



TARMAC NEWS

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DIARY NOTES

- FRIDAY April 25th ANZAC DAY "Missing Man Formation" Book an aircraft or the observers seat by calling the office 6248 5370.
- You are invited to the Australian Light Aircraft Championships at Taree in N.S.W. The Manning River Aero Club is hosting this year's event, call Sam at the Club if you are interested in going along
- Keep Saturday June 21st free for the WWII airstrips Fly/ Drive and Time Trials to the Midlands of Tasmania. Tunbridge, Valleyfield and Quorn Hall. All the details in the May issue of Tarmac News - it's a beauty!

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"When I was learning to fly, I went through three aircraft pretty quickly! It was cheaper for me to go over to the Aero Club pay the money and learn to fly properly, and do the real thing, but I do thoroughly enjoy remote control" laughed Barry.

"I usually fly remote control on a Saturday afternoon at a private airstrip where a small modelers Club functions now. The Club operates on weekends, my ability has improved and I haven't broken any planes for some time." joked Barry.

"Flying the C172 is something that is totally different to what I expected, I thought I could do this quite easily, but when I got in the plane and started to learn to fly I realized, there was a little bit more to it than I first anticipated. Looking back over things, sure, the challenges of running a successful business are far more difficult than learning to fly."

Barry added. "Learning to fly is a challenge for sure, but if you've got good instructors, who are prepared to put the time in on you, the rewards start to show, that their time, has been used well."

Both Barry's sons Nick and Joseph are very good at remote control flying. One of Barry's business interests is Nick's Hobby Shop. It's just crammed full of remote control planes and for that matter all sorts of toys for big boys. Something else that's big is the Pincrest Polytuff water tanks.

MEET BARRY CURTAIN



L: Joseph, Barry's son and one of the impressive remote control aircraft. Below, the other business, Pincrest polytuff water tanks, from a 2 gallon bucket to a 23,600 litre tank

Barry has been manufacturing Poly water tanks for 15 years, in Tasmania, that's longer than anyone. He markets his product all over Tasmania through Robert Stewarts.

"In the Pincrest products side of the business we employ 10 people to operate the factory and the delivery trucks. All of our staff who started with us in 1979 are still with us, it's important to look after the people who look after you." said Barry.

"It's quite easy now, for me to find the time to take on some recreational challenges like learning to fly. My boys and other staff have now come to the task to do the job. My biggest fear is of course the place won't function without me...and they've been telling me for years that it will!" laughed Barry

Barry had a bit of time off, and came back and found the place running well. "So now I'm doing it more and more and more and the place is still running just as well as when I left it, they were right, the place can function without me!" smiled Barry.



Barry now has his GFPT and with some of that newly acquired recreational time, he is working towards his PPL. Barry has close to 40 hours in the air and is moving along well to obtaining his private licence.



Think of something, design the mould and jig and manufacture on mass. Barry Curtain pictured in the Pincrest factory with a water tank and road safety bollard and rail.

The Aero Club Pilot Night Theory Refresher held in early April was surprising well attended by Club members. Covering subjects such as weather interpretation, flight planning, weight and balance, radio procedures and any questions pilot's were unsure about.

The class of 44 people was taken through the theory by Chief Flying Instructor Sam Merlo and Instructor Mike Strudwick. For the first time in more than a decade, since some Pilot's got their licence, they were looking at the text books again. But even that had moved on to an impressive Big Screen projection. Most



time was spent on our radio work where Airservices have identified a weakness. Providing the right information in the initial call and only reading back what is necessary was of most concern. Aimed at getting Pilot's more precise and therefore limiting the tower from requesting what should have been in the initial call.

CAMBRIDGE DIDN'T ESCAPE THE WIND STORM



The strong winds that bashed through southern Tasmania bringing down trees and power lines, tearing roofs off houses, smashing fences over, gave Cambridge a bit of a touch along as well. The Helires windsock,, which was sliced into streamers, told the story. A section of the privately owned fabric covered hangar went through the canopy and cowling of a Vicca aircraft and in a strange twist, a boat with it's trailer took off and collected the nose of the Islander. Thankfully everything else came through fine.

family outing, observing the number of children attending, who kept Poppet the Clown busy right up to closing time.

The Rotorlift Helicopter simulator was a big drawcard with over 72 flights. Other statistics, 80Kilos of sausages, 20Kg of onions cooked plus hot and cold drinks. Our aircraft were kept busy in the air all day with U-Fly proving very popular. 36 U-Flys, 14 Tiffs and five charter scenics.

I would like to congratulate and thank those Club members for their splendid effort in supporting the Club on this important day. Setting up an exercise such as this with TV, Radio and Print media requires savvy, and who better to do this than one of our own members, Mark Nichols. While everyone has been congratulating me on such a successful day it's really Mark who should be getting the kudos.

Thumbs-up from Pat Humphries who scored a ride back over to Hobart in the Top Gun Nanchang for helping the Warbird guys on Open Day

The SportCruiser Open day was a sizzling success, in between all those nasty lows that were swamping Australia in water and cold conditions. We fluked a most magnificent day, mild temperature with a light cloud cover to hide the burning sun and virtually nil breeze.

All this was due to a really fine Club effort from members answering the call to arms on the Saturday, washing, mowing and generally making the precinct look neat and tidy, hopefully presenting a good place to learn to fly. Again on Sunday the Volunteer roll-up was impressive with members ready to enlist their services.

On a different note, the Sport-Cruiser is running hot! Mike Strudwick is flying this beautiful machine to his maximum hours, already clocking up 50. Everyone should fly the SportCruiser to experience the ultimate in RAA aviation. This factory built aeroplane is big, (roomier inside than the Vicca) and is a joy to fly. So make a phone reservation with the Club **6248 5370** and book a slot to get your RAA ticket. Flying will never be cheaper for such a sophisticated plane. Safe Flying.



The aviation minded public didn't let us down with almost 2500 people through the gate, this was 500 more than last year. The Open Day was a



Jon Trumble

BAR'S OPEN



SUNDAY
FROM
4.00 pm

Enjoy a soft drink
Beer or Glass of
Wine at low Club
prices