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Reminder: Flying Comp round 2

Sunday January 23, 2005.

BALLOON BURST: In a tenuous link with the silly season and "bubbles", the January round of the Scone Aero Club flying competition will feature a balloon-bursting competition in parallel with a champagne breakfast.

Naturally you can't participate in the liquid refreshment until *after* you have participated in the flying!

The Flying comp will be held, as usual, in the Gazelle.
NO AUF TICKET REQUIRED – NO BFR REQUIRED – NO CURRENCY REQUIRED - there will be a ticketed, current AUF instructor in the right hand seat at all times to make sure it is all kosher.

Kick-off: 0700 Sunday morning, Scone Aero Club
Sponsored by: Tyrrells Glenbawn Winery

Recent Events at the Club:

November 27th 2004: Round 1 of the flying comp and the Club's annual presentation day.

A very enjoyable first round of the flying comp was followed by a BBQ lunch and a brief presentation ceremony. Certificates were awarded to all the pilots who had achieved certification since October 2003, when pilot training records officially commence (What happened to the ultralight training records before that date? We don't know). There was a great turn-out of pilots and their families to enjoy the day, which was much appreciated by the board members who organised the event. A particular thanks must go to Club secretary Steve Bell who organised and sponsored the catering for lunch on the day.

The second part of the award ceremony centered on those club members who had made an outstanding contribution to the club in the preceding 12 months. There was a number of nominees for the Student of the Year award and the WO Pye award for Excellence in Airmanship, which made determination of winners particularly but the awards went to:

Student of the Year: Peter Cameron

WO Pye memorial trophy for excellence in

Airmanship: David Jackson

Club member of the Year went to Sally Garland of Singleton. Sally has been a quiet but consistent "do-er" through her short time at the club, identifying needs (both material and logistic) and filling them without fuss or fanfare. Sally's thoughtful contributions have made running the club easier and for that we agreed

she should be named Scone Aero Club member of the year for 2004.

December 11th 2004: Official First flight of P-40E Kittyhawk VH-KTY

Saturday December 11 saw a very special private function held at the club: Col Pay officially unveiled his 'new' Kittyhawk to the public and it was displayed in front of WCDR Bobby Gibbes DSO, DFC & Bar in company with 'our' Spitfire, visiting for the day from Temora.

Fifty of Col's guests were then treated to a private luncheon at the Aero Club, prepared by the Aero Club board. The guests of honour were of course WCDR and Mrs Gibbes; other guests included Mr Pay's family, close personal friends, and many employees of Pay's Air Service past and present. Colin is of course one of three Life members of the Scone Aero Club and several long-standing Club members were among the invited guests, including fellow Life members Ron Haggarty and David Reid and their wives. The event went extremely well and Mr Pay was delighted with the Club's preparations, later making a substantial donation to the club in thanks for services rendered.

On a related note, one member expressed frustration at not knowing a private function was underway at the Club on the day. The board discussed the issue at the December meeting and resolved that in future all private function bookings should be promulgated to members 1) by electronic means, both on the website and by Email and 2) by making minutes available at the club on the Club noticeboard.

Aeroplane flight reviews: A note of caution

Firstly, the Civil Aviation Regulations require that a Private pilot or a Commercial Pilot undergo an aeroplane flight review every 2 years. The rules are quite specific about who is an "appropriate person" to conduct an AFR:

- A qualified flying instructor with the appropriate grade of flight instructor rating;
- An Approved testing officer; or
- A CASA Flying Operations Inspector (FOI).

If your Aeroplane Flight Review is not conducted by an appropriate person "it is deemed not to have been completed" and you will be operating outside the law. We all know our chances of getting caught on a minor paperwork technicality are very slim indeed; HOWEVER, the insurance implications are very serious and may void all cover for damage to your aircraft, to say nothing of your exposure to public liability should you hurt someone.

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I urge all pilot members of the club to remember this trap next time their AFR comes due, which is usually 2 years after either your last Licence test or your last AFR.

Which secondly leads me to:

Many AUF members have approached me over the last 6 months for a Biennial Flight Review for their AUF certificate. If the AUF notifies you of your BFR Due Date please double-check your logbook; a recent computer hitch has most of us coming due for a BFR

after only 12 months. One AUF-certified club member has recently endured a 6-month self-imposed grounding because of this stupid mistake by the AUF! Your BFR is not due until 2 years after your Pilot Certificate flight test OR after your navigation flight test. The Aero Club is slowly building BFR dates into your membership records to help you with reminders; to get your BFR date included on your 2005 membership card please note the due date at renewal time (April 30 each year).

Coming Events:

January 2005

Tuesday 18: SAC Board Meeting: 7pm at the Aero Club. Bar open at close of meeting.
Sunday 23: Flying Comp Round 2 (Balloon Burst followed by champagne breakfast); for details contact Ben Wyndham on 6545-9250

February 2005

Saturday 12: Working Bee Contact Nev Partridge for details
Tuesday 22: SAC Board Meeting: 7pm at the Aero Club. Bar open at close of meeting.
Sunday 27: Richmond RAAF Flying Club BBQ: Fly into Richmond RAAF base for lunch! All welcome, contact Neville Partridge or Tom Lavelle for more details.

March 2005

Saturday 12: Working Bee Contact Nev Partridge for details
Tba: Narromine: launch of the Wright Flier replica
Tuesday 22: SAC Board Meeting: 7pm at the Aero Club. Bar open at close of meeting.

April 2005

Tuesday 19: SAC Board Meeting: 7pm at the Aero Club. Bar open at close of meeting.
Saturday 24: Flying Comp Round 3: BBQ to follow, details closer to the event.

May 2005

Sunday 7: Lunch with the Tigers: Luskintyre Fly-in Bbq (near Maitland, so very economical). All welcome – contact Geoff Pinfold for details and bookings

June 2005

Saturday 24: Flying Comp Round 4: BBQ to follow, details closer to the event.

Stay tuned for the official Beer Garden launch party; working bees; more flying comp details; and more ways your Aero Club can help you get the most out of Aviation

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