

ANNUAL FLY-IN (Drive-In)

The Southern Microlight Club's Annual Fly-in will be held this year at the Latrobe Valley Aerodrome on 24, 25 & 26 April. The Fly-in will be based in the Jelleff Hangar at Latrobe Valley Airport over Anzac weekend.

The Latrobe Valley Airport is situated just off the Princes Freeway between Morwell and Traralgon approximately 170km east of the Melbourne CBD, (an easy 2 hour drive).

The Hangar is a large one capable of housing a dozen or more Trikes. There are other hangars in the vicinity which could be utilized if needed. If driving, turn left off Princes Freeway at the Latrobe Regional Hospital Traffic Lights (Village Avenue) and proceed 700 metres. The Hangar is the 2nd on the left (83 Village Ave as signposted).

The Latrobe Valley Aerodrome is uniquely situated for some interesting and varied flying, being only 30nm from the Coast to the south, and 10nm to the edge of the Great Dividing Range in the north. The abundant Power Stations and other landmarks make navigation a breeze.

Some short trips to friendly neighbouring airports will be organized (weather permitting).

Lunches and evening meals will take place at a Hangar Barbeque and other nearby dining venues.

Two flying schools operate from the airport so when in the circuit area maintain standard radio and circuit procedures. Approximately 20 Trikes operate from LV.

There are a limited number of bunks available in the adjoining Hangar Lounge at no charge but bring your own sleeping bag (first in best dressed). Kitchen and ensuite (shower) facilities are available.

The Village Caravan Park 400 metres away has powered sites for vans or tents, or cabins.

Numerous motels are located in either Traralgon or Morwell, each only 5km away.

We look forward to a great weekend of safe flying and fun.

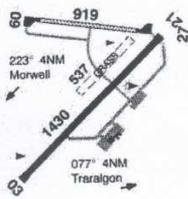
Any queries: Ken Jelleff 0412512457



Latrobe Valley Aerodrome

**LATROBE VALLEY
AVFAX CODE 3050**

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AD OPR Latrobe Regional Airport Board, Box 3310, Mail Centre, Morwell,
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5174 3526, ARO 0408 038 285: 0427 741 969, ARO AH 03 5174 4727:
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REMARKS

1. PAX and Parking charges apply - Contact AD Manager.
2. AD not AVBL to ACFT ABV 5700KG without prior permission.
3. PPR for parking non-RPT ACFT ABV 5700KG on sealed apron.
4. This AD is a Security Controlled Airport.

HANDLING SERVICES AND FACILITIES

MOBIL - Latrobe Valley Aero Club: 2200-0730; AVBL H24 (PN during BH). Phone 03 5174 2591;
AH 5174 4727, 0408 038 285. AVGAS JET A1 O117 O125. AH Callout fees apply.

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APRONS AND TAXIWAYS

1. ACFT ABV 5700KG may only use central sealed TWY.
2. A 21.4M wingspan limit applies for ACFT using the RPT apron parking position guideline when ACFT are parked on the GA Apron parking positions adjoining the RPT Apron. Pilots to exercise caution.
3. GA Apron not AVBL to ACFT ABV 12M wingspan.

METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION PROVIDED

1. TAF CAT D.

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2. AWIS - 128.2 or Phone 03 5176 0534.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

03/21	033	47a	5700/450(65PSI) Sealed	WID 23	RWS 90
09/27	085	30c	5700/450(65PSI)	WID 18	RWS 90

Gravel. 72(236) E end, 58(190) W end Sealed.

AERODROME AND APPROACH LIGHTING

RWY 03/21	LIRL (1)	PAL 122.3	SDBY PWR AVBL
RWY 03/21	PTBL (2)		
RWY 09/27	PTBL (2)		

- (1) SDBY PWR contact ARO 0408 038 285.
- (2) EMERG only

For manual activation of lighting contact ARO on 0408 038 285.

ATS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

FIA MELBOURNE CENTRE 124.0 On Ground

RADIO NAVIGATION AND LANDING AIDS

NDB LTV	486	S 38 12.8	E 146 28.5	Range 30 (HN 30)	(1)
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(1) Pilot monitored - Privately Operated - Range 15NM in segments 120 -190 and 300 -010.

LOCAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

1. RWY 03/21: due RWY levels ACFT may not be sighted on opposite RWY ends.
2. Pilots making practice NDB APCH should add 1000FT to the ALT prescribed in the NDB APCH in order to reduce noise nuisance & interference with circuit TFC. Such flights shall BCST their intentions including ALT limits of OPS. Similarly pilots making NDB APCH in IMC on encountering VMC shall remain as high as practical & join the circuit in the standard manner.
3. Night circuits not permitted - D 1200-2000 (1100-1900 HDS).

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NOISE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES

Pilots are advised that the area BTN the AD & the highway to the S is particularly noise sensitive. Overflight should be avoided.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Bird hazard exists.
2. PJE HJ.
3. Gliding OPS HJ on grass strip 03L/21R. Right hand CCTS grass strip 21R.
4. Helicopter Ambulance OPS H24.
5. Pilots are requested to avoid flying over, or in the vicinity of, power stations and other major industrial installations.

CHARTS RELATED TO THE AERODROME

NEWS

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The ongoing saga of trying to obtain information from the HGFA relating to the State levies paid by SMC Members over the years is still not resolved. I know you are losing patience with this issue as am I. I have emailed the HGFA Treasurer, Raef Mackay, asking for a copy of the documentation apparently adopted by the Picolight pilots. I will continue to pursue this issue until we reach a satisfactory conclusion. I suggest we submit an ambit claim if we do not get a sensible reply soon.

Following our last monthly meeting and the ensuing committee meeting, I have conveyed to Raef Mackay that the SMC has an interest in consulting more closely with the HGFA Board on all matters relating to flying trikes. Further information as to what this might entail has been sought but no details are to hand at this time.

Craig Worth has been invited to address one off our monthly meetings and has advised that he is keen to get to one of your meetings but is not sure whether he will have a job with the HGFA by the end of next month as the Board is seeking tenders for the GM role.

SMC WEB SITE

Steven Bell continues to update the Club Web Site which is very much appreciated. If you have not already done so, have a look at how the site is progressing.

BASE INSPECTION

The trike base inspection held at Gary Wheeler's Hangar at Flowerdale on Sunday 28 March was a very pleasant and informative day with eighteen interested people in attendance. Our thanks to Gary Wheeler for making his facilities available and for supplying lunch. Thanks also to Mark Howard for conducting the session and passing on his technical knowledge and wisdom.

I refer again to AC 43.13-1B which contains a wealth of information relating to the maintenance of light aircraft with some sections directly relevant to trikes. A free download is available through the internet.

Carol and Brian Carpenter of Rainbow Aviation Services (the people who with Kevin McNally conducted the trike maintenance course at Maitland in October 2008) would help anyone with a specific maintenance problem. See: www.rainbowaviation.com or email: info@rainbowaviation.com.

WATSON FLY-IN

David Watson's invitation to all members of the SMC to a fly-in to be held on the weekend of the 10th and 11th of April, 2010 at his property situated at 415 Lewis Road, Buckley, (Lake Modewarre) is still current.

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 (7th) and weather permitting it will be a good weekend.

David Watson

Registered Builder DB-U 27441

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FOR SALE

As far as I am aware Karen and Wally still have an excellent trailer for sale.



TRIKE TRAILER FOR SALE - built by Wayne Sternberg - POA

RING WALLY WIENER 0423 026939

INTERESTING

Anthony Meecham suggests a look at an electric trike. See:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQZ0TK9faBU>

Also worth a look at a highly skilled model aircraft maker, Young C. Park:

www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/park.htm

Pilot held after 13 years on fake licence: police

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Dutch officials have arrested a Swedish pilot who flew for commercial airlines for 13 years using a fake licence, police said on Wednesday.

The 41-year-old pilot, who lives in Milan, clocked up at least 10,000 hours flying for airlines based in Britain, Italy and Belgium.

Following a tip-off from the Swedish authorities, officials detained him at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport on Tuesday evening as he was preparing to take off for Ankara in a Boeing 737 with 101 passengers on board, Dutch police said in a statement.

The pilot had previously held a licence to fly small planes, but it had expired and did not allow him to fly large airliners.

He has been held in custody and a judge in Haarlem, near Amsterdam, will decide on Friday if he should be released on bail while awaiting trial for forging documents and flying without a licence.

South African Ricky De Agrela [freedomflightbook@yahoo.com] continues to do adventurous things. Many will remember that Ricky and his ill-fated friend, Alan Honeybourne, visited Australia a few years ago in their trikes. Sadly Alan was killed when flying over China. Ricky's exploits are on Facebook.

REMINDER

SMC Members are reminded that we have awards recognising various levels of hours flown. Eligible members should apply and produce their log books at a meeting for verification. The award badges are reproduced below for information:



TRIKE PILOT's CONFERENCE

Chris Ballenden has been speaking to Steve Ruffles suggesting the idea of a one or two day triker's conference in Bright (or anywhere in Vic for that matter).

Chris believes a conference might help to boost trike pilot numbers and it might help us to extract some financial support from the HGFA.

Chris would be welcome comments about the feasibility and desirability of such a conference.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, April 13, at 1900hrs for a meal and 2000hrs for the meeting in the Board Room.

An interesting DVD will be displayed (provided I remember to bring the projector).

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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Last Tuesday of the month.

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