

There's something bulging under the cowling of VH-DMY.

MAX & HIS TRUSTY C172F

Delta Mike Yankee is a 1965 F model Cessna 172. Max Paine from the Wynyard Aero Club has owned this C172 for the last twenty years. He bought it just for recreation, simply to fly privately. Prior to that Max owned for seven years a C177 retractable Cardinal. "In a way I still wish I had it, very roomy, fantastic plane but it was an Aerodrome plane. This one I've had in paddocks, on the beach - you just can't do that with a retractable." said Max.

When you first walk up to the plane you can't help notice the bulges in the cowling, yes there's something under the bonnet. DMY has been fitted with a 180HP Lycoming engine and constant speed prop. Max said "She performs pretty well, jumps off the ground, cruises around 115 kts, fitted with an autopilot, this is my favourite plane."



Max Paine Pilot for 30 years



Lower L auxiliary fuel tank pump switch

Max has taken DMY right around the coastline of Australia on one of his trips, Darwin and the Gulf a couple of times, Western Australia, "I've got a fair few lines on maps! Max laughs. "It's what I set out to do, I wanted to see Australia, that all started in 1976 and it's ongoing, there's still a lot of Australia I want to see."

"I did a trip to Alice Springs with some blokes, and I'd been involved with the Club here at Wynyard for a little while, so after that trip I decided I'd learn to fly. In my travels I've met a lot of people from other Clubs. I'm a member of the 182 association and I've done a fair few of their trips, with Aero Clubs you make some re



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very good friends. As far as the Wynyard Club's concerned it's great to have everyone pull together, for example our hangars, we pooled our resources and built the hangars and have 13 aircraft in here now.



Auxiliary Tank built into the cargo bay behind rear seats

Looking over Max's plane I could not help noticing a clothes peg on the throttle, Max said "that peg came with the plane twenty years ago, it's a vernier movement and the peg is just enough to stop it winding off!" laughed Max.

When Max bought the aircraft it only had the short 68 litre wing tanks and with a 40 litre fuel burn it made the Bass Strait crossing a bit borderline, so he installed a Cessna Optional system auxiliary fuel tank fitted in the cargo area. Holding 66 litres it is operated by emptying the right hand fuel tank, transfer to the left and then enroute pump from the auxiliary into the right hand tank. All up the aircraft has an endurance of five and a quarter hours. "My partner loves the trips, most of the time it's just the two of us so fully laden with fuel it's not a problem, We just skip Victoria and not put down until we're in N.S.W." smiled Max.

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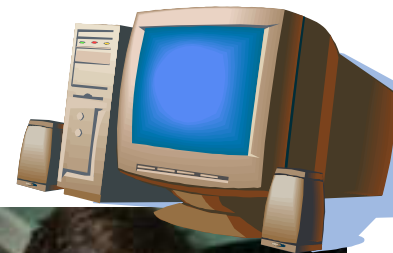
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Commercial Pilot Rod Haigh VH-EKR

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