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Tasmanian Aero Club Newsletter

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The end and start of another financial year. Last years was not as good as the previous however this organization has been on a roller coaster ride since inception.

When all said and done we are a "club"

It is difficult to try and run a club when the majority of flying income is generated from the business side of the operation.

Its all the old "been there, done it and we will do it all over again"



Convair ZK PAL rolling 32L enroute to Parkes NSW

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CFI/Chief Pilot Resignation

The Clubs Chief Pilot / CFI Michael Lawrence resigned effective as of the 21st September.

Michael had some personal and operational issues and has returned to Brisbane.



Eclip over
Launceston taken
from Prospect

Operational Issues

As the Club has no CFI / Chief Pilot our Air Operators Certificate has been temporarily suspended. CASA have agreed to put the AOC on hold until a suitable nominee can be found to fill the position /s

The Club has already advertised for a replacement although in today's aviation climate we are one of many in the same boat and suitable personnel are almost non existent.

In essence we are at this time unable to operate fully and have taken up a couple of options to undertake limited operations on another operators AOC.

This will also have a flow on effect financially should this period become extended and until this issue is resolved the office will manned fully only two days per week or voluntarily otherwise.

It is intended to raise the operational issue as a General Business item at the AGM

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TRAFFIC



Coinvair, **VH PDL** of Pionair returned to New Zealand for an overhaul and was replaced by Convair ZK (front cover)

Aae 737 freighter **XMO** hit a swan in the vicinity of Launie and landed in a mess of bloodied feathers undamaged (The swan wasn't so fortunate).

8-9-10 August saw gale force winds over the three day period with freighter **XMO** again in the spotlight. After landing around 3am wind gusts were so severe they were unable to open the cargo hatches. The aircraft ferried to Hobart and returned to unload later at 10am.

Helicopter **JWD** on geophysical survey also had an argument with a rather large eagle in the Ben Lomond area. Pilot Mark Watson saw the eagle come up from below and impact a main rotor blade. Luckily there was little damage apart from a scuffed leading edge rotor, the eagle however joined **XMO**,s Swan.

Two Caribous from 38 Squadron Townsville conducted a number of night and sorties and used the Club as a staging base for their week long visit. A number of Club Members were treated to a formal look and presentation on the aircraft

80th Anniversary Open Day

Plans to hold an Open Day on Saturday 20th October are now well in hand. DOTARS approval (with conditions) has been approved for airside access to the public and a number of people and Clubs have already indicated their willingness to attend.

All aircraft owners and pilots are most welcome and letters have been forwarded as a reminder to most.

Assistance in any form by Club members on the day for a variety of tasks would also be most appreciated if you have the time.

FLEET



MBE 's new engine is into its second hundred hours and running sweetly.

J160 4544 is headed towards 500 hours and apart from a few minor hiccups has been running well.

WIX is down to 400 hours ETR and due for another 100 hourly.

The Directors are still pursuing the sale of **WIX** with the intention of cross hiring a late model replacement.

LET returned for a couple of months but has since returned to Essendon and is due back the second week in October

PNX and **WIQ** both on line and up to date

Tower

Alpha Alpha Charlie climb to 6000 ft for noise abatement

Alpha Alpha Charlie at 4000 ft

How could I possibly create a noise at 4000

Tower . A320 inbound on your track and level and suggest will make one hell of a racket unless you vacate your level

VH WIX Starting Procedure

Members who fly WIX please note that it has recently been fitted with a new high speed high tech starter motor.

Previously the cranking speed was somewhat slow, however it now spins the prop at a speed similar to that of an ordinary vehicular starter motor .

The starter MUST NOT be engaged for periods longer than 10 seconds and it MUST be rested for 30 seconds prior to engaging again.

NO MORE than 4 engagements are to be used at any one time.

A note has been placed in the aircraft folder to remind pilots of the procedure.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A reminder that the AGM is set for Friday the 12th of October 2007 at 7.30pm
The Audit Documents and Director Report have been e-mailed or posted to all Financial / Life members that we have current addresses for.

Note; Copies will not be provided on the night

Achievements

Congratulations to Rowena Price on achieving her PPL after several belated efforts due weather.

Congratulations to Gene Carins achieving his twin endorsement in Partenavia PNX and Tony Jacobs IREX theory. Tony is presently doing his practical IFR and hopes to be fully IFR very shortly.



Dornier VJD at Launie

New members

We welcome new members Scott Patterson, Craig Loosemore, and Paul Smith, together with returning members Stjohn Pound and Scott Mckinnell.

We wish you and your families a happy association with the club and safe flying



Out and About

WIQ Gene Carins - MBE Paul Herron - WIX Joe Miller - J 4544 Chris Clark - and J 45 63 Marcel Jansen accompanied by

a number of passengers attended the Aero Club of Southern Tasmania's Fly In BBQ at "Huntworth" Jericho

There were 21 aircraft pilots and passengers, the weather was kind and all had a good day.

Jonathon Phillips who after patiently waiting with a few subsidiaries for the last couple of years finally started with Qantas as a 2nd Officer his first flight on QF 1 Sydney - Bangkok return. On 23rd August.

Jonno called in to the Club a couple of weeks ago and was then heading off Melbourne - London.

Its good to see ex TAC trained and Club members realizing their ambitions.

Another ex TAC member Andrew Bruiniewood has departed from the Launie RFDS and is now in the right hand seat of a 737 with Virgin.

Tasair Chief Pilot John Townly has gone to Jetstar and luckily has the option of being based in Hobart.

Ex Dagonair skipper Colin Arnott has replaced John as Tasairs Chief Pilot.

Raoul Woods has completed initial training on the Dornier which is about to commence RPT with Airlines of Tasmania.

Tony Jacobs headed off across the pond Devonport - Warwick on a ferry with a rather small Grumman so much so his only accompaniment was fuel.

Gene Carins, Anna McFarlane and Chris Clarke have all embarked on their Commercial Training and have done a number of inter and intrastate sorties.

Gene is booked for his practical test the 1st week in week in October whilst Anna is completing her final training in Queensland.



HOUSEKEEPING

Any members interested in manning the office periodically either through the week or weekends please contact the Club.

Note fuel prices jumped up again this month by 5 cents a litre and presently on \$1.57

The Club is reviewing all its flying rates to account for overheads as the only adjustments made for a number of years has been for fuel price variations. It appears our present rates have only allowed and been adjusted for Fuel, Insurance, Maintenance, Cross Hire and Pilot fees.

There is no record of fixed or variable overhead costs being taken into account for many years if ever with respect to the rates charged.

It is also apparent compared to the rates and fees of other organizations that we are not keeping pace and adjustments for operational purposes is required.

80th Anniversary Open Day

Saturday October 20th

10am - 4-30pm

Large Static Aircraft Display

Photographic and Model Display

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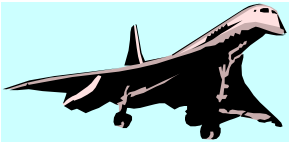
Helicopter Maintenance

Fixed Wing Maintenance



Executive Airlines Citation EXG piloted by Mathew Anderson (ex CASA)

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38 Squadron Caribou departing for Townsville after a week in Launie

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