



TRIKE NEWS: Newsletter of the Southern Microlight Club - October 2012

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SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness I advise of the passing of Stephen Lloyd Ruffels on 2 October. Our condolences to Lisa, the children, and to all Steve's extended family. Steve was a doyen of the sport of flying Microlight Trikes and he will be sorely missed. No details of the time and place of the funeral are known at this time.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2012 MEETING – PLEASE NOTE THE NEW OFFICE BEARERS

<h1 style="margin: 0;">Southern Microlight Club</h1> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Meeting Minutes</h2>		
Venue The Manhattan Hotel		Date 11/09/2012
Chairperson Chris Bullen	Guest Speaker Gordon Marshal (Skype)	
Apology's Ken Jellef, Kel Glare, Reg Thaggard, Neville Kent, Frank Buccheri, Reg Thaggard, Frank Kokshorn		
Attendee's Chris Bullen, Joe Ferstl, Max Glynn, Trevor Lane, Jo Lane, Ian Rees, Gary Wheeler, Tony Batson, Steve Bell, George Vassis, Graeme Keen, Dean Marriott, David Johnston, John Waite, Steve Paulet, John Kiddon, Anthony Meechan, Mark Pike		
Agenda Items	Who	When
Introduction & Welcome		
Chris opened the meeting	Chris	
The Skype call to Gordon Marshal failed, the club laptop does not have the spec		

required to sufficiently handle skype so this presentation will be rescheduled when a super laptop is available (be afraid).		
Treasurers report		
Dean reported on the Club's financial position.	Dean	
Correspondence in		
Nil		
Committee Report		
The Club T shirts were well received, an order form will soon be available on the club Website	Chris	ongoing
Trike Insurance policy was investigated, anyone wishing to insure their trike can do so through OAMPS, contact details are available on the Airborne Website http://www.airborne.com.au/pages/ml_fin_ins.php	Steve B	11/09
Tony gave an overview of his experience of the Maintenance workshop that was conducted at Latrobe Valley by HGFA Maintenance Guru Kev McNally, Once again Kev did a great job and all that attended got a lot from it. Check the club website for links and resource documents from Kev's presentation.	Tony	
Ian Rees presented a video of the 1998 trike trip where up to 47 trikes flew on the week long trip, not a 912 in sight.	Ian	
George presented an informative discussion on prohibited, restricted and danger areas, how to identify them and what to do.	George	
Items from Previous Minutes		
Nil		
General Business		
Max will present at the next meeting covering CASA Ramp checks, what is required.	George	09/10
Discussion Items		
The Avalon airshow will be on again next year and our club will have trikes on display, anyone interested to help out at the airshow please come forward		
Upcoming Events		
The Melbourne Cup weekend Fly away will be at the Grampians and will cost \$30 per person per night. Deposit to be paid at October Meeting and full details will be provided.	All	3/11 – 6/11
The Gathering of the Moths Fly-in at Mount Beauty	All	17/11
Next Meeting Details		
09/10/2012 7.30pm at the Manhattan Hotel	All	11/09

Club T Shirts Order Form



The T Shirts are available in Small, Medium, Large, Xlarge or XXLarge sizes and cost \$50.00 each.

E-mail your order to Tony and arrange post or pickup
batson.tony@briggsandstratton.com.au

Pay your money to Dean at the Club Meeting or by direct deposit to;

Southern Microlight Club
BSB 063109 Account 10405908

[INTERESTING](#)



Is this a Mosquito?

No. It's an insect spy drone for urban areas, already in production, funded by the US Government. It can be remotely controlled and is equipped with a camera and a microphone. It can land on you, and it may have the potential to take a DNA sample or leave RFID tracking nanotechnology on your skin. It can fly through an open window, or it can attach to your clothing until you take it in your home. Given their propensity to request macro-sized drones for surveillance, one is left with little doubt that police and military may look into these gadgets next.

REMINDER

On the Melbourne Cup weekend we will be gathering at the Grampians for a spectacular weekend of flying and socializing. Accommodation is available at the Asses Ears which is a great venue and just happens to have its very own strip. The Grampians as you can imagine is a picturesque and great place to fly and has been on many of our lists for quite some time.

The rough plan is to arrive on Saturday and leave on Monday however anyone who wishes to come earlier, stay less or longer is welcome.

Accommodation will be **\$30 per person per night** and **you will need to commit these funds as deposit at the October meeting** or find your own alternative accommodation. Bring the family, the budge, chocolate and fair weather for flying.

THE FABLE OF A HAPPY (MALE) PILOT

Once upon a time, a pilot asked a beautiful princess, "Will you marry me?"

The princess said, "No!"

And the pilot lived happily ever after and flew fighters all over the world and drove hot cars and chased skinny long-legged big-breasted flight attendants and hunted and fished and went to topless bars and dated women half his age and drank Wiehenstephaner German beer and Captain Morgan rum and never heard bitching and never paid child support or alimony and kept his house and guns and ate cold leftovers, potato chips and beans and blew enormous farts and never got cheated on while he was at work and all his friends and family thought he was real cool.

And he had tons of money in the bank and left the toilet seat up.

The End

EDITOR's RECYCLED PASSION



Having given up flying after a slight stroke I have resurrected the boat I built about 24 years ago. It is a “Jarcat” cruising catamaran. 4.8 metres long with 2 sails (self-furling jib and main), ‘metho’ stove, chemical toilet and electric shower; also powered by a 9.9hp Mercury Sail Power outboard motor. 10 knots flat out but up to 20 knots under sail.

On 24 September I completed a boating course and qualified (100% pass) for a Marine Licence which was issued by Vic Roads on 25 September.

The boat is to be named “Second Choice” for obvious reasons.

I am now set to return to my passion for fishing. If you fly over and see me on the ocean or a lake somewhere, please give me a wave.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, October 9 at 1930hrs after a meal for those who wish to enjoy pleasant dining with fellow pilots at 1900hrs.

CONTRIBUTIONS

**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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