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Editorial

Firstly I must apologise for this May Newsletter finally being published in July. My work commitments have required me to be in North America, primarily Montreal in Canada, for over half my time in the last six months. While I don't wish to bore you with all the details the membership deserves some explanation. My main task was to conduct the checking of two full flight simulators, (one B747-8F and one B777-300ER), in the factory prior to shipping. I was also required to test fly some new aircraft, both B747-8F and B777, out of the Boeing factory in Seattle. The B747-8F aircraft has experienced significant delays which in turn impacted the simulator schedule. The simulator was the first B747-8 and was effectively a prototype. Instead of simply checking the simulation we had to spend a significant time developing it. Fortunately, during this time two of us returned to Seattle to test fly a new aircraft, straight off the production line, which gave us a great opportunity to gather more data. The scheduled completion date was 23rd Dec 2011, and I finally signed the acceptance at the end of May this year. Fortunately the B777 was a more mature device and only slipped a week.

These activities caused me to miss not only the Convention at Cootamundra but didn't allow time to complete other obligations such as this Newsletter. This work will continue with both simulators being shipped to Hong Kong where they will need to be checked again before being qualified by the HK Civil Aviation Dept to be used for training.

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Cover Photo: Best Presented Airtourer at the 2012 Convention, Ray Abernethy & Jane Mott's Airtourer Super 150 VH-PCC.

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Letter to the Editor

To All Of Our Friends

I wish to personally thank all our friends who attended Colleen's funeral and those who found the time to send sympathy cards to my family and I. All were greatly appreciated in our time of grief. They were a great help in our loss of Colleen.

Colleen and myself had a good long life together made better by all our friends both flying and non flying.

Colleen passed away peacefully in our home where I found her asleep.

Colleen looked very peaceful, she did not suffer, she had a heart attack whilst sleeping in her lounge chair where she had been watching the tennis on the telly.

Mourners at Colleen's funeral travelled far and wide, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Brisbane, Temora, Parks, Sydney, Coffs Harbour, Cessnock, Scone and all over the Hunter Valley and Newcastle area.

Love and thanks to all,

Jack (and Colleen) Murray.

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I thank the Committee and the membership for your patience and plan to have the August Newsletter published on schedule. Please forward articles, ads etc. to the Editor ASAP.

While in Montreal, sitting at dinner on the Saturday night of the Convention (14 hours behind Australia), I received a text from Jan, "There's a new life member, YOU!" My immediate thought was, "I'm not old enough!". Seriously, I am quite humbled and thank the membership for this honour.

I couldn't help but think back to my first contact with the Airtourer Association. I was in the RAAF and considering buying an aeroplane. The Airtourer was high on the list but not the only choice, I was also interested in vintage aircraft. One Friday in 1985 I had taken an RAAF CT4 Airtrainer to Griffith, near where Jan was teaching, for "navigation continuation training". At the fuel bowser I met Sonny Rankin and Stan Wright refuelling the West Wyalong Airtourer. I mentioned I was interested in the Victa and the "Victa Club" whereupon I was firmly corrected, it was called the "Airtourer Association". Sonny was president and Stan was Secretary and I have been a member ever since.

Safe Airtouring,

John O'Halloran

Convention 2012

Cootamundra

Jan O'Halloran

It was going to be a well planned trip from Cooroy to Coota.

We knew John was unlikely to be in Australia for this AGM so the idea was tossed around about making it a girl's flying adventure with Susie White in command of COI and myself as navigator.

About four weeks before the AGM, Susie arrived to be checked out in COI. Not that Susie requires a checkout in an Airtourer, but more due to the challenges of the airstrip and the neighbours trees at one end. It was a gorgeous day for flying. Much to Susie's delight she got the OK from JOH to take our aeroplane to Coota.

Susie arrived back in Cooroy on the Wednesday night prior to the AGM weekend. It hadn't been a good few weeks since her last visit. Cooroy had suffered a

devastating storm and two major floods, both of which resulted in huge quantities of water flowing over the airstrip. It was still raining, and had been, every day for weeks. Thursday was the day to walk the strip. I opted for gumboots while the ever hopeful Susie chose to go barefoot so she could feel how much moisture there might be in the airstrip. It didn't take long before she was ankle deep in water...! We were almost back to the hangar when the heavens opened yet again to pour more water on the already soggy airstrip. It made the decision to go commercial very easy. We did consider a 'Thelma and Louise' road trip in the 4x4 but it would have been 16 hours each way! Too hard!

So, it was off to Sunshine Coast airport on Friday to catch Jetstar to Sydney,



Part of the flight line at Coota, after the weather had cleared.



Friday evening BBQ at Cootamundra, missing a few familiar faces due to weather.

then Qantaslink to Wagga Wagga, followed by a hire car to Cootamundra. To make up for not flying ourselves, Susie was determined to do some low flying between Wagga and Coota – or perhaps she was just keen to get to the planned BBQ dinner on time! Like Cooroy, the weather wasn't very friendly in Coota, so the pool side BBQ moved indoors. As with most Friday night gatherings at Airtourer events, there was lots of catching up to do. Noisy and fun with lovely surprises at seeing friends we weren't expecting to be there. Absent however were a group we were expecting to see! Yes, weather had beaten more than half the Committee along with others from the south!

Saturday morning's planned activities came to a halt with no one knowing exactly what bus had been booked etc. Bonnie came to the rescue with some ideas to get the show on the road. While waiting for the bus to be delivered, three ultralights

appeared over the motel, prompting us to think the committee had opted for alternative transport from Yarrowonga, with umbrellas attached! It wasn't long afterwards we heard the familiar sound of Airtourers. Yes, the southern contingent had arrived!

Unfortunately the weather had made the planned visit to Dick Smith's property at Gunderoo impractical, this will have to wait until another fly-in.

All back on track, we headed out for the planned activities of a local museum, Donald Bradman's house and the Australian Cricket Captains' Walk with a lovely coffee shop lunch in between.

The Convention Dinner was held at the RSL with the Best Presented Award going to Ray Abernethy & Jane Mott for Airtourer 150 PCC.

Sunday's activities commenced with the Association AGM where JOH was nominated to be a life member, followed by the Co-op AGM.





With the formalities out of the way it was onto the buses for a tour to Junee where we found ourselves at the remarkable and haunted Monte Cristo Historic Homestead. A guided tour of the mansion, stables and outbuildings, with its impressive collection of antiques, followed. We learnt the fascinating story of its rebirth through hard work, ingenuity and determination.

Next stop, including lunch, was at the Junee Chocolate and Licorice Factory located in an historic flour mill. Here we indulged in games of toss with a lump of licorice, sampled tastings of all their products and of course, shopping.

On once more to the next destination – the Junee Roundhouse – a railway and transport museum. The main feature here is the “roundhouse” where trains would have been “turned around” on a 33m turntable to switch between 42 tracks. Surrounding the turntable were many examples of railway engines and carriages from the past, housed in two large sheds that originally made up the roundhouse. Plenty of good things for the railway enthusiast here!

Our last stop was at the current Junee Railway Station – a lovely old building, beautifully preserved and similar to many so often found in the country towns we visit.

Overall another successful Convention weekend despite the weather challenges. Thanks to John Treble and the Events Sub-Committee.

Attendance List

NAME	Reg.
John & Doreen Treble	CRK
Doug Dow	BQK
Lizzy Mathews	
Bob & Pat Peak	EQG
Alan & Merle Wood	POB
Graham & Lorraine Wood	
Ian Close & Sue Harris	VVZ
Stan & Bonnie Tilley	MTL
John & Rebecca Day	VRT
Gerry Pels & Beryl Marshall	DWT
Deborah & Rick Evans	
Peter Coy	R/A
Mike Fisher	BNV
Niel & Kathy Jensen	CND
Judy Riddell & Lyn Butler	
George Penfound & Pat Shiel	MWR
Andrew & Sharon Clement	KGR
Gary & Jorja Coote	CKE
Clint & Barbara Ashton-Martin	AGM
Bob & David West	MVA
Jon & Monique Pels	LVU
Ross & Helen Day	BWA
Warren & Barry Kirkup	WLK
Ray Abernethy & Jane Mott	PCC
Andy & Jane Morris	FVV
Lorraine Howson	
Jan O'Halloran & Sue White	COI
Col Taylor	

Opposite Page- Top: Jane Mott & Ray Abernethy (centre) receiving the Best Presented Trophy from Stan Tilley (L) and Alan Wood (R).

Middle: Your Committee in action at the AGM.

Lower Left: Newly weds Jon and Mon sharing a chocolate fondue at Junee.

Right: Merl Wood, Sharon Clement and Alan Wood enjoying a break in a railway carriage at Junee.



Back to School for me!

The Artificial Horizon had died.

Stan Tilley

Well I guess it was not surprising. After all, I do perform lots of aerobatics and regular displays. The instrument does have a "Pull to Cage" knob which I had rigged to "lock" the gyro - but enough - this safety device had eventually been overridden with disastrous results.

The problems are:

- It is almost impossible to buy a vacuum A/H that can be safely caged.
- Independent power systems have to be available to the instrument to qualify for flight in instrument conditions.
- There is an electric A/H which is supposed to be fully aerobatic but,
- It is expensive and with the electric power being used for the turn coordinator - where is the independent A/H power source.

The answer, I think, lies in a Mid Continent electric A/H which has a separate back up battery attached to cover aircraft power failure in IMC. This instrument is hopefully called "Lifesaver", we shall see!

The unit is expensive enough, but even worse is the requirement that the installation requires an Engineering Order and recertification of the aircraft for IFR operations. The next problem is that Tasmania, like the rest of Australia, is woefully short of qualified engineers. In my case the only way to get the unit fitted and certified is to take it to a mainland workshop.

However, there was NO WAY that we could not be at Cootamundra for the 2012 Convention.



I was surprisingly nervous. We would have to travel VFR.

The weather was not good. Doug Dow had already been on the phone. He was travelling VFR from Wynyard to Cowes, then around the Western side of Melbourne control, refuelling at Mangalore thence to Cootamundra.

We decided to do the same but our journey commenced from Sandfly, first stop Launceston for a quick fuel top-up, thence Cowes and Mangalore.

All went well to Cowes and we heard Doug a couple of times on the radio. Then I had to start navigating. With the GPS centred on Melbourne this was quite simple, all we had to do was remain outside controlled airspace while avoiding places like Point Cook and Laverton.

We were going well, I thought, when a large rain storm appeared on track. Bonnie said, "That rain storm is moving from west to east, you will need to go behind it".

Smart Alec me said, "We will be OK, I can sneak through on the east."

At that stage the radio said loud and clear, "Unidentified aircraft entering Melbourne airspace.....", Whoops! We, or rather I, had gone too far to the east.

Memo: Always take note of what the autopilot says.

However the controller was very polite. "Yes! the weather is bad. You are probably following the wrong railway line. I will give you a vector to the left and advise you when you reach the correct railway line so that you can proceed north again.

Neither Bonnie or I could see any railway line anywhere, but we dutifully followed instructions, turning north again when told to. Mind you, we still did not see any railway line there either.

The result was that Doug was already departing Mangalore as we were arriving. "Where have you been? Did you get lost?" he asked. I had to admit that we did get lost.

At Mangalore we refuelled and battled on. I thought it was OK but Bonnie said once or twice, "I don't think much of this".

We did not see or hear another aircraft until we were approaching Coota where we started to overtake Doug in the 115. He was going really well. "Hang on! That's not Doug, it's MVA from Albury"

We landed. Where was everybody? Alan and Merle were there as were Bob and Pat but not too many others.

Apparently nearly all had decided to be prudent and stopped at Yarrawonga for the night. As for Doug, well, he was at Hay.

Not to worry, they turned up the next day and a great time was had by all.

Addendum: What the English call an "Artificial Horizon" is an "Attitude Gyro" to the US. Sometimes I am told that I do not have the "right attitude!"

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.

TAF 4096 Hrs

Engine 1680 Hrs, with recent strip inspection. Zero time propeller.

Also

The remains of Airtourer 115, G-AZHT.

Enquiries to Robert Wyatt at [wyattrobert1@googlemail.com](mailto:wytattrobert1@googlemail.com)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Association (Inc.) held at Cootamundra on 18th March 2012

Present: Mr. John Treble President
Mr. Mike Fisher Vice President
Mr. Gerry Pels Treasurer
Mrs. Jan O'Halloran
Mr. Alan Wood
Mr. Niels Jensen
Ms. Monique Gillett Acting Secretary
and 35 members.

Apologies: Mr. John O'Halloran Secretary
and 8 members.

The President opened the meeting at 0905 AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were published in the May 2011 Association Newsletter.

Moved Stan Tilley, seconded Deborah Evans 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

John Treble presented Presidents Report which is attached at Annex B.

Proposed John Treble, seconded Elizabeth Matthews that the President's report be accepted.

Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gerry Pels presented the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, included at Annex C. (Included in the February Newsletter).

Proposed Gerry Pels, seconded Robert Peak 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 forwarded his apologies for being unable to attend and presented his report, Annex D, which was read to the meeting.

Proposed Monique Gillett, Seconded Beryl Marshall, that the Secretary's Report be accepted.

Carried.

General Business

Convention 2013.

The President advised the meeting that the next Convention and AGM would be held at Mudgee on 17th March 2013.

Membership Subscriptions.

Previously, the membership at an AGM, directed the Committee to consider and make recommendations regarding the annual membership subscription. The Committee recommended no change to the current subscription.

Life Membership nomination for John O'Halloran

Bonnie Tilley addressed the meeting to provide a citation covering the many years of hard work John O'Halloran has and is providing to the Airtourer Association.

Proposed Bonnie Tilley, Seconded Peter Coy that John O'Halloran be granted life membership.

Carried by acclamation.

Election of the New Committee

All positions were declared vacant. The Acting Secretary noted that the outgoing Committee had one additional member over that required by the Rules but that Jan O'Halloran had not renominated. Therefore the number of nominations received was the same as the number of vacancies and the new Committee was appointed as follows:

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

President John Treble thanked the membership for their continued support and

advised that he would not be standing for the position of President at the 2013 AGM. He urged the membership to actively consider over the coming year who would be the best choice and encourage them to accept nomination.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 0945 AM.

President's Report – AGM 2012

Fellow members of the Airtourer Association, I am pleased to offer the following as the President's report for the year ending 18th March 2012.

The year was an up and down year, with some good news and some not so good news.

To inform members of the passing of loved and well-respected members is a task I could certainly do without. We extend our thoughts and sorrows to the families of Lindsay Marshall, Glenn Sturges and Colleen Murray.

I shall briefly mention the activities held during the year that were fully reported on the Website and in the quarterly Newsletters

Our Convention and AGM at Corryong was a huge success with the hospitality and cooperation of all the locals, simply outstanding.

Saturday had us flying to Tumut where the Tumut Aero Club members welcomed us and provided us with a very good barbecue lunch with some kind introductory words from their President Simon Smith.

Our Sunday coach tour to the Boggy Creek "Legends and Laughs" show was just one of the many highlights of the Corryong Convention.

The President's Fly-In was a mini-safari event that was very successful with the feature being the overnight stay at Mungo Lodge.

The Victorian Branch held two get-togethers, a mid-year lunch at the Victorian Aero Club Bistro at Moorabbin and the end of year fly-in, hosted by John & Rebecca Day at their jdandboo field property.

The year saw the continued up grading of our Website, a work in progress being well done by Secretary John O'Halloran.

My thanks go to the helpful willing volunteers who give of their time, such as the mini-bus drivers, members who contribute Fly-In articles for the Newsletter, and members who say "if there is anything I could do to help, just let me know."

I also thank the Committee who do the day to day running of the Association, not forgetting the events committee of Mike, Niel and myself, who spend much time organising very detailed activity arrangements for your continued enjoyment.

In closing, I would like to thank all members for your all round support, during at times, a somewhat challenging year.

John Treble

Secretary's Report - AGM 2012

Firstly, allow me to apologise for being unable to attend this meeting. Unfortunately work commitments require me to be in Montreal to complete a task that was to be finished in December last year. My 'day job' has been quite demanding over the last year and will continue at least until December this year. This has impacted the amount of time I can devote to Secretarial duties.

The major work for the Secretary this year was related to last AGM's motion on joint administration, in particular, membership renewals. In general the new system worked well with less confusion amongst owners as to which renewals have been paid. The Co-op gained a few new members as a result of the joint renewals. Along the way there were a few "lessons learned" and next year should run smoother. The Association website has a number of features behind the scenes that simplify the processes. These are being refined and documented to avoid "reinventing the wheel". Overall the joint administration has successfully reduced the administration workload.

The last renewals included a tick box for those who did not wish to be included in the membership list. To date, no one has selected this option but the Association has fulfilled its responsibilities regarding privacy of its members information.

Membership is stable at 141, one less than last year.

Progress on the website remains slow with a long "to do" list. In the coming year I hope to slowly implement such things as a "Merchandise" section. Much work is still required for aircraft lists and associated links. Please send photos, both old and recent, as well as any history of your aircraft to the Secretary/Webmaster.

The website is there primarily for the members so I welcome feedback or requests for features.

I would like to acknowledge Monique Gillett who has offered to take on some of the administrative load. I would also like to thank Lorraine Howson and Lorraine Wood for their assistance with the Newsletter. Ironically, I've been too busy to utilise them fully in the last year but promise to give them more work in the future.

I started this report with a comment about the workload of my day job. Not only does this keep me busy but also away from home. I would particularly like to thank my wife and fellow Committee Member, Jan, who handles much of the day to day Airtourer work, particularly membership.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for their support and help and offer my services as Secretary for another year.

John O'Halloran

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Airtourer Co-operative Ltd held at Cootamundra on 18th March 2012

Present: Mr. Stan Tilley Chairman
Mr. Alan Wood Director
Mr. John Day Director
and 15 active members. (List attached as Annex A, not included in Newsletter)

Apologies: Mr. John O'Halloran Director
Mr John Sheehan Director
Mr Hector Blemmings Director
Doug Stott Member

Opening

The Chairman opened the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the previous AGM were published in the August 2011 Airtourer Association Newsletter.

Moved Deb Evans, seconded Ian Close that the Minutes, as published, be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Carried.

Business Arising From The Minutes

Nil

Reports

Chairman's Report

The Chairman, Stan Tilley, presented his report, which is included at Annex B.

Moved Stan Tilley, seconded Richard Evans, that the Chairman's Report be accepted.

Carried.

Financial Report

The Financial Statements, being an abridged version of the auditor's report, was presented and included at Annex C. Hugh Knox was thanked for his assistance with the financial report.

Moved Ian Close, seconded Richard Evans, that the Financial Statements be accepted.

Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

Proposed Ian Close, seconded Richard Evans, that Mr Richard Fong be reappointed Auditor for the following year.

Carried.

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.

Moved Bonnie Tilley, seconded Richard Evans that the annual subscription remain at \$50 for the following year.

Carried.

AFM TR1

Members were given an update on the status of TR1 and that the next development will be a flight-test program when John O'Halloran and VH-COI are available. This has been planned on a number of occasions but not achieved due to external factors, usually weather. The Coop has the necessary fuel gauges in stock for a proposed modification.

Auxiliary Fuel Tanks

Allan Wood explained that a minimum production run of three tanks would be necessary for production to be economically viable. Members interested in purchase and fitment of an auxiliary fuel tank should contact Allan, who advised that the approximate cost would be \$2000 per unit. Cost would reduce with a larger production run. Andy Morris also discussed some issues associated with ferry tanks.

Offer of Assistance

Andrew Clement has kindly offered his assistance to the committee particularly given his proximity to Lee Gordon-Brown's hangar where many Coop assets are held.

Note of Thanks

The committee thanked Lee Gordon-Brown for his long-standing time and service to the Coop.

Explanation of Costs Associated with Engineering Consultation

It was explained to the membership that the Co-op was required to engage the services of aeronautical engineers, suitably qualified by CASA, on matters such as Engineering Orders, Service Bulletins or any changes to approved documents such as the Maintenance Manual or Flight Manual. These costs, applicable to the fleet, were born by the Coop but the benefit was available to all members. Currently these costs are covered by subscriptions and margins on parts but may have to be reconsidered in the future.

Buyers and Sellers Guide

John Day briefly explained to the membership that an Airtourer Buyers and Sellers Guide was being produced and eventually will be available via the Associations website. It is hoped this work will be completed in the coming months.

Aircraft Flight Manual

John Day explained that there is a long-term project to revise the AFM. The current AFM/POH is a copy of the original Victa and AESL documents compiled to the General Aviation Manufacturers Association format to meet the revised CASA requirements approximately ten years ago. This is a significant undertaking and would involve considerable expense as it will require CASA approval.

Election of the New Board

The Rules required that the two longest serving Directors retire at the AGM. Mr Alan Wood and Mr John O'Halloran therefore stood down but presented themselves for re-election.

Mr Hector Blemings presented his resignation from the Board due to health reasons.

Mr Jon Pels offered himself for election to the Board.

No further nominations were received and hence Alan, John and Jon were elected.

The Board therefore stands as follows:

Chairman	Mr. Stan Tilley
Directors	Mr. Jon Pels
	Mr. John O'Halloran
	Mr. Alan Wood
	Mr. John Sheehan
	Mr. John Day

Stan Tilley proposed a vote of thanks to Hector Blemings for his assistance during his time as a Director.

Carried by acclamation.

Closure

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10:30AM.

Airtourer Co-operative Ltd
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Income		
Trading profit	12,161.00	5,426.42
Interest received	3.62	3.80
Subscriptions received	3,775.00	5,090.00
Total income	15,939.62	10,520.22
Expenses		
Accountancy	750.00	781.00
Audit fees	550.00	550.00
Bank Fees And Charges	12.25	10.00
Donations	2,000.00	2,000.00
Insurance	1,943.05	1,548.55
Postage		313.80
Printing & stationery		377.00
Telephone	597.00	1,188.00
Technical services	3,532.65	5,464.20
Total expenses	9,384.95	12,232.55
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	6,554.67	(1,712.33)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	6,554.67	(1,712.33)
Total changes in equity of the association	6,554.67	(1,712.33)
Opening retained profits	56,219.49	57,931.82
Net profit attributable to the association	6,554.67	(1,712.33)
Closing retained profits	62,774.16	56,219.49

Airtourer Co-operative Ltd
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
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Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash At Bank	36,369.36	44,884.51
	<u>36,369.36</u>	<u>44,884.51</u>
Receivables		
Trade debtors	8,267.80	1,310.00
Subscriptions receivable	2,140.00	
	<u>10,407.80</u>	<u>1,310.00</u>
Inventories		
Finished goods - at cost	29,597.00	23,346.00
	<u>29,597.00</u>	<u>23,346.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>76,374.16</u>	<u>69,540.51</u>
Non-Current Assets		
Other		
Warehouse equipments at 2005 valuations	30,000.00	30,000.00
Jigs & Dies at 2005 valuations	40,000.00	40,000.00
	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>70,000.00</u>	<u>70,000.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>146,374.16</u>	<u>139,540.51</u>

Committee News

Events Sub-Committee. John Treble describes the Events Committee as the “Engine Room” of the Association. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes to organise a fly-in. The continued success of these events is due to the time and effort put in by the this group. The sub-committee welcomes John Day to their ranks.

Succession. President John Treble advised the membership at the AGM that he would not be standing for re-election next year. He strongly believes that the transition should be “seamless” and is actively working on achieving this. Now is the time to consider nominating for the Committee next year and seriously considering the longer term leadership of your organisation.

Membership Renewals. The Secretary is aiming to have the membership renewals sent out with this Newsletter. The Committee has kept the cost the same as last year despite the continued increase in running costs. Once again it will be a joint Association and Co-operative renewal notice. If you are paying with internet banking please ensure that there is some way of identifying you either by name or aircraft. We still have one payment from last year that cannot be identified.

Heard at the Hangar Door

Dr. Sue Clarke played her part in this year’s Australia Day Celebrations, and promoting an Australian icon, the Victa Airtourer with a number of events around Perth. These included formation flying, aerobatics and streamer cutting. Sue’s activities earned her an article in the local Post Newspaper where Sue and her Airtourer featured prominently in a number of photographs.

John and Doreen Treble recently visited Perth and caught up with **Jill Mulheron**. In January 1986 Jill and her late husband John hosted a group of visiting Airtourers on a flying safari organised by John Treble. During the recent visit Jill produced a photo album of the 1986 visit which brought back a flood of great memories, including a formation of Airtourers visiting Rottnest Island.

Alan Wood and Stan Tilley can’t say “no” to value for money when it comes to Airtourers. They have recently purchased Andrew Ronald’s Airtourer MRJ. This was originally an Airtourer 100 which Stan had flown many years in the past. Andrew, a LAME with extensive knowledge of the Airtourer, had upgraded it with a 150HP engine and CSU. With the quality of Andrew’s work and only 2,100 hours it was great value for money.

John Day found this interesting video on surviving forced landings. He advised the most interesting part is about 40-45 minutes into it. The internet link is:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OM84PPdjm0o>

or simply go to youtube.com and search for “surviving forced landings”

For Sale



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Website Update

Buyers and Sellers Guide.

In the software world there is a saying, “release early and release often” in other words don't wait for it to be perfect just get it out there and update as mistakes are found. I should have followed that advice with the Buyers and Sellers Guide. Last year John Day produced the first draft but I've held it back from publishing because there's always one or two minor points to check or change. It's now been around some of the LAME members as well as others and I'll put it on the website, hopefully by the time you read this. It is a 'living document' so please let us know of any changes or additions that you think could improve it.

Past Newsletters. The Association Historian, Doug Stott, has been scanning early issues of the Newsletter. These will be added to the website in the coming weeks.

Airtourer Co-operative News

Usable Fuel and AFM TR1

Unfortunately progress on re-establishing the usable fuel quantity has been delayed. The parts kit has been assembled and fitted to a few aircraft. The flight test will be conducted in COI which is yet to be modified. As previously reported, the modification and testing was planned for mid last year but was postponed due to weather. Subsequent plans have been delayed due to a combination of weather and the test pilot being on extended duty in Montreal with his day job. He is heavily committed for the rest of the year but the present plan is to position COI at Wedderburn in late July for modification by Alan Wood. Flight testing should be completed at Parkes during the President's Fly-In.

Once the new usable fuel is determined the AFM will be revised.

Ageing Aircraft

Worldwide, regulatory authorities are becoming concerned with airworthiness challenges associated with maintaining older aircraft. CASA recognise the problem and also realise that it will remain as there is little financial incentive to replace older aircraft with new ones. CASA is therefore running Ageing Aircraft Management Plan (AAMP) conferences to raise awareness within the industry. Board member John Day attended one of these recently and has written an article which will be included in the August Newsletter. He reports that CASA intend to release a discussion paper in August which will be open to public comment for 3-4 months. Subsequently a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is expected and is likely to increase the inspection requirements on older aircraft.

Continued airworthiness for the Airtourer Type is the responsibility of the Co-op and we will be actively involved in this process.

Jon Pels

Chairman Stan Tilley and the Directors welcome Jon Pels to the Board. Jon brings with him a wealth of practical engineering experience as well as sound business knowledge.

Calendar of Events

PRESIDENT'S FLY-IN - "Back to Parkes"

The President's Fly-In will be a "Back to Parkes" event, on the weekend of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd September. Details next Newsletter or on the website if available sooner.

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 35th Convention and AGM will be held at Mudgee over the weekend of 15th to 18th March 2013.

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

Welcome

Welcome back to **Fenton Phillips** who we haven't seen for a few years. Fenton continues to be a part owner of Airtourer 100 MRF which is now at Coldstream. Welcome to **Barry McCrow** of Alfredton near Ballarat. Barry currently owns a Beechcraft Bonanza F33 and is looking for a nice Airtourer.

New CASA Medical Requirements

The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia (SAAA) have successfully lobbied CASA to use some flexibility with regard to medical requirements for private pilots. Currently a Class 2 Medical is required however under the new policy a drivers licence medical standard, with some additional aviation requirements, will be sufficient. The new certification can be made by a General Practitioner rather than having to visit a CASA Authorised Medical Examiner. There are of course restrictions which should have minimal impact of Airtourer operations. See the CASA website for full details.