMAS FLY-IN

This year’s event will be a Fly-In for lunch on Sunday the 9th of December at the Barwon Heads Airfield.

2013 CONVENTION and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The location of the 35th Convention and AGM will be announced at Cootamundra.

Calendar of Events is on the Airtourer Association Website, with updates to be included, as they become available.

Welcome

Welcome back to Mick Conroy from WA who has Airtourer 100, VH-MFN