



## **Pioneer Aviation Gippsland**

*Recreational Flying School News*

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### **ANTHONY'S RAMBLINGS**

Engine failure on take off - land straight ahead - remember that during your training! That is what the captain of an US Air Airbus did and all survived the landing in the Hudson River. I have an animated film of the take off to landing of the Airbus. I timed the time it took from bird strike to landing and it was about a minute. Now sit down and think about it, just 1 minute. Not long when you are over a built up area in a big jet that is a now big glider. The pilot did a turn and when you look at the flight path you can see just what he was thinking. 1<sup>st</sup> thought was to go back, this was dismissed and he decided for the river. The air traffic controller was trying to organise alternates but it is fairly obvious that the river was his decision from the start. Just a note that this was the first wide bodied airliner to land in water successfully with only one minor injury. How good is he as a pilot, made a decision and stuck to it.

What a month February was with all the fires. I cannot remember a month that was so hot and windy and the Saturday of the big fires was just awful. Flying over the bushfire area afterwards was an eye opener, just bare earth to be seen and so many hot spots it's a wonder anyone survived. I'm just so glad we sold out 2 years ago; our old home and workshop burnt to the ground.

During the fires the airport became an air show, many helicopters from the small to the Erikson Sky Crane. The Dromanders were busy doing sorties. They can carry up to 3 tonnes of fire retardant; they use 200 litres per hour and up to 20 litres of oil per hour. They also need most of the runway to become airborne and climb VERY slowly.

**Mark this in your diary.** Airshow 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> of May at Latrobe Regional Airport. The airshow is to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the airport. It will be the 1<sup>st</sup> airshow for many years at the airport.

The organisers will need volunteers, see the airport manager, Neil Cooper to put your name down.

Easter break!!! I will be taking the Thursday through to Tuesday off, have no idea what I will be doing, but I need a break.

I wish everyone a happy Easter and if you are going on safari, have fun and be careful.

### **NEW AVIATORS**

John Gillett from Trafalgar

Charles Halloran from Churchill

Trevor Smith from Moe South

Geoff White from Churchill (the microlight flyer)

## FIRST SOLO



Sonny Webb on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February

## PILOT CERTIFICATES

Peter Dent on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March

Rod Yuill on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March

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

## CLASSES

**Human Factors Course.** Sue Coffey has finished making up a Human Factors presentation. If you have not done the exam and your BFR is soon due let me know or place your name on the board. Date 18<sup>th</sup> April, 12.30 Aero Club Rooms, cost TBA.

I recently ran a BAK class and my thoughts are that I would run one every 3 months (depending on demand). The next course will be in May, names on board please.

## THE FLEET

### **4497**

2000 hours on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb with Sonny and as I write this over 2,100. Getting closer to a new engine and I am going to have several other items replaced or tidied up while in Bundy.

### **4772**

John Butler and I had an interesting experience recently in the Sierra. John was taking off on his first flight in the Sierra and as we accelerated down rwy 27 the airspeed indicator (ASI) did not move. As we became airborne it slowly went around to 125 kts, oh dear the pitch must be blocked. We did all the upper air work and came down into the circuit with nothing on the ASI. Back to basics, set an attitude and trim, we conducted a couple of circuits with out any problems. After landing I shone a torch up the pitch and could not see anything. I removed it and tried to blow through it. After a couple of attempts something blew through and it was clean again, and the ASI worked. Just goes to show that even a good pre-flight sometimes doesn't pick every thing up, but knowing the attitudes you can fly safely at the correct air speeds. So next time I cover the ASI don't complain!

The Tecnam is no longer with us, it has gone to another flying school.

## **NEW AIRCRAFT ON THE FIELD**

Rob Christian (from the aero club) has just bought a Cessna 182, its rego is VH-RAA. Does the rego make this the biggest recreational aircraft at YLTV?



A very relieved Andrew and Linda after landing at Latrobe Valley on the delivery flight.

Andrew Brandon has taken delivery of his new Jabiru J170. Andrew's is the second 170 at YLTV and the 12<sup>th</sup> Jabiru. Look out for Jabiru 7060, much like Barry's Jabiru 5060.

Roger Barlee is building a hangar in the new private hangar area. Roger has brought his 2 aircraft down and they are tucked up in the new hangar. One is a Midget Mustang VH-MXB and the other is a Sonex. Two more aircraft at YLTV.

And last but not least is Laurie Armstrong's Corby Starlet. Laurie has had the Starlet for some time at home doing some work on it. It started out black and has returned with new fabric, canopy and many other changes including a very striking white and orange paint scheme. Brian Turner did its test flight on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and it flew very well.

## **FOR SALE**

Lightning 5301, \$139,500 or best offer

Jabiru J160

Jabiru SP6

Supper Pup

More details on the board.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Airport Community Committee (subject to change without notice)

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Latrobe Valley Sport Aircraft Club

Last Sunday Gippsland Ultralight and Leisure Flyers (various venues)

## **AIRPORT NEWS**

You will have noticed the fenced off area near the hangar. I am told that this is a conservation area, to protect the tree with the ribbon and the native grasses. In actual fact it is an area for the twigs/branches and leaves to fall and the grass to grow long and make a fire hazard right out side the hangar. This area joins the areas behind the private hangars and along Airfield Road.

New apron area is now complete and just in time. During the fires it was covered in aircraft of all shapes and sizes from Piper Chieftains to a Cessna Citation jet.

## **FLYWAYS**

Narromine at Easter is almost upon us. This is bigger than Avalon! And I hope without the winds that turned 3 aircraft over destroying them.

Narromine for those who are new to recreational aircraft is the biggest fly-in in Australia, with up to 500 aircraft flying in for the weekend. There are workshops, flea markets, manufacturers and part suppliers stands, new aircraft to fly etc, it is big! Some of the troops usually go for a fly-away afterwards, this year I hear that Broken Hill and Ayers Rock are on the agenda.

**Happy flying**  
**Anthony Morrison**

