



## Pioneer Aviation Gippsland

Recreational Flying School News

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### ANTHONY'S RAMBLINGS

Narromine this year was quiet compared with other years. The Latrobe Valley mob turned up in force needless to say. My last count was 25 people and 15 aircraft, must have been quiet at YLTV over Easter. Some came home on the Sunday through to Wednesday and some lucky ones went on a Flying Safari around northern NSW and SA (\* against their names). The return trip was interesting due to rain and thunderstorms. Jeff accidentally flew into some heavy rain. The Starlet is missing some paint and the prop was damaged even though he did an immediate turn to get out. The chat channel (123.45) on Sunday was full of talk as everyone was asking the best way out. We went via Griffiths, to Shepparton as did Vic, Maurice and Griffo.

*Sandra & Nelson	Jabiru
*Peter & Linden	Jabiru
Maurice & Tony	Cessna up and new Jabiru back
Graham & Wayne	Terrier
Terry & Bev	RV6
*Tom & Corral	RV6
*Jeff	RV6
*Rob & .....	RV6
*Barry & Robyn	Jabiru
Jeff Ruck	Starlet
Rolly	Sonerie
Greg	Sky Ranger
Ian	Avid
Vic & Val	Sierra
Anthony & Janet	Jabiru

I went to the instructor conference run by Mick Poole. It was very interesting, lots of changes on the way. There will be a lot more endorsements like low level, controlled airspace, high performance, low performance, advanced pilot and many more. Look out for a CD in the RAAust mag with the new Ops & Tech manuals.

I also attended a workshop on the Jabiru motor run by Wayne Johns who has fitted fuel injection to his Jabiru 6. I gained a lot of useful tips on maintenance. Others of the crew attended similar workshops on many subjects.

Next months Pilot Briefing will be on Situational Awareness. Do not miss it (no pun intended). Jeff White will also give a briefing on Microlights.

Time	6pm
Where	LVAC rooms
Date	16 <sup>th</sup> April

## FIRST SOLO



Miles Georgeson on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January



Cliff Wood on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February

## CROSS COUNTRY ENDORSEMENTS

Vic Vugs on the 7<sup>th</sup> March

***TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, WELCOME TO PIONEER AVIATION GIPPSLAND  
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ACHIEVERS.***

## CLASSES

I will be running BAK classes soon, if you want to come along let me know. I will run them over 2 Sundays.

## THE FLEET

### 4497

Our Jabiru now has 1400 hours on it and a new propeller. I recently carried out the annual inspection and a 200 hour service.

I am at the time of writing I am carrying out a top overhaul. New valves, rocker bushes and shaft amongst other things. Should be like new when finished.

4772

We are now using unleaded in the Sierra. It is recommended by the manufacturer although avgas is OK. By using unleaded we can extend the oil changes to 50 hours. Avgas has a lot of lead in it and as the Rotax runs very cold the oil does not get hot enough to burn the lead and it can build up in the engine.

### **NEW AIRCRAFT ON THE FIELD**

Maurice Wright and his new J120 arrived from Narromine on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. This makes 10 Jabirus at YLTV

### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Airport Community Committee
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Pilot Briefings (LVAC rooms) 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday	Sport Aircraft
Last Sunday	Gippsland Ultralight and Leisure Flyers (various venues)

### **AIRPORT NEWS**

Tenders have been let for a new taxiway past Helimed. This taxiway will be parallel to the 03 runway but will still be about 400 metres of taxing on the runway. It will also run away from the runway into the new commercial zone. Work is due to start now and be completed by May. It means that runway 03/21 will be out of action for about 4-5 days (check NOTAMS)

I hear that tenders will be finalised in April for the taxiways etc into the new private hangar area. This means that all those people who want hangars will soon be building.

As I write this I am still waiting on power etc for our new hangar, the storm water is on thank goodness as it is raining as I write. The Lightning is being painted and I hope by the time you read this it will be back in the hangar undergoing final assembly.

### **STOP PRESS**

Pioneer Aviation now has a security cat, although you will never see him. Our 18 year old cat, who is scared of birds, people, his own shadow and loud noises, suffers from hyperthyroidism and is nearly deaf, has now been assigned his registration to Catalpa Aviation (our company name) by the local council. Ain't technology grand!!

**Have FUN**

**Anthony Morrison**

