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Editors note:

Welcome to the new edition of our Club Newsletter. Apologies for the lack of content. This is a rush production due to rapidly approaching BBQ opening, Wings Night and the fact that Eslyn and I have just been appointed as editors.

Lyn

Friday Night BBQ's

This Friday will be a special night with the official opening of our new BBQ area. This is the achievement of a lot of hard work and dedication by some of our club members. The rewards to be shared by all.

Presidents Report

From the Presidents Desk

Some new faces will appear in our Aero Club shortly in the way of Flying Instructors. We will be welcoming Dwayne Pickersgill and Phil Whitely both casual Grade III Flying Instructors and they will be on hand to assist George and Geoff with training and charter.

During the month of November and December both and George and Geoff will be taking recreation leave at separate times.

The interest in gaining formation flying endorsements has been gathering momentum with both Garth Barnes and Neil Richardson being the latest to gain their endorsement in this area. Congratulations Garth and Neil.

Hopefully the interest will remain with more private pilots gaining these endorsements so that perhaps we can send a team to contest the Australian Light Aircraft Championships in Bundaberg next year.

On Saturday 21 October we had a flying visit from members of the Bundaberg Aero Club who were on a club outing to Great Keppel Island. The purpose of the visit was to discuss the progress of the AOC for which George is completing the necessary paperwork to include Bundaberg as a flying training centre for Rockhampton. George was on hand to enlighten them on a number of questions they asked. Hopefully in the near future the AOC will be approved so we can commence training in Bundaberg and Emerald.

The Bundaberg Aero Club has invited all members of the Rockhampton Aero Club to be present in Bundaberg for the opening of the General Aviation Flying School, they promise a big weekend for us, although we have no date for as yet, please stay tuned and hopefully this will be early in 2007.

You will notice the new editors of your Newsletter are ladies, Lyn Warner and Eslyn Dooley and sincere thanks must go to former editor Neil Richardson for his quality newsletters and keeping everyone up to date on club happenings over the past two years. If you have any newsy items please send to Lyn or Eslyn.

Forthcoming events:

Official opening of our BBQ area on Friday night November 3rd at the regular BBQ

The commissioning of our new computer study terminals by the Honourable Robert Swarten, Minister for Public Works and Housing, Minister for Information Technology and Member for Rockhampton. This will take place on Thursday 16 November at 11am, if you can attend please do so.

Happy and safe flying

Graham Dooley

From the Doc

ALCOHOL INCREASES SUNBURN

The best way to get sunburn is to get drunk, according to US researchers. One in three adults in a large health survey in the States reported sunburn in the past year. Binge drinkers were 39% more likely to have been burnt at least once and 29% more likely to have repeated episodes. The link might help explain the association between heavy drinking and a higher risk of several cancers, including the dreaded Melanoma and the more common Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC).

BCC is usually treated with either freezing, diathermy, chemotherapy type creams or surgical excision, depending on the type, size, depth and position on the body. It would rarely compromise your flying. However, Melanoma is a different story. If it is superficial spreading and less than 0.76mm deep, a wide deep excision is usually curative. However, any deeper than three quarters of a millimeter and the risk of metastatic disease rises. A Melanoma more than 4mm deep has a poor long term ie greater than 5 years, outcome. CASA would not renew your medical for twelve months should you get a Melanoma, even one less than 0.76mm deep.

As the risk of Metastatic disease increases with tumour depth, a period of three years without a medical for solo flight will be imposed for Melanomas greater than 3mm in depth. The first sign of metastatic disease can be a seizure caused by a brain secondary. Whilst three years may seem a long time there is good reason. For a Melanoma greater than 3mm in depth you would be very lucky NOT to develop secondaries in three years. So, Slip, Slop, Slap, watch the grog and get regular annual skin checks and an immediate check if a mole changes. We live in dangerous times, but even more dangerous climes!

Wings Night 2006

This is fast approaching and will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday 17 November. Tickets are available at the Club now at \$30 per head. We need to know numbers for the night so please pre-purchase your tickets now. (That means all of you!)

There have been many of you who have achieved your licences and endorsements throughout the year. Many have competed in our regular day and night competitions. This is your night for you to receive your recognition and in some cases trophies for your achievements throughout the year.

Please come and enjoy a fabulous evening of fun and frivolity.

Feedback

We hope you enjoyed this brand new edition of the "Wings Over Rocky – Aero Chat". We are constantly striving to improve this service for our members and would like to hear any feedback you may have about our newsletter or about any other areas of the Rockhampton Aero Club. If you have any comments or suggestions, including upcoming events, we would love to hear them, please email them to us at georgeandlyn@westnet.com.au or grahamdooley@bigpond.com.au

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students who have made achievements since our last newsletter:

29-May-06	Luke Winslade	Night VFR Rating
17-Jun-06	Tom Kerr	First Solo
19-Jun-06	Luke Winslade	Formation Endorsement
19-Jun-06	Roy Summerfield	Formation Endorsement
07-Jul-06	Alex Randles	Pass for the General Flying Progress Test
23-Jul-06	Phil Brumley	First Solo
29-Jul-06	Andrew Holmes	Pass for the General Flying Progress Test
02-Aug-06	James May	Commercial Pilot Licence
14-Aug-06	Greg Cross	First Solo
08-Sep-06	Joelene Buntain	Night VFR Rating
16-Sep-06	Dr Brad Lorroway	Pass for the General Flying Progress Test
03-Oct-06	Peter Mogg	First Solo
07-Oct-06	David Houston	Pass for the General Flying Progress Test
07-Oct-06	Luke Winslade	Retractable Undercarriage Endorsement
07-Oct-06	Luke Winslade	Piper Seminole (Multi Engine) Endorsement
07-Oct-06	Luke Winslade	Piper Seneca (Multi Engine) Endorsement
08-Oct-06	Neil Richardson	Formation Endorsement
08-Oct-06	Garth Barnes	Formation Endorsement

Safe and happy flying

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