



TARMAC NEWS

FLY AERO CLUB THIS WEEKEND

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DIARY NOTES

- Saturday August 16th The BYO East Coast Flying Safari. Friendly Beaches, Lagoon Bay. The safari is BYO self catering. Everyone welcome
- Sunday September 14th Battle of Britain Dawn Patrol. Muster at 06.00. Big cooked breakfast after patrol.
- Saturday September 27th. Annual Dinner and Awards presentation evening.
- Saturday October 18th a visit to the Hobart Tower and weather station for an interpretation of their operations.

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THE PIONEERING DAYS

The National Trust was looking to do a focus on a particular activity in Tasmania, and Aviation is a major transport industry. So it was decided Aviation would be the focus. The National Trust wanted to research the Heritage of the industry, in particular the Holyman family and then look at the built structures.

Jennie Chapman from The National Trust (right) said "because Aviation is progressing so hugely throughout the state at various Airports, in particular Launceston and Cambridge, we wanted to see what was remaining historically to help tell the story of the progression of aviation in Tasmania."

A lot of the photos that make up the nine panel display came from private collections. Jennie and her team started the research back in November 2007 with the collection going on display in April. The writing was a joint effort between Jennie and Managing Director of the National Trust, Chris Tassell

Jennie said "We wanted to focus on the early hangars, at Western Junction, we have the Holyman hangar which has been nominated as Heritage at risk. We don't want to lose buildings if they have really got something significant to say."

The exhibition looks at the major sites but also includes the Islands and Southwest Tasmania. An enormous amount of material has been gathered



to grow all the time and is not designed to be a static site. It is our hope it's a site that will become information rich." added Mark.

and IT Manager, Mark Davis, (above) has included that on the Trust's website. "I was able to introduce extra material that Jennie and Chris had researched, that was not able to go on the panels for space reasons. Since then people who have seen the exhibition in person have come along and kindly offered their own memorabilia as well." said Mark.

"The whole website is designed



The exhibition is on show at the Penitentiary in Campbell street Mon-Sunday 10.00 until 3.00pm For one month. Gold coin donation. The exhibition moves to the Pioneer Village at Burnie and then onto St Helens visitor information centre later in the year.



WWII AIRSTRIPS SEE ACTION AGAIN



Top: Line those birds up, including the helicopters 22 aircraft were involved in the day. **A:** Perfect flying weather greeted Martin Reynoldson's Stinson Voyager 108 VH-BPS as it touched down at Tunbridge.



A: Rob Gard, part of the ground crew, here at Campbell Town putting up the arrows for driver directions. **B:** Marking the fence on the southern end of Quorn Hall strip. **LB:** Looking north Quorn Hall concrete runway stretches 1.5 km there is another chunk of runway to the south in front of Rob.

We had to wait for the weather, as you do in Tasmania, the postponement was worth waiting for as the still Winter conditions proved to be perfect with a big blue sky, light winds and strangely no

fog to hamper Pilots who traveled from all over the state to participate in the WWII mini time trials.

The mini time trials took in three of the satellite fields that operated for training during WWII. These fields were part of the operation of 7EFTS the elementary flying training school located at Western Junction (Launceston). The fields, many of them farming paddocks were used for the training of Pilots in cross country flying exercises.

Well over a thousand Pilots were trained and at one stage there was almost sixty Tiger Moths operating at Western Junction. These secondary strips were grass, all except Quorn Hall which was made from concrete.

Following the war they reverted back to farming paddocks. Sixty years on most can still be found some of the fields are in commercial use such as Cambridge and Launceston. A lot of the buildings associated with 7EFTS were demolished in 1962 to make way for the current airport terminal. The Tasmanian Aero Club, still operate from one of the few remaining WWII buildings at Western Junction.

It is quite strange to stand on these strips when there is nothing but the breeze blowing and you think back to those training days. Quorn Hall did have a second life between 1952 and 1960, when it was a racetrack. For anyone who can remember the 1949 movie classic Twelve O'clock High, standing on the huge Quorn Hall concrete runway in the middle of the farming paddocks is right out of the opening scenes of this film.

OATLANDS ROTARY CLUB CATERED



It was a pleasure to have the Oatlands Rotary Club involved in our WWII Airstrips Fly/Drive. The team of nine members lead by Greg Schmidt, excelled at catering the two locations, there was a morning tea at Tunbridge with freshly baked fruit cake and scones with raspberry jam and cream. The scones were so fresh they were still warm.

There was more than you could eat, topped off with steaming tea and coffee. The \$700 money raised going to the Oatlands Rotary for their community projects.



AL: Mitzy Tuialii and Jenny Darkin preparing morning tea. Jenny joked "I'm on a busman's holiday, normally I'm working in my Oatlands Tearooms - Blossoms!"

WINNING DAY FOR SPORTCRUISER PILOTS



Pilots traveled from all over the state to take part in the activities, Above L: Oatlands Rotary volunteer Gerard McShane flew in his Squirrel VH-BAA talking with Colleen and Ted Richey who flew in their Cessna C182 VH-TSA.

Above R: RAA student pilot, Bart Thomas had plenty to smile about as he won the major lunchtime prize, valued

at over \$700 which included two nights accommodation, dinner, breakfast and spending money thanks to Cottages Tarraleah. Bart said "I'll give this to my parents to so they can have a weekend away." Bart's instructor, Mike Strudwick, also winning the written questionnaire.

BL: Flying in his Robinson R44 helicopter from Devonport was Peter Radford

with Julian Rand. These guys were winners in the time trials. So were BL: Daniel Player, son Michael and Chris Middleton in a Cessna C172 from Launceston.

There was a good mix of RA and GA machines for people to admire, one interesting machine was B: Geoff and Heather Dodge's Cessna C150 VH-KPO. It had a trail dragger conversion and was fitted with long range tanks and a Lycoming 150Hp engine.

Five planes and a helicopter flew in from the Devonport Aero Club



FATHER AND SON FLY IN TWO AIRCRAFT



wrapping up the day after the Quorn Hall prize presentation. "All the people who have come from along the coast, thank you for participating. We are trying not to make it a southern thing, we are trying to bring



the aviation community together, GA, RA pilots from all over the state and community groups like Oatlands Rotary where a little bit goes back to the community. Thank you very much for making today a success."

A: Dwayne Barwick flew his Skyfox to Quorn Hall with his father Nigel, from Beaconsfield, at the controls of his Xair 618. Aero Club of Southern Tasmania President, Don Prairie, commented in



A big thanks to everyone who found the time to join in the WWII airstrips Fly/Drive

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to Cottages Tarraleah for the fabulous prize of two nights accommodation in an Art Deco Architect Cottage, a complimentary beverage in the Highlander Arms, \$70 dinner voucher, \$30 breakfast voucher in the Teez Café, \$100 "Tarraleah dollars" to spend during your stay with Adventure Tarraleah. Total value

over \$700. Also to Petrusma and Partners who sponsored the Mini Time Trials with the winning medallions and bottles of wine.

Thanks to Greg Schmidt, President of the Oatlands Rotary Club and eight members who

came along and catered the meals. Brian Green from the Tasmanian Aero Club in Launceston for acting as Ground Marshall at Valleyfield. A terrific effort from Devonport Aero Club president Terry Travers, 6 aircraft and 15 participants.



Most importantly the property owners for allowing us to use their airstrips. Tom Clarke at Quorn Hall, Robert Campbell and Richard Gardner at Tunbridge, and David Downie at Valleyfield - thanks Guys.

A: Another greased touch-down at Tunbridge. BL: Marcus Skinner and daughter Stephanie arrive in their Cessna Skymaster VII-VMO from Devonport. B: The Oatlands Rotary crew preparing the Quorn Hall barbecue and salads lunch.



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SUNDAY JULY 20th 2008
12.30 pm LUNCH & JAZZ on
the heated deck
Just \$15 pp kids free
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CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZES

- Overall winner wins framed certificate, bottle of wine , plus a \$60 ACST gift voucher.
- Second place framed certificate and a bottle of wine.
- Third place framed certificate and a bottle of wine.



**FEATURING
THE IAN PEARCE
JAZZ QUARTET**



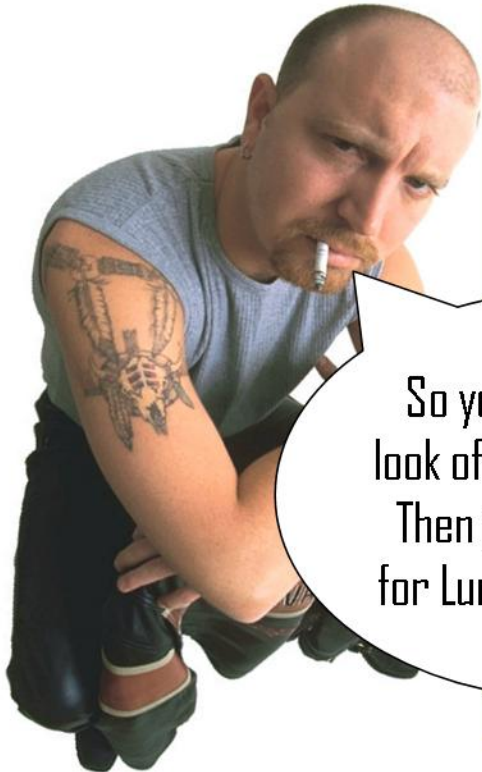
HOW IT WORKS

The Winter Championship is a fun family afternoon with Food and Jazz on the Deck with the gas heaters blasting, combined with a Spot Landing Championship to find the "Winter Champion".

The ribbon fence will be up and each contestant is required to fly 2 circuits with an air judge and answer a general "Aero Club knowledge" questionnaire worth 20 points on your score. The winner will be the highest overall scorer. Cost is \$55 pp

This is great way to stay current, 2 circuits with an instructor just \$55. If not the competition, just come for the practice. All Pilots are welcome.

Private aircraft may compete.



So you don't like the
look of your Instructor..
Then just come along
for Lunch and the *Jazz*.