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## **NEWS**

I am still pursuing the HGFA for details of the amount of levies paid by Microlight Trike pilots since the inception of the Southern Microlight Club. I have again contacted Craig Worth with a message that the natives of the SMC are getting restless about the lack of timely provision of the information we require.

Reg Thaggard has gained approval to train out of his airstrip at Dixons Creek. I understand Reg may be contacted at the Yarra Valley Convention Centre or on 0421 510 823.

David Jacka is preparing for an around Australia flight in his Jabiru as a charity fund raiser and to demonstrate what disabled people are able to achieve. I am sure we all wish David well in this venture and sponsorship or other support would be welcomed by David.

## **SMC WEB SITE**

The Web Site has been updated as to the time and place of our Meetings and Steven Bell will work on bringing all other aspects up to date in the near future. Thanks Steven.

## **ANNUAL GATHERING**

It is proposed to hold our Annual Gathering this year on 24, 25 & 26 April at The Latrobe Valley Airfield. Further details will be circulated nearer the event.

## **BASE INSPECTION**

Following the very successful wing inspection day held recently, another planned event is a trike base inspection to be held at Gary Wheeler's Hangar at Flowerdale on Sunday 28 March. This is sure to be a very pleasant and informative day and I urge all those who can make the time to attend and learn more about maintaining your aircraft in top condition.

## **FLY-IN**

David Watson has extended an invitation to all members of the SMC to a fly-in to be held on the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of April, 2010 at his property which is situated at 415 Lewis Road, Buckley, (Lake Modewarre).

Lake Modewarre is just south of the Princes Highway about 20 minutes west of Waurn Ponds. (Geelong). There's ample room for camping with basic toilet and kitchenette facilities on site. For those wishing to fly to the venue the GPS co-ordinates are S 38.15.053 E 144.05.673. David can accommodate quite a few with camp mattresses etc and hangar space for about 6 fully rigged trikes.

The BBQ will be going all weekend with food, beverage and fuel runs into Winchelsea (10 minutes) for anybody who needs anything.

The grass strip runs NW – SE and is 500 metres long. (See the attached picture)

Please contact David if anyone has any queries, RSVP by the Wednesday prior (7<sup>th</sup>) and weather permitting it will be a good weekend.

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## **FOR SALE**



**TRIKE TRAILER FOR SALE - built by Wayne Sternberg - POA**

**RING WALLY WIENER 0423 026939**

**ALWAYS ASK, NEVER ASSUME!!**



His request approved, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go'. The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off. Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.' 'Why?' asked the pilot. 'Because I'm a photographer for CNN', he responded, 'and I need to get some close up shots.' The pilot was strangely silent for a moment, finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me, is . . . You're NOT my flight instructor?'

## **Flying Boat? From Gizmodo by Haroon Malik**



Rudy Heeman was meant for greater things, as is obvious by his superhero last name, Heeman. The lunatic mechanic from New Zealand has spent the last 11 years constructing a flying boat / hovercraft. The vehicle, dubbed the Hoverwing, has taken Mr. Heeman 800 hours of assembly time and is only now nearing completion. During the first test flight, the crazy genius did not allow his daughters to watch in case he ended up as a mangled mess. He also chose a location close to the local hospital to ensure help would be at hand if needed. He seems to be capable of understanding basic risk, but his lack of respect for the laws of physics impresses us no end. According to Mr. Heeman, all in the name of the project, he has spent tens of thousands of dollars, learnt how to become a fiberglass laminator and modified a Subaru car engine.

The optimum flight level for the Hoverwing is set at 1.5m above water level and the speed record stands at 98kmh. Rudy is having a tough time deciding who to take along with him on the first official flight.

Editor's Note: If it will fly at 1.5 metres why not at 5000 feet?

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, March 9, at 1900hrs for a meal and 2000hrs for the meeting in the Board Room.**

### **CONTRIBUTIONS**

**I welcome contributions from members. Any story or item of interest adds to the pleasure we all get from our association. Do not be shy – Nobel Prize for Literature standards are not expected.**

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