

JABIRU # 12 “ULTRABITE”

Recreational Aviation has seen a huge growth in the last decade and Tasmania is no different. The cost benefit not only in ownership but upkeep is a major attraction. Jabiru is one of those success stories.

Tim Sheahan flies Jabiru #12 off the assembly line. “apparently they scrapped the first six or seven in testing, so this makes mine one of the first ever sold.” said Tim,



A little Tasmanian Devil from Sandfly

Tim has taken Ultra-Bite on interstate trips. Last year you would have seen the “BITE” at Avalon Air Show and also at Narromine a couple of times.

Flying is something Tim, retired now for 16 years, has always wanted to do. It can be a local around the Coast or catching up with his mates at George Town or a long interstate haul, he loves it and the Jabiru makes it affordable.



Moving Map GPS

“Recreational flying is so affordable, I can do all the maintenance myself, flying from Sandfly there are no landing fees and Ultra-Bite, uses about 11 to 14 LPH pending the power settings, you can use petrol but I prefer to run my machine on avgas.”

Ultra-Bite cruises at 110kts but Tim usually flies around 95kts, it takes about 200 metres in the ground roll.

“Some say it’s a bit fast for Sandfly, I don’t think so although I did flip it upside down one time!” Tim has seen his share of excitement, his aircraft has a new engine the previous motor seized. Good training to the fore he did a perfect forced landing in a paddock and now has a new 80 HP engine.



Tim, flying one of the ear-



MEET

Frank was brought up in Tasmania, his father worked as an Administration Officer for the Hydro. He was taught at Butlers Gorge Primary School, (it’s not there anymore) near Tarrareah.

B&B property in Richmond for the last 8 years and Sushila thought it was time Frank had a new challenge. A TIF

for his 65th birthday in the Victa and now Frank has his GFPT. “You need to learn to fly in a tight programme, you need to be mentally and physically prepared and capable of multi-tasking when flying. If you are going to be serious about it, you need to keep the theory and practice sides going at the same time”. Frank said.

Back in the sixties Frank spent many years working in Papua-New Guinea. “I was Magistrate, Police Officer, Economic Development, you were everything and anything. You ran districts in the old Colonial era, it was quite a challenge.” said Frank. He undertook two stints working in PNG.



“My first flight in Tasmania was to the original Lake Pedder, I wan’t to use my licence to spend more time seeing Tasmania and interstate. I don’t plan on owning a plane it is much more cost effective to use the Club aircraft. My next challenge is navigation, I’m determined to get my PPL.” said Frank.

Frank and partner Sushila have owned a



TARMAC NEWS



Peter Fenton phones through the good news to Linden Kurth on winning the fabulous Spinner Flinders Island Flying Holiday. Linden has been a student with the club for just over a year and is about to go GFPT. You can catch him at the TLACS Wednesday training nights. Congratulations Linden.

The paint is still wet on Phil Myer’s brand new C182. One of only eight in Australia at the moment, this latest offering from Cessna will be online at ACST for advanced training.



PHIL MYER & HIS NEW “GLASS” C182

Feature story on VH-KHW March edition of Spinner.



Greeting the Governor General of Australia on PNG visit 1964.