



VH-KOT a 2000 generation Cessna 172. These aircraft make ideal trainers and cross country transport seating 4. B: Gerard McShane's piloting his helicopter VH-BAA



"Most of our Rotary Club members are Farmers and to get them away from the farm for a day is good"



Just landed at Jericho in the Cessna 177 Cardinal L: Don Prairie, Pilot & President Aero Club of Southern Tasmania with Pilots Hugh Garnham and Jim Connelly

THE AERO CLUB FLY-IN TO JERICHO

Thirty five said they were coming and sixty turned up to the Aero Club of Southern Tasmania's Jericho flyin. Flying conditions were perfect to enjoy the five hours the Club was to have with the Ostlands community. Helicopter Pilot, Property and Airstrip owner, Gerard

McShane was our host for the day as Aero Club members got a brief insight into life on the large 35,000 acre property "Stockman's Stud".

Don Prairie, Aero Club President said, "of the nineteen planes to land at Jericho about twelve Pilot's had never been on the strip before. You must as always fly by the rules as there are the hazards of power lines and rising terrain. I noticed a couple of people did go arounds, which I was pleased about because this shows good airmanship, when in doubt - go around."

Don added "It's marvelous when we can go to places and get the community involved in aviation. They gain an appreciation for aviation, we gain an appreciation of their community and in this case fundraised \$1,600."



MINI TIME TRIALS

As part of the Flyin to Jericho a mini Time Trials was undertaken. This involves the basic skills of Navigation, trick clues, and perfect timing to obtain a high score. Aircraft flew a 100 mile route for a landing at

Maria Island before flying west to arrive at Jericho where BL Flying Captain Sue Davis and Pilot Pat Cliffe Hickling would precisely mark their finish time. AL



Charlie and Isla Salmon part of the crowd. Congrats to the Winners of the Time Trial: Tony Gray from Launceston, Carl Nilsson, Brian Parkinson. Questionnaire winner John Breden.



PILOTS TOUR STOCKMANS STUD

One of the attractions for Aero Club members was the opportunity to Bus Tour along the stock routes. B: Gerard McShane hosted the tour as

the group traveled parts of the 35,000 acre property. Gerard said "you'll see a lot of country without any grass, we've just come through one hell of a drought. Normally we have between 75 and 100 thousand DSE's (dry sheep equivalents), because of the drought we have had to sell 36,000 sheep." Gerard added "The Jericho strip was built by former owner John Archer, he built



a good strip and why not let people share in it. It's also handy for aircraft in this area to know where they can put down." A "On the Buses" 45 took the coach tour along the stock routes and private roads.



Aero Club members treated to a farm baked morning tea on touchdown. B: Special order for Pilot, Pat Cliffe-Hickling, scones with raspberry jam and cream!



Tourism operators got together with the Heritage Highway Tourism Centre and provided the major prize an Oatlands Getaway



L: Jim Connelly and part of the crew tuck into the substantial Rotary Club Barbecue and salads lunch. Steaks, sausages, salads garnished with home made relish and other farm baked treats

ROTARY CLUB OF OATLANDS STEP-UP



AL: Tim McConnon, Jim Griffiths R: Neville McConnan running the two barbecues to feed the gathering of sixty. Rotary President, Graham McDermott said "Oatlands Rotary has been chartered for 35 years

and one of our main fundraisers is catering for groups that come to the Southern Midlands area, we like to showcase our area."

The Rotary Club of Oatlands has 21 members, a

lot of them long term, primarily farmers. With an average age of 62, the Club is encouraging younger members from the Business community and has formed a partnership with rural youth. Graham

added "all the money we raise goes back into our community, we've got quite a few projects on the go at the moment, including the big one refurbishment of the RSL Club." BL: Graham handing John Bright and partner Penny Dyer meal vouchers and Raffle tickets with the money going back to the community.



THANKS FOR THE OATLANDS GETAWAY

There were 20 prizes given away to lucky Club Members. One of the Major

prizes, was a helicopter ride with Gerard in VH-BAA. At the "Lovely Banks" helipad, winners



LL: Cathy Strudwick, it was her first helicopter flight and she said "just like my flying dreams!" C: James Bresnehan and R: Sue Davis.

The Major Prize of the Oatlands Getaway was won by Sylvia and Philip

Petersen and they will enjoy a Getaway to the Oatlands district with coffee and cake at the Stables Café, tour of the Casaveen Knitwear factory, historic Ghost Tour of Kempton, Dinner for two at the Kentish Hotel and a night's accommodation at Thimble Cottage. All with thanks to the Tourism operators of the Heritage Highway.

There were four Mini Time Trial \$50 vouchers and 12 other prizes given out, congratulations to all.

FLYING IN FROM ALL OVER

Nineteen aircraft flew in to Jericho, with several car loads coming through from Hobart. BL: Joe Miller, Jill Phillips and

Marcel Jansen from the Launceston Aero Club flew in with three Cessnas and two Jabirus.



The Rotary Club got to see aircraft ranging from the smaller two seat Recreational machines through to the larger more powerful Cessna 182's.



L: Paul Luttrell with his mate Phillip, Phillip's Dad Tim, Lisa and Mum Tracey. The McConnan family taking time to look over the aircraft parked on the airfield.