



Pioneer Aviation Gippsland

Recreational Flying School News

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ANTHONY'S RAMBLINGS

Grand Opening

The grand opening of our new office and hangar will be on Sunday the 3rd of August. I invited the Pope to open our new facilities but he will be in Rome; the Prime Minister says he is dealing with fuel prices and the Premier is trying to find water. So a very special person or two will be doing the honours.

I invite all past and present students and friends along. If the weather is good bring your aircraft (plenty of parking). The cutting of the ribbon will be at 4.30 followed by a barbi and those not flying, drinks. I have no idea how many will come so please bring your meat, I will have some salads and drinks available.

Rain, rain, I know we need it but! And wind, and cold (7 degrees) as I write this. I wonder is this the end of the drought? Never mind the weather will come good and the days are getting longer, so service your aircraft, and keep training in anticipation.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Allan Jarvis on board. Allan is a GA pilot of some years and owns a J160. Allan is based in the Sale area and works for Gippos. Allan did his instructor rating in Swan Hill with Mid Murray, the same place I did mine. He has several students from his work place and trains on the weekends, so look out for Jabiru 5034.

New office is now almost complete. I think that those of you who have visited have been suitably impressed by how much better it is than the old one. We now have more light from some sky lights and a brighter colour scheme, the kitchen now has a ceiling and lino on the floor. I will soon be fitting a water tank and sink. I have no idea when, if ever, we will get a toilet - that is in the hands of the airport management. I would like to thank Griffio, Barry, Rob P, Ian Lee, Vic and all the others who helped. I would also like to thank Stacey for the kitchen table and carpet.

The Lightning at the time of writing has just over 6 hours on it. It now flies straight and level and can be trimmed out, as they were the 2 problems on the initial flight. I have some carby problems to sort out in that it is running rich, which is better than lean. The next phase is to check the ASI for accuracy and then some climbing checks to find best angle and rate followed by gliding to ascertain best L/D and glide speed.

Flying rates, due to the ever increasing cost of fuel I have had to increase the rates by \$5.00 per hour across the board. Last July fuel cost \$1.42 per litre and at the end of June this year it was \$1.93 per litre, even at 15 litres per hour this works out to \$7.50 extra in fuel every hour (lucky we are not flying Cessna's or Piper's at 36 lt per hour). At the time of writing this newsletter it had risen to \$2.01 per litre which means I will probably be looking to another increase sooner rather than later

Servicing, Rob Piper and I have set aside every second Monday as a service day starting on the 28th June, so if you want your aircraft serviced or help doing your own, book it in with me.

NEW AVIATORS

Keith Roberts from Moe
Adam Hawksworth from Morwell
Rod Yuill from Bona Vista
Jordan Breed from Traralgon

FIRST SOLO



Kingsley Price on the 6th of June



Ashley Hiscock on the 18th June

PILOT CERTIFICATES

Scott Hammond, he also received a passenger and x/country endorsements

PASSENGER ENDORSEMENTS

Raymond Bennett 9th June

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

THE FLEET

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I just carried out a 100 hourly service, the first since the engine was overhauled. After a few teething problems it is now running very well especially the mixture which had a problem since new that I have overcome.

In case you had not noticed, I have bought new David Clark head sets, they are great and they should be for what they cost!

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The Tecnam just keeps plodding along with the usual services. Vic has bought a carby balancing kit so when I have the time I will be able to balance the carbys even better than they are now but it does involve standing next to the motor while it is running, may be a summer job.

NEW AIRCRAFT ON THE FIELD

None this month

FOR SALE

Supa Pup MK4 \$22,000.00

Fox Bat around \$80,000.00

REGULAR MEETINGS

3rd Tuesday Airport Community Committee (subject to change without notice)

3rd Friday Sport Aircraft

Last Sunday Gippsland Ultralight and Leisure Flyers (various venues)

AIRPORT NEWS

Lots this month. The trees in the new private hangar area have fallen down, Gippos new water main is in and the tenders for Gippos new road have been let along with the relocation of their power line (going underground). Also a lot of farm fencing has taken place to keep you out of the native grass areas (I could say a lot more but I will keep my thoughts to myself). Those of you who are building may be able to start this year! I suggest that all of you who are going to build get together and put some pressure on management for a planning permit or you will all have to do it yourself (at great expense)

The taxiway outside our new premises has been up graded but I still think it could get boggy and wet this winter along with the road(?) in.

WANTED

1 push bike. I am after a push bike to be used for flying (?) training exercises and also a way to get around the airport. It would need to be suitable for all to use.

Happy flying

Anthony Morrison

