

# BATTLE OF BRITAIN FLYPAST

To commemorate the turning point in the Battle of Britain during World War II, Aero Clubs across Australia took to the skies as a salute to the Airmen.

The Aero Club of Southern Tasmania organized a Dawn Patrol just as their comrades did in the first major Battle to be fought entirely in the air. Sixty Six years ago it was to try and catch enemy planes, today's Dawn Patrol marked the occasion with nine aircraft in high and low wing formation followed by individual aircraft in single file.

Pilot Sue Davis said "it was an opportunity to remember all the pilots who fought in the conflict, it was a pleasure to fly the Cessna formation, at the moment I'm addicted to flying, especially formation flying."

It was with the help of newly developed Radar, that British fighters compelled the enemy to abandon day attacks and resort to less effective night bombings.



R. Peter Hemelrijk & Top Gun Dan Duggan



L. Flying Captain Bernie Samms

*During the Battle of Britain neither the capacity of the British to produce or their will to fight was diminished.*



Thumbs up from Gary Burr

## PERFECT CONDITIONS



\* Pat Cliffe-Hickling MTC Don Prairie MTL

Flying Captain, Bernie Samms, lead the Battle of Britain flypast with the Beechcraft Musketeer VH-FWU flanked by Pat Cliffe-Hickling on the right wing flying the red Victa MTC and Don Prairie flying Sean Tilley's Victa MTL. The flying conditions were perfect, gentle breeze and clear blue skies as the leading formation departed runway 32 with the Cessna formation departing 27. This was the first time departure from two runways was used and it considerably tightened the timing of the flypast.



ACST Manager Peter Fenton & Dawn Patrol briefing. B. A bit sharp on the palate but should cellar well !!



Sue Davis in formation flying VH-KSR

Peter Fenton flew the Cessna lead in George Newell's immaculate C172M VH-TUA. Flanked by Graeme and Francis Martin in PIX & Sue Davis with Southern Cross TV in KSR, in number two and three positions.

The aircraft made up two V formations together with, in single file. Peter Hemelrijk SIZ, Carl Nilsson Skyfox 688 and Gary Burr in his Victa VH-TWE.

