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THIS WEEKEND**

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DIARY NOTES

- Tasmanian Light Aircraft Championships will be held at Fonhill March 10th and 11th. All welcome to compete. Special competition entry fee of just \$7 for Student Pilots. If you need transport to and from the midland property call Flying Captain Sue Davis on 0417 144 490
- Heaps of prizes to be won in the Harold Gatty Time Trials, see January Spinner Flyer. With thanks to Risby Cove, there is also one night's accommodation in a one bedroom Spa unit right on the Strahan Waterfront at Risby Cove. Put your name on the office window list now. One lucky person will win.

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180 HORSES UNDER THE COWLING



Graeme and Francis Martin returned from Redcliffe in early January with their up-graded C172 VH-PIX or as it has been affectionately know around the Cambridge Airport as "Pixie" since back in the Par Avion Flying School days.

Battling a bit of bad weather, smoke, fires, and a bad head cold Graeme and Francis enjoyed an extended six day trip home stopping along the way to visit friends and enjoy the sights of Queensland and NSW.

"The new engine went really well, indicated airspeed is 110knots, climbs really well 700 or 800 feet per minute and that was near to a full load, yeah so I'm very pleased with it," said Graeme.

Graeme Martin cleaning VH- PIX for on line work

"As far as members hiring the aircraft, they will find it has a bit more power, goes a bit faster, more torque. A little bit more fuel consumption and I recommend pilots plan for 40 LPH. Everything is brand new on the engine, magnetos, the alternator, the propeller, it cost a bit more not to recycle from the old engine , but to have everything brand new is well worth the extra money, all up the installation cost 53 thousand dollars" Graeme said.

I had a few bit and pieces done like new seat rails, anti corrosion throughout the plane and an annual inspection. You won't find it very much different to fly, it gets off the ground better of course and it is probably a little bit nose heavier on landing, also the new propeller radius is about two inches more which makes it prone to picking up stones so please keep that in mind. Anyone who isn't comfortable simply book yourself in for a checkride with an instructor before you go up and enjoy the extra power." said Graeme.



L. Overflying the Gold Coast , Coming out of Victor I, crossing Bass Strait under the smoke haze