



Royal Newcastle Aero Club

Windsock Tales...
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Hello Everyone,

Welcome to "RNAC Windsock Tales", #024.

Quick reminder, RNAC Information Session, Sunday, 4th August at 3:00pm.

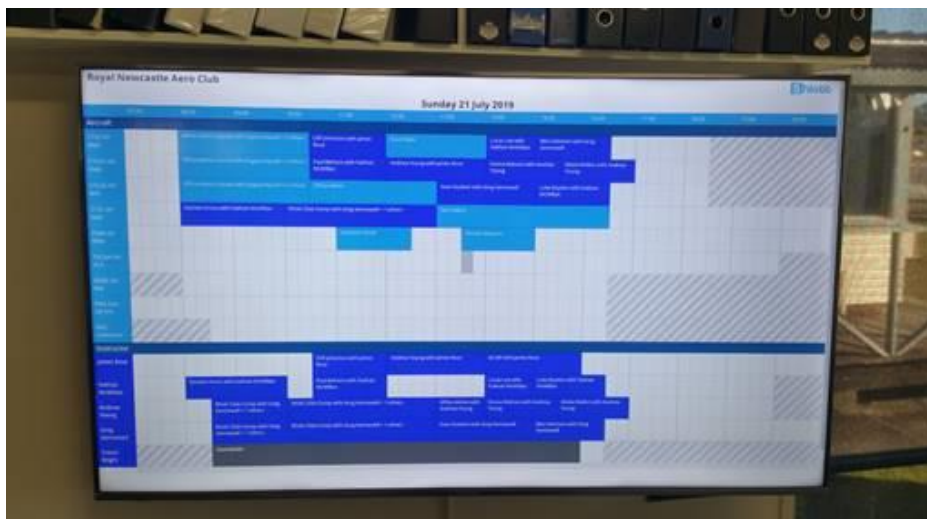
This is the final Information Session before the AGM in October. Several items are on the agenda, (*but not limited to*) and I would encourage you to attend.

- Financial update of our club.
- Discussion on Peter Meguyer Drive and eastern hangar access.
- DA's before council.
- Joint Venture update and planned developments.
- New hangar pricing structure for hangars over 18 months old.
- New shipping container policy before the board at this time.

The meeting is your opportunity to have your say and be a part of our club. If you can, please attend.

New Booking and Display Board at our Club.

This would be old news to those who frequent our club, however many members may not know that the old white board with the daily schedule has now become redundant.



A number of weeks ago, the admin office has had two new display screens installed. The screens automatically update from the computerised booking system to display today's schedule.



Feedback has been very positive.

I think they call it progress....

Reminder: Hastings District Flying Club have changed the Tri Club date to Saturday 14th September and it will be hosted in Taree.

Most people would not know this, but this completion was initiated by myself back in the mid 80's. It started with just RNAC and Manning River Aero Club, Taree. A year or two later, Port Macquarie joined in. The trophy was designed and created by the late John Wholohan.

It really is great to see this event stand the test of time with our close friends and neighbors.

Just a little self-indulgent today...

For most people, the significance of June 30 may be the end of financial year. For others, the date may be associated with an anniversary of some kind. Indeed for me, 30th June 1979, was the date Bernie Sarroff took me for my T.I.F. (Trial Instructional Flight). At the time, Bernie was our club's CFI. The day was overcast and windy. On arrival, Bernie stated words to the effect that he did not wish to take me up today as it would be rough and I would not come back. I replied, *"If you take me up today, and I like it, I will be around for a long time"*. The flight proceeded and the rest is history...



Bernie Sarroff in February this year.

Sunday, 30th June 2019, the day was perfect. Blue sky, no wind and a pilot that was reminiscing over the past 40 years...

Earlier in the day I had already completed 3 training flights in the C-152, I just needed one more flight at sunset in the Tiger.



For those who can recall Jack Fahey, RNAC president for 29 years, I remember him taking a flight on his 50th flying anniversary. He did several circuits in our Tiger, VH-RNI.

So for me, it was a flight at sunset. Down over my home at East

Maitland. Several turns over my daughters house. I can see my two grand children waving to granddad. Back over and old friends house near Greenhills, and than return to the airfield for two circuits.

Chased a kangaroo down runway 23. Back for a final circuit, touchdown and stop. It really was a great way to finish the day.

Ok, enough of that, back to reality.... I do hope you enjoyed my touch of reflection, it was a great day for me.



Kind regards, Trevor.

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Royal Newcastle Aero Club**



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