



PLEASE NOTE

This Newsletter is short and late – for which I apologise. Max Glynn and others sent me material, which I greatly appreciate, but I have no way of inserting some files in the Newsletter or converting PDF files to Word. Please send contributions in Word 2003 or 2007. I can enter Internet Web Addresses. Thanks...KG.

EXTRACTS FROM SMC MINUTES – October Meeting

Minutes for meeting date 11 October.....

Presidents opening address and welcome

Apologies : Graham Keen, Steve Bell, Reg Thaggard, Dave Johnston.

General business:

Garry Wheeler gave a short talk on the maintenance weekend.

John Waite gave a talk on his flying history which was very enjoyable.

Gary Wheeler has received 2 bearing testers and 1 betsonometer tester.

Therefore there is still 1 bearing tester and 2 betsonometers still missing. (Can anyone assist with the whereabouts of these items. Please?)

John Waite has a bearing tester and an oil filter cutter for sale.

Neville Kent is chasing up a laptop computer for the Club to use.

David Johnston is producing bumper stickers and cards for the Club as discussed and options agreed upon at the Meeting with a run of 250 each and is bringing them to events day at Murrindindi.

Garry Wheeler's trip most likely to be on Monday 5 March to Friday 10 March 2012.

Club did not want a plastic club card.

Secretary going to VHPA meeting to receive cheque for maintenance weekend and put in for money to acquire tools for the Club.

INTERESTING

This is an amazing plane....F-35B

THIS IS THE MARINE CORPS VERSION OF THE F-35, AND THEY CAN'T WAIT TO GET DELIVERY. THE 'A' MODEL GOES TO THE AIR FORCE, AND THE 'C' MODEL IS THE NAVY VERSION. I'VE GOT A HUNCH THEY WILL BE FLYING THESE BIRDS INTO THE LATE 2030's. NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT FOLLOW-ON AIRCRAFT.

http://www.aircraftowner.com/videos/view/f-35b---taking-stovl-to-a-new-level_1126

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ANOTHER AMAZING AEROPLANE

Check this out!!!!!!

Stalin held public officials accountable and executable.

The **most amazing airplane in History....For the Airplane Buffs.**



Built in Russia during the 1930s, it flew 11 times before crashing and killing 15 people. The designer, Konstantin Kalinin, wanted to build two more planes but the project was scrapped.

Later, Stalin had Kalinin executed.

Evidently, it was not good to fail on an expensive project under Stalin.

It's got propellers on the back of the wings, too. You can count 12 engines facing front.

The size would be equivalent to the Empire State Building on its side, with cannons.

And you think the 747 was big... not only a bunch of engines but check out the cannons the

thing was carrying.

In the 1930s the Russian army was obsessed by the idea of creating huge planes.

At that time they were proposed to have as many propellers as possible to help carry those huge flying fortresses into the air, jet propulsion has not been implemented yet.

Not many photos were saved from those times because of the high secrecy levels of such projects and because a lot of time has already passed.



Can you imagine what it would be like sitting in this thing when those cannons go off?

Looks like something out of a Jules Verne novel.

A really good film clip of the “Jetman” in flight over the Grand Canyon.

Dunno what the propulsion units are – but given their size and the fact that he dropped vertically for quite some distance before the jets ignited, I would suspect ramjets, rather than conventional jets?

Totally out of this world experience....for the lovers of the grand canyon..

[http://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=http://www.youtube.com/v/WgdIE2t8QkM%3F](http://www.google.com/url?sa=D&q=http://www.youtube.com/v/WgdIE2t8QkM%3F**)**

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“Old Man Emu” has been sold.

However, The Wizard Wing that has 80.4 hours on it and has not been flown since 15 April 2001 is still for sale. It needs the nose channel to be upgraded and has a scuffed leading edge

(a result of a dust devil rubbing it against a cyclone fence) that needs re-taping or other repair. Has always been hangared and or bagged and is structurally excellent

Make me a realistic offer.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, November 8 at 1930hrs after a meal for those who wish to enjoy pleasant dining with fellow pilots at 1900hrs.

CONTRIBUTIONS

I need and welcome contributions from members and thank those who do contribute. 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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