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### ANNUAL FLY-IN (Drive-In)

The Southern Microlight Club's Annual Fly-in was held this year at the Latrobe Valley Aerodrome on 24, 25 & 26 April. The Fly-in was based in Ken Jelleff's magnificent Hangar at Latrobe Valley Airport. In the last newsletter I stated that the hangar could hold a dozen or more trikes. I should revise that statement. The hangar would hold a dozen trikes without the need to move any of them to get a trike out. If required, I am sure space could be found for forty trikes.



Ken's Hangar at the Latrobe Valley Aerodrome.

Some of us took advantage of the accommodation attached to the front of the Hangar provided by Ken that has very comfortable quarters consisting of lounge/dining room, kitchen, bathroom and bedroom with four beds.

Unfortunately the weather conspired against us. As I drove down on Friday it simply teemed with rain and constant showers on Saturday and Sunday did little to allow flying although Ken and "Mitch" Mitchener did get in some short flights.

As indicated, Ken had an interesting program of events planned that saw us on Saturday and Sunday visit the Air Ambulance helicopter centre (Helimed1), West Sale aerodrome where we

enjoyed coffee and scones, jam and cream (low calorie of course), the Loy Yang A Power Station and the Airvan manufacturing plant.



From 19<sup>th</sup> floor of Loy Yang 1 Power Station. Frank B, John W, Mitch M and Steve B.

Barbecue lunches on Saturday and Monday and a sumptuous spread put on by Ken and his wife, Pauline, at lunchtime on Sunday, together with dining out together on Saturday night made for a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

Monday morning was clear and calm with excellent flying conditions that saw the lucky few get in some real flight time. I (Kel Glare), was also able to successfully complete a long overdue check flight with Geoff White, CFI, DTK Microlights of Churchill where Geoff has his own airstrip right outside his house – every trike pilot's dream. I thank Geoff for his courtesy and expertise.



Kel Glare's check flight – photo by Heather Wright.

John Waite flew down on Monday in his Cessna 182 and was a welcome addition to the throng.



Mitch's rolling hotel and trike transport.



Gary Wheeler, Frank Buccheri and Ken Jelleff.



Ken at work with the B-B-Q



Mitch getting ready for take-off.

A disappointing weekend weather and flying wise but nevertheless an enjoyable gathering which only goes to show that as a Club we can still appreciate each other's company in any conditions. I urge members to make the effort to attend these events and express my appreciation and that of your President, Mark Howard, to those who came.

I expect more photos and news about this event in future Newsletters.

### IMPORTANT NEWS

As directed by the last Club Meeting I have lodged an ambit claim for \$80,000.00 with the HGFA relating to the State levies paid by SMC Members over the years and asked that the VHPA be required to pay that amount or such other amount as disclosed by the HGFA and VHPA records to the SMC. I hope that this will finally bring some action so that we can get on with the business of providing facilities and infrastructure for trike pilots in Victoria.

Following our monthly meeting and the ensuing committee meeting in February, I 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. I have had no reply.

Craig Worth was invited to address one off our monthly meetings but as the Board is seeking tenders for the GM role there has been no progress relating to this request.

One would think that recent news from the HGFA that indicates that there is a steady and disturbing leakage of members from the HGFA to RAAAus ought to engender some response to our issues.

### SMC WEB SITE

Steven Bell continues to update the Club Web Site and is looking for a program of pending events for publication on our Web site. Any suggestions are welcome. .

### FOR SALE

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



At West Sale we had the opportunity to examine a PZL – 104 Wilga 80 which is a four seat multipurpose aircraft of STOL class which is for sale for \$65,000.00. Anyone interested in buying this unusual aircraft should contact the Editor and I will put them in touch with the seller.

This aircraft is widely used as:

- An executive A/c
- Air club general use, parachuting, glider and banner towing and training A/c
- Air ambulance
- Patrol A/c
- Agricultural A/c

It may be equipped with:

- FLIR
- Pollution detectors
- Retransmission equipment and small arms.

## **TECHNICAL DATA**

### **Dimensions:**

Span	-	11,28	m
Length	-	8,46	m
Wing area	-	15,5	m <sup>2</sup>
Doors dimensions - 1,63 x 0,95 m			

### **Weights:**

Take-off weight	-	1300	kg
Empty weight - 1000 kg			

### **Performance:**

Stalling speed	-	66	km/h
Rate of climb	-	4, 6	m/s

Max. range - 620 km at cruise speed 142 km/h  
Take-off / Landing run - 80/95 m

### **TRIKE PILOT's CONFERENCE**

Chris Ballenden's suggestion for a one or two day triker's conference in Bright (or anywhere in Vic for that matter) is still on the board and Chris is still looking for support for this idea.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, May 11, at 1900hrs for a meal and at the new time of 1930 hrs 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 standard is not expected.**

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*Last Tuesday of the month.*

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