



Harold Gatty was one of the pioneers of the "golden age of aviation" the period 1927 to 1938. He was born in Tasmania in Campbell Town in 1903. Harold went to the state primary school at Zeehan where his father, James was headmaster.



With a bursary, Harold attended St. Virgil's College in Hobart before serving 3 years apprenticeship with the Patrick steamship company in Sydney. He moved around several jobs

A: The Campbell Town memorial celebrating Harold Gatty navigating the first round World Flight. Located in an unassuming little park on the northern approaches to Campbell Town. TR: The memorial to a famous Tasmanian on the side of the Midland Highway.

**CHARLES
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NAVIGATORS"**

WHO WAS HAROLD GATTY?

working in New Zealand, Tasmania and Victoria earning a living fishing, ferrying goods even rabbiting in Gippsland at one time.

Initially, through his early training, he was focused on Marine Navigation, but he was keenly aware of the limited instruments and methods for Aerial Navigation.

Now living in the USA, he opened a laboratory repairing compasses, making enroute



maps which developed into a school. He navigated for many people but it was with the one-eyed stuntman, oil rigger, and Air Adventurer, Wiley Post he was to become the first man to navigate a flight around the world.

FLYING THE TRIKE



Nick Arnold went solo at the Aero Club of Southern Tasmania in 2002, he has his PPL and before flying the Airborne XT he flew the C172, C150 and the Vicca.

What appealed to Nick was the ease of going flying in his own machine. "When you learn you have the instructor in the back, and because you are hanging onto the wing with your arms, you quickly realize this is a feel thing. If you can keep the Trike in trim, the load comes off your arms," said Nick.

The bar attached to the wing is the control column in a C172, to climb - push the bar forward and add power; to descend the opposite pull the bar back and reduce power. Nick added "there is a lot of reversal in the Trike to controlling a C172, but your brain doesn't say this is upside down."

Airborne Windsports, makers of the Trike, is the largest aircraft manufacturer in Australia at the moment, exporting all around the Globe.

B: A view from the passengers seat over Nick's shoulder.

