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**FLY AERO CLUB
THIS WEEKEND**

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We are still being pestered by those seasonal winds which have upset our Wednesday evening Comps, both scheduled nights and the two make-ups meant all the Wednesdays in November were blown out. Pat Cliffe-Hickling and Peter Waite have taken on board sorting out a plan for Summer, see their comments on page 5. Last Wednesday, ten people enjoyed a fun night of an adrenalin pumping "fastest 2 x 500 foot circuits" from throttle crack to second touch-down on the spot.

The Jabiru J160 is popular, and proving to be a good investment having just clocked up its 150 hours of operation.

The pre-Christmas get together with the Variety Club kids December 10th has been cancelled, not for the lack of support, but the old insurance problem. Getting the T's crossed and the I's dotted became a bit too difficult, but the Variety Club management is keen on the idea and would like to re-visit the concept later.

The Devonport Aero Club is having its Christmas Barbecue at the Sheffield airstrip near Mt Roland this Saturday December 9th. Peter Fenton and myself will be attending to represent the Club and talk to owner John Rowell about using his

SATURDAY DEC. 30TH

Schofields Flying Club from Sydney will be landing at Cambridge Saturday December 30th. 20 Planes 50 Pilots. Drive out to the Club for lunch and welcome our guests to Hobart with our famous Tasmanian hospitality. If you can Volunteer help call Don Prairie 0438 346 623

WHERE: CAMBRIDGE CLUB ROOMS

WHEN: SATURDAY DECEMBER 30TH

TIME: 12.30PM - 2.00PM

COST: BBQ is \$17.00 per person DRINKS at low Club prices

ACST GIFT VOUCHERS MAKE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS



Don Prairie ACST President

strip for the lunchtime break in our Harold Gatty Wilderness Wonders three leg Navigation Trial Saturday February 17th.

Aero Club member, Rob Fisher, the owner of the C177 Cardinal, besides flying has another hat, and that is sailing, and together with his father Dr. Tony Fisher, are busy preparing their ocean racing yacht, a French built 62 foot Dynamic mini maxi, Helsal IV, for the 61st Sydney to Hobart Race.

Helsal is the fourth yacht by that name owned and raced in the Sydney Hobart by Dr. Fisher, the first being the ferro concrete hulled Helsal, nicknamed by the media as the Flying Footpath, which took line honours and broke the record held by American yacht Ondine.

The yacht is a mini maxi cruising sloop, and while it is not in the Blue Ribband Maxi Class they will be pushing hard to be at the top of their PHS division (Performance Handicap System) racing for their new state of Tasmania. To Rob and his crew, we wish you good luck and good sailing.

Speaking of Sydney Hobart, Schofields Flying Club will be our guests on Saturday December 30th at 12.30pm. You are invited to come along and enjoy a Barbecue lunch \$17. per person. Fifty pilots and twenty planes. So shake of the Christmas Cabin Fever by hanging around planes and pilots, If you can volunteer help please give me a call on 0438 346 623.

Make sure you don't miss the Return to Lagoon Bay Fly/Drive in Sunday January 21st. This airstrip is one of our closest destinations, with a spectacular approach from the water, over the sand bank, and onto the grass strip. You will have the option to drive with family and friends (50 mins) and more importantly you can arrange to do a couple of circuits and get checked out onto this strip while you are enjoying the day. A close handy strip to have in your log book.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for being part of an exciting year for the ACST. We have seen a lot of positive changes and I am confident as we head into our 60th year we will continue to serve our members and introduce a whole new generation to aviation as Lloyd did in 1947.

I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Take care on the roads during the holiday break and Safe Flying. Merry Christmas.