

SCONE aero club



Just another day at Scone Airport!
Life Member, Col Pay's Impressive Warbird Collection

Pictured L to R Mustang, Kittyhawk, Harvard, Tiger Moth, Bird Dog and Chipmunk

Newsletter *Spring 2005*

Welcome to the first edition of the "new look" Scone Aero Club newsletter.

The club is facing a very bright future, with our club house renovations nearing completion and the advent of an agreement between Hunter Valley Aviation and Scone Aero Club to allow us to offer not only Recreational Aviation training (ultra-light), but General Aviation training as well.

Please enjoy the newsletter and if you have any articles, comments or news for future editions please do not hesitate to send them to Stephen Bell by e-mail on stephen@sconerealestate.com.au or drop them in to his office at Scone First National, 203 Kelly Street, Scone.

New Committee for Scone Aero Club

The new board of the Aero Club as voted at the AGM is, Neville Partridge, Peter Blake, Brian Hill, John Thorley, Nigel Russell, Alan Gordon, Stephen Bell, Neil Robertson and James Bragg.

President	Neville Partridge
Vice President	Peter Blake
Treasurer	Brian Hill
Secretary	Stephen Bell
Membership Secretary	Neil Robertson
Club Captain	Alan Gordon
Student liaison Officer	James Bragg
Newsletter editor	Stephen Bell
Bar Manager	Ian Brooks

Many thanks must go to the retiring members of last years board in particular **Tom Lavelle** for his enormous contribution to the club, **Bob Moore** for running the bar in a highly organised and professional manner and of course **Ben Wyndham** our current CFI and past President. Ben has driven the renovations to the club house, maintained the website, written the newsletter and organised the joint venture with Hunter Valley Aviation, so he has certainly been a tireless worker for the club and I thank him on behalf of the club.

In addition Life Member of the club **Ron Haggarty** must be thanked for his continued support. Without Ron's help organising fuel for the Gazelle we would be sunk!

If anyone has any suggestions to help make the club a better place please do not hesitate to contact one of the committee members.

General Aviation Training Is Here!

After a hiatus of several years we can now offer General Aviation training again. As many of you already know we have signed an agreement with Hunter Valley Aviation so now the club can cater to all your aviation needs.

In other exciting news we now have a Tomahawk available for training and hire plus a Decathlon arriving very soon for aerobatic and tail wheel training. There is also a strong chance that we will have a Cherokee on line soon as well.

This is a very exciting time for the club as the strength in most aero clubs is a sound training school. Now we qualify and hope that this should lead to many vibrant years of aviation in the Upper Hunter.

For details on training please contact Ben Wyndham on 0408 966 979.



The just arrived, very smart looking Piper Tomahawk, which is now available for training and hire (subject to conditions!) Below is the Decathlon



Club Renovations Near Completion

After much work the club house renovations are very nearly finished with **Snow Bragg**, **Ian Brooks** and **Tom Lavelle** recently putting our smart new bar top in. Huge amounts of work have been done and particular thanks must go to **Jacko**, **Brooksy** and **Snow** who have done an extraordinary amount of work. Many thanks to **EVERYONE** who has assisted.

Scone to Narromine for the Launch of the Wright Flyer

For some weeks we have all been aware that the replica Wright Flyer built in Narromine was going to fly with Col Pay from our town (and club) in control on the 1st of October 2005. It was decided that as many as possible from Scone Aero Club were going to fly to Narromine to witness this part of aviation history.

The morning of Saturday 1st of October arrived with a perfect day for flying, and as we had to be Narromine by 9 am we had to leave Scone airport at 7 am.



Life member of Scone Aero Club Col Pay at the controls of the Wright Flyer.



Top: Scone Aero Club members at Narromine
Above: Bob Moore and Neville Partridge at Narromine.

Planes from Scone included Neville Partridge and his Cessna 185, Ian Brooks and his Zephyr, Bob Moore in a Cherokee 140 and Jeff Pinfold in his 172. After pre flights and fuelling our squadron got underway.

As we got closer to Narromine we realised how many aircraft were in the air heading for the same destination as us so we had to keep a careful eye on the sky around us. Things got even more active when we approached Narromine airport and we found ourselves in the circuit with quite a few aircraft. Almost instantly upon landing we had a marshal on a quad bike directing us to our parking spot.

The Wright Flyer had prime position in front of the club house with Col Pay's P40 Kittyhawk keeping it company.

Buzz Aldrin one of the astronauts who walked on the moon gave a great dedication speech.

Then the moment arrived and Col boarded the Wright Flyer and the Hillman Imp engine burst into life and the two propellers began to turn and slowly the aircraft began to taxi with hoards of people walking next to it taking photographs.

Once it reached the runway the marshals had to turn the crowds back, but from halfway up the taxi way we were able to see the Wright Flyer become airborne for a short distance. It then taxied up the runway again, and on the second run it flew a few metres off the runway.

While all this was happening I heard the distinctive sound of Ian's Zephyr overhead and looked up and there he was, not knowing if they would allow him to land as the airport was closed after a certain time, but once we were all on the other side of the fence on the club house side we met Ian. He never told us what he said to his aeroplane to scare it into life, but it worked.

We managed to find some lunch and settled under a tree to eat, but I think every fly in NSW had also flown in, so we spent more time chasing them away than eating.

The organisers announced that the airport would be closed from 1:45 to 4:00 pm, so we jumped in the aircraft and headed home.

Once back at Scone Aero Club we all got something wet and cold in our hands and reflected on the historic event we had all just witnessed, and agreed that it was another successful Scone Aero Club fly out.

Report by Robin Foxcroft.

Jodel Repairs Begin

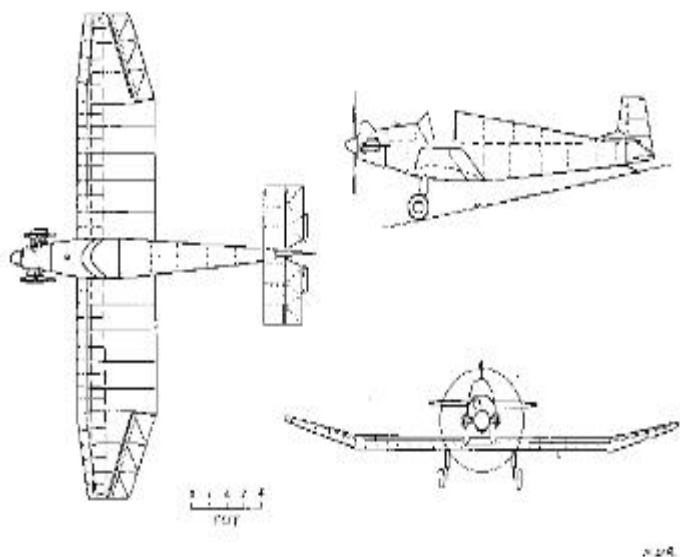
The Jodel D9 that has been suspended from the club hangar roof for the past few years is set to undergo repairs and restoration.

The little Jodel was originally beautifully built by Club Life Member **Ron Haggarty**. Unfortunately however it was damaged during a ground handling exercise and never got to fly.

Pleasingly, club member **Richard Wilkinson** who works at Scone Aircraft Maintenance has purchased the plane and intends on rebuilding it to its former glory. The plane will be powered by a Volkswagon 40 HP engine and he expects it to be ready by Christmas.

The board of the aero club are keen to encourage Richard and wish him all the best getting the Jodel into the sky.

Below are some 3D drawings of the Jodel.



Here and There....

Alan Henderson's Cessna 172 (DIF) which has been undergoing restoration is nearing completion and should be airborne in a couple of months.

The Wright Flyer that flew in Narromine was worked on extensively by Club president **Neville Partridge**.

Nigel Russell and his wife **Catherine** have just completed an extensive tour of Australia for their honeymoon in Nigel's Duchess.

Neil Robertson is putting his freshly painted 182 to good use, flying to the top end of Australia for a fishing trip.



Hangar Development at the Airport

Just to the west of the Aero Club is a complex of eight hangars being built. Seven of the eight have already been sold with the majority going to club members.

Other News

- Rawlo's Bar at the club house is open Friday afternoons. We encourage members and their guests to come along for a relaxing drink and a chat.
- The weekend of October 22 and 23 has been ear-marked as a weekend for trial introductory flights and trial aerobatic flights. For further details contact Ben Wyndham on 0408 966 979
- Bob Tait, former Australian Aerobatic Champion and author of numerous aviation text books has offered to come down to Scone to offer aerobatic training, in the Decathlon. If anyone is interested please contact Stephen Bell 0418 236 077.



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