



TRIKE NEWS
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IMPORTANT NEWS

The Southern Microlight Club has a new Meeting Venue.

In future we will meet on the second Tuesday of each month, as usual, but at a new venue. Future meetings will be at the **Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood.** This is just off Eastlink and should be reasonably accessible to the majority of members.

An “all you can eat” buffet is available for \$20.00 (\$15.00 for geriatrics like me) and it is suggested we continue to meet to dine and socialize at 1900hrs with the Meeting commencing at 2000hrs.

Sincere thanks to Chris Bullen who found our new venue and made the necessary arrangements. Well done Chris.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

The results of the HGFA Special General Meeting and Elections are now in. Full details are contained in the November edition of Soaring Australia at page 38. There have been substantial changes to the personnel now responsible for running the HGFA and it remains to be seen what impact the new Board Members will have on our Microlight Trike fraternity.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Mick Poole, RA-Aus Operations Manager, has agreed to be the guest speaker at our November meeting. I have no doubt that those of us who are currently affiliated with the HGFA will find Mick interesting.

PLEASE ATTEND AND SUPPORT OUR GUEST SPEAKER. Low numbers at meetings make it hard to attract interesting speakers.

In accordance with a Committee decision I have invited a HGFA Board member to address our December Meeting.

WING INSPECTION

A full wing inspection will be conducted on Saturday, 14 November, 2009, commencing at 1000hrs at Gary Wheeler's hangar. The address is 3379 Whittlesea-Yea Road, Flowerdale. GPS co-ordinates for fly in are S37' 18.932" E145' 17.309" using WGS 84.

Physically the entrance is next to the north side of the Flowerdale State School and will have a red witch's hat on the gate post.

If anyone wants to fly in could they please contact Gary on 0418 519 530 or 9762 1978.

Come along and learn more about the maintenance of your aircraft. All Welcome. The Flowerdale Pub is a short walk away and Gary has BBQ facilities that I am sure he will not mind being used.

LETHBRIDGE CHARITY TOY RUN

The Geelong Sports Aviators and Antique Aeroplane Association of Australia are conducting a Charity Toy Run at Lethbridge Airpark (YLED) on Sunday, 6 December 2009.

The Airpark is located adjacent to the Midland Highway, 36 km north-west of Geelong.

S37.55.1 E144.06.1 Elevation 820 feet.

WAC code: Hamilton 3469, Melbourne 3470.

Runways 18/36 x 850 metres grass; 11/29 x 1050 metres grass.

Airfield VHF: CTAF 127.65

The event is to be conducted all day Sunday but visitors are welcome to arrive on Saturday and stay the night. Some catering services for food and drink will be available and a Christmas Party on Saturday night comes at a cost of \$30.00 per ticket.

The cost of the event is to bring a toy for charity.

If you are planning to attend contact Jim Tatlock, Email: tatlockj@netspace.net.au : Mobile 0403 228 986.

BEAR ATTACK 2009

Mad or brave to fly this? Apparently a bear attacked this plane while parked in a remote field in Alaska. The owner had not cleaned out the inside after a long fishing trip and the bear smelled it. The pilot had 2 new tires, 3 cases of Duct Tape and several rolls of cellophane delivered. Then went about repairing the plane so he could fly it home. Just shows what you can do with duct tape. A local Alaskan pilot said, "That's why we call it

"100 mile an hour tape". Have tested it myself and found that at a little over 100 mph it begins to fray a tad...especially on the top of the aircraft."



I suggest you do **not** try this with your trike.

GENERAL INTEREST

These pictures are from the Saskatoon Control Tower as the crew of Avro Lancaster C-GVRA did a couple of passes at YXE and then went to Winnipeg. There is only two of them still flying

in the world and today one of them flew over Saskatoon to promote the Canada Remembers Air Show in August 2009. Over 4 hundred Lancaster MK X's were built in Canada and shipped overseas for flying duty. Throughout the entire world, only two still fly today, one in England and one in Canada. The bomber is one hundred and two feet long and just under 70 feet wide. It can reach top speeds of 287 miles and hour and has four Rolls Royce Merlin Engines.



CONTRIBUTIONS

I would 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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