



Royal Newcastle Aero Club

Windsock Tales...
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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to “RNAC Windsock Tales”, #018.

It’s been some time since the last Windsock tales email, just very busy of late...

Today’s email has three topics,

1. Club Comps.
2. Oops, the accident.
3. Reminder...

Club competitions were held last Sunday and the feedback was great...

- Take off and under the hood at 300ft for an instrument flight that required several turns, climbing to 2500ft.
- Overhead the field, practice emergency from 2500ft to the 50 box on the airfield.
- Touch and go followed by a spot landing into the box...



Just some of the crew, briefing time...



Out on the field...



Angela Hipwell with foggles, working hard on the instrument comp.



This time, the forced landing with a southerly cross wind...

The comp was followed by a BBQ and salad, it was great.
Thank you for all who helped with the preparation.

The Accident...

Now, wouldn't you think that after 40 years of flying and a significant total hour's count, this sort of thing just cannot happen...!!!



No, that's not the Quad and no that's not the new mower man with a big mower...

It was me with the Tiger Moth. A moment of distraction and one squashed cone marker.

No damage to the Moth, but I must say I was particularly embarrassed and somewhat reminded that this sort of thing albeit minor, could have been significantly worse.

Consider this...

- The same cone marker with a C-152, 172, 182 or similar, may have been a prop strike.
 - The aircraft would have been certified un-airworthy and the engine and prop may require significant works before being certified airworthy again.
- It could have been one of the airfield drains.
 - Again, a prop strike would have been the least predictable damage.

The bottom line here is obvious...

- Airmanship...!!!
 - Being situationally aware, even after the flight has concluded and you are on the ground.

Last word on this...

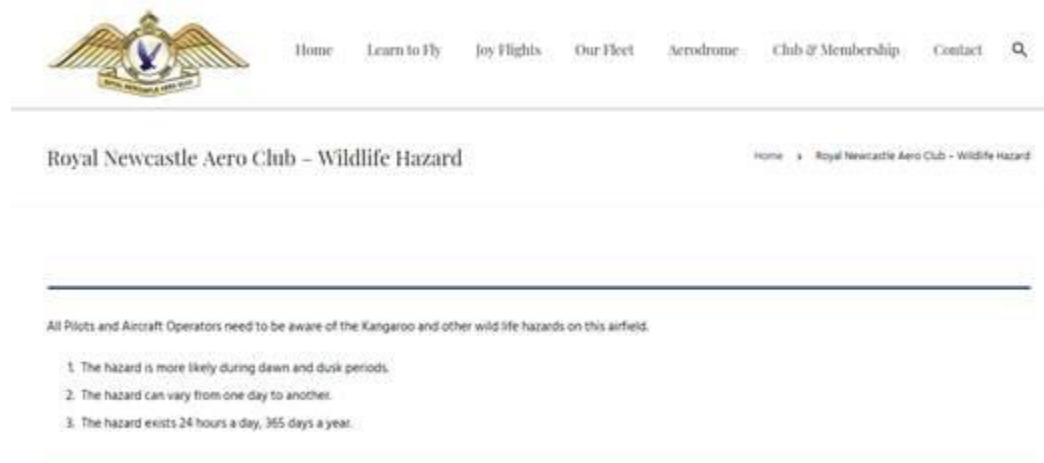
- Yes... It can happen to anyone...!!!
 - Please exercise the highest level of Airmanship you can.
 - That includes all activities on the ground, as well as in the air.
 - And of course, report your accident, even the minor ones....

Reminder...

As most of you would know, our airfield has a number of wildlife residents, particularly Kangaroos...

Our web site now contains several hazard notifications, the link and screen shot are below...

<http://www.rnac.com.au/royal-newcastle-aero-club-airfield-hazard>



Please be aware of this hazard...

Very kind regards, Trevor.

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