
THE FLYING TIGERS NEWS

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From the Editor's Keyboard

Tony.

Well after what can be only be described as a marathon meeting on Sunday afternoon October 19 we had a changing of the guard in the Flying Tigers club. Out with the old and in with the new. The new committee took their chairs and from the start began to address the issues in hand. To the old committee, a hearty "Well done", and we

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Web Update!

For those members who have access to the Internet you will be pleased to know (or otherwise) that we now have a reasonably secure members area. Now the Members Area is by no means finalized and it will see some changes ongoing for the next month or so as I learn more about the software I am using and also more about writing code.

In there you will currently find 2 news letters that have been placed for test purposes. You will need to have Acrobat reader installed on your computer and those of you who currently receive the news letter via email will have that already, just a hint, it will take time for the letters to download so please make a cup of tea or visit the bathroom or whatever while this takes place. Now it will also depend on the time of day, and the speed of your net connection, both govern the speed the letter appears.

Rumour Heard Around The Hangar

While nosing around the hangar for some juicy rumours the Editor was informed by reliable sources that a member of the Flying Tigers made his first kill in combat, that of a parachute and pilot last seen floating down gently near some trees somewhere. Now as many bribes as could be mustered could not reveal all the details only that the said member was none other than our loveable; "Hangar Rodent"

all thank you for steering the club over the last 12 months. There are some challenges to be faced as the club moves forward but as a team these will quickly be dealt with and we look forward to a bright future.

As a result of the new direction some changes will occur on the Web site with the introduction of a "Members only" area. This will necessitate members have a user ID and Password to access this area but more as we progress.

Three new members were added to the roll and more to come so a great start. Thanks go to Wheels for his diligence in securing an Australian Flag from the local member for use on our soon to be "New Flagpole" when the Tigers are in residence. I believe Major Chaos was volunteered for the task, thanks for that Steve, nothing fancy mate, just plain and simple will suffice but then we will be pleased with whatever you choose. (Remember it has to take the pennant as well).

My apologies to Capt Kiwi for the omission of part of his Gundi report in the last news, there is no excuse just simply messed up mate. I some how missed the little tour to the RSL.

Now an important reminder for all members:

YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE DUE IN JANUARY 2004

Please remember these as we want to be able to plot and plan our finances without the hassle of chasing people, we will be sending out the invoices or whatever with the December news so get to and save up.

On a nice note it was great to see Billy and Annie at the AGM with Billy looking well. Hopefully he will be back in the air with us shortly.

New Committee Members for 2004

President:	Brian Melbourne
Senior Vice President:	Steve Wilson
Treasurer:	Ian Walker
Secretary:	Sue Burns
Editor:	Tony West
Activities:	Ray Wheeler

Events Catering: Ray Wheeler
General Catering: Ian Walker
Web Master: Tony West

OCTOBER 2003 MONTHLY MEETING: Minutes

The October monthly meeting opened at 2:00 pm on 19 October 2003 at the flying Tigers clubhouse by Brian Melbourne.

Present: Steve Wilson & family, Andrew Dunning, Grummo, Ian Walker, Ray Wheeler, Bob & Sue Burns, Ray Frahm, Andrew Oldrich, Tony West, Brian Melbourne, David Mason, Joe Mass, Alan Davis, John Ball, Bill & Ann Fisher, Craig Aitken and Sue Hopper.

Guests: Joy, Lorraine Wilson, Shirley Davis, Lorraine West, Bev & Kim Melbourne, Roger Whyett and Gary DeLoas.

Apologies: Tony Foran & Rocky

Last Minutes:

Andrew moved that the last minutes read and correct, seconded by Alan Davis, motion carried.

Business arising from last minutes:

Council letter: Still pending

Wheelie bin: Steve to arrange by next meeting

Safety light to be installed – Greg to follow up

Correspondence in:

Letter regarding liquor licence

Correspondence out:

Letter to AUF

Letter to Bendigo Bank

Letter to Boonah Shire Council

Business arising from correspondence:

Nil

New members:

Gary De Loas

Roger Whyett

Peter Verner

Treasurers Report:

Balance as at 19/10/03 \$3000. (Estimation only)

Outgoing:

To Bank:

Balance as at:

Ian to give an up to date report at the next meeting when he has had time to collate all the information handed to him from Sue Hopper.

Ian Walker moved to accept report, seconded by Steve Wilson.

Web master report:

More people have used the site. He is working on a secure site with a user password.

General Business:

Report on fly-in as written.

Fuel storage – there should be no storage of fuel in the hangar.

Drinks profitability – This should be monitored in the accounting system

Reminder that fees are due in January.

\$5 overnight fee to be reviewed in January. Motioned by Ian, seconded by Andrew – carried.

Emergency procedures to be listed and put on display Greg to action. Motioned by Andrew, seconded by Ray.

Audit for next year by Joy. Motioned by Brian, seconded by Steve Wilson.

Meeting closed at 3:20pm

Next meeting 16th November 2003.

Report on Boonah Flying Tigers Club Inc Fly In & B.B.Q held on 27/28 Sept. 2003.

The weather proved O.K. in the early morning but deteriorated in the mid part of the day to strong Westerly winds of up to 30 kts. This probably had an effect on the numbers of pilots and aircraft actually attending. Approximately 50 aircraft & crews attended the Fly in and from all accounts, had a very enjoyable visit. A good number of the General Public and Aviation minded persons attended also, to view the aircraft and enjoy the food and drink available.

A RACQ Careflight “Carebear” was available for raffle to assist the Helicopter service and \$260 was remitted to RACQ Careflight. The winner of the Raffle was Mr. Brian HUNTER of the Gold Coast ph.5532 4277.

Supplies purchased are listed in general on an Appendix to this report to aid future Fly In coordinators as is a rundown on things necessary to attend prior to the Fly In.

Regretfully, the Mayor and deputy whom were to attend failed to arrive nor did we have any one from the local Guardian Newspaper to cover the event. I will provide a Newspaper article directly. Nor did we have

Calendar of Events (maybe)

There are a couple of notes for the end of the year. The Heck Field club are holding their Christmas party on the weekend of the 6th December. The Flying Tigers will be having theirs for members on Saturday, December the 13th at a venue to be advised by Kiwi, I think it will be Chinese in Boonah.

any representation from AUF directly.

In any event, the function was a roaring success despite the forebodings of a section of the Club whom held that members would be remiss in not providing support for the coordinator. It is stated that nothing could be further from the truth and all members attending performed duties as required at various levels according to their abilities and time available.

Some particular persons need to be recorded as providing exemplary support over the weekend however the list is not exhaustive nor in any order; Thanks to John Ball for his unswerving attention to Airside & Grounds Marshall and his assistant for their sterling work in the hot sun both days. No incidents or accidents were recorded.

Kiwi, Brian (Roundup), Grummo, Patto for their untiring work in setting up and ensuring the venue was presented well; Brian also proved his ability as BBQ cook along with Maj. Chaos, Steve. It was also

Welcome to the following New Flying Tiger Members

At the October meeting of the Flying Tigers approval was given to the following membership applicants:

Gary De Loas
Roger Whyett
Peter Verner

We take this opportunity to formally welcome these new members and hope they enjoy our company as I am sure we will theirs. Make yourselves known to other members and please feel free to ask questions on anything you may not be sure of. There are members present almost every weekend at the club so there is always a cup of coffee to be enjoyed with conversation, so long as it's to do with Aviation, just joking.

good to see members whom do not usually attend the Hangar, arrive for the day. Special thanks go to Lorrain Wilson and the girls for there great effort with the Raffle as well as Drinks and BBQ Sales; this was an extremely great help ladies. Also, Bev (Mrs. Roundup) Melbourne whom not only prepared some beautiful baked potatoes for Saturday night Tea but swung into full action on Sunday to assist with the cooking preparation along with other aspects to assist the day. Thanks also to Shirley Davis for her expertise at preparing Hamburgers etc.

I believe that no one went hungry on the days. The cleaner ups after the event deserve a vote of thanks for a complete and final clean up and Joe Maas for assistance in returning Shire equipment. Altogether a happy and successful event with a number of lessons learned.

Some suggestions for any future events:

- We need to procure a hot water Urn for coffee/tea making to be sited outside the Office area.
- The Office area should not be accessible save for the cooks supporters and those delegated to assist cooks, drinks etc.
- Money security must not be compromised we need to keep Office for Members only on the day of any function.
- Perhaps the next event should not be a 2 day event, one only would be easier. (Only a suggestion).

As Licencee for the activity I was a little disappointed at certain behaviors on Saturday night reported to me subsequently; these related to bad language and excessive drinking. It will not be permitted to happen again will it? If I've missed anyone, I apologise; it was a little busy; please accept my thanks and that of the remainder of the Club.

Ray Wheeler
Coordinator

C-C-CANUNGRA; Revisited.

Dateline: Boonah Airstrip, Saturday 8th November.

Kiwi: "Let's do Canungra tomorrow".

Wheels: "Yeah, Let's".

And so the infinite and painstakingly fastidious flight planning had been completed on yet another foray of the Flying Tigers Ultralight Aircraft Club Inc.

For the uninitiated, Canungra International is a rough paddock strip just at the back of the Tamborine Winery where one has to "Fly Neighbourly". So as to avoid the wrath of the owners/operators whom have not realised that they live in a changing world and that Aviation is here to stay. In any event, we don't willingly upset the natives. GPS and Airstrip details are appended at the bottom of this article for those foolhardy enough to wish

to emulate the trip.

And so, Sunday dawned threateningly but we were assured by the Met. Pundits that it was to be the better of the two days of the weekend, so it was “Go”, Saturday being flyable.

E.T.D was, laughingly, suggested to be 8 – 8.30 ack emma however we are now on Melbourne time so, with the President arriving at the strip eventually, we departed Easterly at 0930 hrs. This was after the owner of the Canungra Airstrip had arrived at Boonah for a coffee and was informed that we were going to grace his airfield with our presence.

He immediately jumped to his feet and sat down again after realising that Melbourne time was in vogue. Wheels did a warm up flight in an attempt to stir up SchwarmFuehrer Joe Maas to no avail and Kiwi was ready to depart at his return; Grummo was “all systems go” as was Alan Walker of Canungra fame; Pres. Brian was readying his Drifter for “the show”.

All aloft and the radio indicated that Ray Frahm was about to land at Boonah whereupon he was advised of our foray which he immediately joined. The trip was enjoyable but uneventful save for Wheels overflying Claus Grimm’s “Storch” over Beaudesert; (Gees, those things are hard to see in their drab camouflage colouring). “I don’t know if Claus saw me either” said Wheels. Of course, Alan in his beautiful Piper passed us all underneath in his attempt to get the kettle on but Grummo beat us all.

The landings went smoothly and it was Wheels first with the Gazelle at the ‘strip and “I was most impressed with my display of outstanding airmanship and capability with the aircraft on yet another occasion” was Wheels comment when he landed. A bastion of quiet self confidence and modesty is this member.

Kiwi, whom departed first was second last to arrive (before Pres. Brian) and performed an outstanding side slipping approach and landing and joined the aircraft line-up. We had two drifters, a Gazelle, a Jabiru, two Lightwings, a Shuttle (Kerry’s) and Alan’s Piper; quite a very presentable group in all.

Now coffee (or tea) at Canungra International Arrivals/departures lounge is something to behold; the furnishings, whilst rustic, would do a Toorak/Rose Bay mansion proud and the ambience of the large open fireplace and upholstered armchairs provide comfort often not found in other International lounges (Rome, Paris, New York, etc.).

Some basic features must be accepted like the Hot Water being boiled in the large saucepan and the biscuits provided without plates however the home made cakes provided by chef extraordinaire, Heather, was excellent and compensated for any shortfall, none of which was in hospitality.

As time and the next bus wait for no man, it was emplane and back to Boonah, again without incident; Grummo, Hangar rodent with Ray Frahm and friend, Audrey, decided to go home via Murwillumbah and were prepared for an overnight stay however, in the event, did not require same.

Back at Boonah it was Sailplanes wall to wall and some “stacking” was needed for a short while, so Wheels attempted to stir Schwarmfuehrer Maas again to no avail (he must sleep a lot).

All down safely and the Murwillumbah arrivals not long afterwards completed the days flying and just in time as the weather gods became a bit more forceful of their responsibilities and reduced the enjoyability level to about one.

All together a most enjoyable morning out with the Club and yet another one to tell the grandchildren about. Thanks to all whom attended and to Rocky whom minded the fort whilst we were away.

"CANUNGRA INTERNATIONAL.
RWY 14/32; GRASS; 600 MTRS APPROX.
ELEV; 125 FT
GPS CO-ORD. S 27.55.491
E 153.06.998.

CAUTION:
TREES LEFT HAND ON APPROACH AND AT
OTHER END NEED CONSIDERATION.
COW TURDS PRESENT AND CREATE
UNDERWING APPENDAGES WHEN WET.
OTHERWISE; ENJOY.

The Red Fox goes Hunting

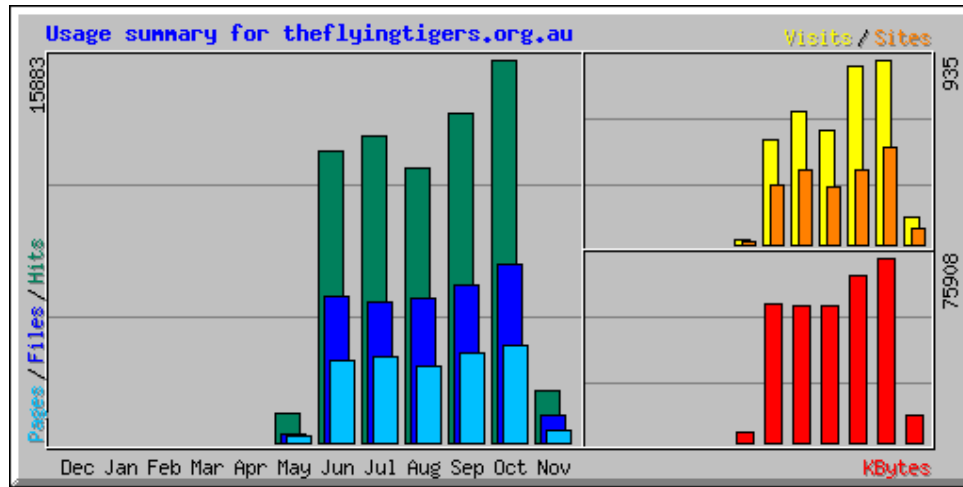
A couple of weeks ago while returning from a jaunt to Ipswich I did a quick detour to Emu Gully, but no camera damn it.

Now we have all heard about it but to see it is something else. There before me in all its new cam paint scheme (still wet by the way) was none other than TK’s new FW 190. Man is this thing some machine. Much bigger than the Ol’ Spit Terry normally flies, I had to darn near stand on my tip toes to see into the cockpit, two seats and all, I think he will have to swat every one off the wing. No betting on how many would be’s will want to ride shotgun in this one.

I am informed that high speed taxi trials are taking place at the moment to sort out a minor brake problem but that was all I could find out for now. I for one look forward to seeing this one in the air, not quite as quick as the Spit but should sound spicy with the big radial up front. Also heard by the Ol’ Fox was that a member was seen taking photos of said aircraft about a week or so ago, what do you know about this one Chaos?

Update for our site Visits (since no pics).

Usage Statistics for theflyingtigers.org.au
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Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Nov 2003	354	188	91	22	81	11237	136	546	1133	2128
Oct 2003	512	238	130	30	494	75908	935	4057	7383	15883
Sep 2003	454	218	124	30	373	68526	904	3732	6545	13631
Aug 2003	366	193	101	18	291	56128	574	3156	6002	11356
Jul 2003	410	188	115	21	380	56013	669	3589	5833	12714
Jun 2003	401	202	113	17	299	57312	528	3392	6061	12057
May 2003	619	193	120	13	16	4394	26	241	386	1238
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So what can we decipher from these stats above? The month of Nov is only partial, 10 days. Well pay attention to the columns “Hits” and “Visits”. What these tell us is that those visitors we get are staying for quite a period of time and more likely than not are exploring our photos. We have a very tight site meaning that for all the visits, not a lot of bandwidth is being used, e.g. we have a total bandwidth of 300 megabytes/month but we are only using for the month of October approx 70 kilobytes for 935 visitors so you can see we have a great value deal here money wise. There is plenty of room for more traffic to the site so we need to spread the word of our great club.

The new feature introduced to the site, the secure member’s area is still under testing at this time. For the moment you may enter the area by typing in the User ID, tiger and the Password, flying, both words are in lower case. For obvious reasons this information is not for public distribution, club members only. I will be changing the user id/password every so often and notice will be in the news in time for you to keep up to date.