



TRIKE NEWS: Newsletter of the Southern Microlight Club - April 2012  
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### MINUTES OF 13 MARCH 2012 SMC MEETING

Presidents opening address and welcome.

#### Apologies

Mark Howard

Reg Thaggard

Ian Reece

#### Visitors

Campbell Wilson

Mark Roubicek

Dave Watkins

Jodie Jagoe

Attendance # 21

#### Treasurer's Report

Money out = 0

Money in = 2 memberships

Bank balance = \$6,678.18

#### Secretary's Report

Correspondence in = nil

Correspondence out = nil

#### General Business

Steve Ruffles expressed thanks for well wishes and the card from SMC. Steve is undergoing chemotherapy and a difficult time for his family but appreciates the good wishes.

Neville Kent suggested the Club run some fund raising for support for Steve. Neville will organize something and report back.

Mark Howard is also keen to do some fund raising and Neville will ring Mark to explore joint options.

Gary Wheeler gave a talk about the Grampians trip and reported that all who were there had a great time and want to do it again.

Basically pilots flew all over and up and down the length of the Grampians.

Accommodation was cheap, the food was great and trikes were able to be parked five feet away from the accommodation.

There was a discussion about the money for the week but in the wash up is the owners got the right amount.

Kel Glare wants some articles about the said trip written by someone.

Kel still trying to sort out peoples wrong emails (if you don't get your email that you expect sort out the problem with and for Kel).

Steve Bell mentioned an impromptu trip to Tooradin for breakfast this weekend 18/03/12.

John Waite's trike, a Quick R, is for sale. Contact him for a very reasonable price.

Ken Jelleff mentioned about a hang gliding day where CASA were checking peoples details, and found a 41% non-compliance with legal requirements. This also was a Para Gliding day.

So beware it can happen to us, carry the right charts and manuals and everything else that is required. Do you know what is required? I.e., ERSA up to date .....Charts up to date .....Weather report within 2 hours of flying .....ELB beacon ....Ops Manual.

Look up the Air Services website! At the moment you still need the paper charts (so have them).

You also need to have a lock for your aircraft.

Ken Jelleff suggested that we get CASA along to do a talk on what we need to do and how, and get the RAA along as well to boost numbers for the talk, at a date to be set, when the right people are contacted about it.

Steve Bell and Ken Jelleff mentioned about some sort of Club feedback as to the relevance of some of the rules to do with Microlighting (i.e. CASA's rules).

Ken also gave a presentation about his trips up north to the 'morning glory' at Burketown in the Gulf of Carpentaria and how to go about such a trip – 'wow' great to listening.

## GRAMPIANS TRIP

**From** Ray Sparkes: President  
[East Oz Microlight Club inc](#)

Hi Microlighters and Club Members.

Grampians - great spot and great company but very limited phone and net service. Mind you Jean really loved the phone not ringing all day long.

A couple of pics for your pleasure.



A group pre-flight Briefing



Part of the Grampians



Grampians Air Port - final 24 - the road up the middle are quad bike tracks



The Asses Ears Wilderness Lodge - Home Base



Out landing at Dunkeld private strip.

### APRIL SPEAKER

Be at John Kidon's presentation on technical topics like the difference between Android Tablets and Apple Tablets and what you can and cannot do with them. John will also show his latest iteration of his completely electronic flight bag that includes all maps, charts, ERSA, weather information, notams, taf's and Operations Manual for your aircraft and much more, plus John will talk about how to upload items on to I pads and where to get the items from. John will also cover the difference between using a GPS for your proposed course as opposed to a paper chart and how the towns seem to end up on the wrong side of you when flying along a route.

### INTERESTING

TRY PASTING THESE INTO YOUR BROWSER.

<http://www.wimp.com/smallesthelicopter/>

[http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/incredible-flying-motor-bike\\_14859.html](http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/incredible-flying-motor-bike_14859.html)

Subject: Rare Aircraft WW11

Very interesting...

<http://www.richard-seaman.com/Aircraft/Museums/Hendon/BritishWw2/index.html>

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=zYPag3LuK1A](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=zYPag3LuK1A)

<http://pro.trikepilot.com/videos/hidden-splendor-and-mexican-mountain/>

Can you imagine being allowed to do this in Australia ? (In a Monsoon too - forerunner of the Revo).

Bomb out zone - Ground Zero ?

[http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/new-york-harbor-on-my-return-trip-from-florida\\_15521.html](http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/new-york-harbor-on-my-return-trip-from-florida_15521.html)

[http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/eastern-washington-state\\_15526.html](http://www.trikepilot.com/videos/view/eastern-washington-state_15526.html)

<http://pro.trikepilot.com/videos/mineral-canyon-2/>

**Not strictly flying but one fantastic Video!**

[Http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=Yfbchq0xQmQ&vq=medium#t=1](Http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Yfbchq0xQmQ&vq=medium#t=1)

Very interesting new flying machine. How many will sell in first year?  
<http://martinjetpack.com/video-gallery.aspx> <<http://martinjetpack.com/video-gallery.aspx>

The Maiden of maiden flights – Clara Adams; [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0UGjKeIKy8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0UGjKeIKy8) - 105k

Russian Air Show; [www.washingtonpost.com/world/russia-shows-off-latest-designs-at-air-show/2011/08/18/gIQA461dNJ\\_gallery.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/russia-shows-off-latest-designs-at-air-show/2011/08/18/gIQA461dNJ_gallery.html)

<http://martinjetpack.com/video-gallery.aspx>

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok0UmWXJD5U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ok0UmWXJD5U) - 100k

**Joe Smith's Friday Noon Demo 2011**

## **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

World's Largest Helicopter.....*Thought you might want to see this -----*

The Hotelicopter is modelled on the Soviet made Mil V-12, of which there were only two prototypes ever made. The Hotelicopter Company purchased one of these prototypes from the Mikhail Leontyevich Mil Helicopter plant in Panki-Tomilino , Russia in 2004 and have been engineering the world's first flying hotel ever since.

"The Hotelicopter features 18 luxuriously-appointed rooms for adrenaline junkies seeking a truly unique and memorable travel experience. Each soundproofed room is equipped with a queen-sized bed, fine linens, a mini-bar, coffee machine, wireless internet access, and all the luxurious appointments you'd expect from a flying five star hotel. Room service is available one hour after liftoff and prior to landing." The Hotelicopter is due to fly maiden journey this summer (June 26th) with an undisclosed price.

Dimensions Length:..... 42 m ( 137 ft )

Height:..... 28m ( 91 ft )

Maximum Takeoff Weight..... 105850 kg ( 232,870 lb )

Maximum speed:..... 255 km/h (137 kt) (158 miles/h)

Cruising speed:..... 237 km/h (127 kt) (147 miles/h)

Original Mi Range:..... 515 km ( 320 mi )

Our augmented Mi Range -..... 1,296 km ( 700 mi )









### NEXT MEETING

**The next meeting is at the Manhattan Hotel, Canterbury Road, Ringwood, on Tuesday, April 10 at 1930hrs after a meal for those who wish to enjoy pleasant dining with fellow pilots at 1900hrs.**

### CONTRIBUTIONS

**Contributions have been very much appreciated. 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.**

**Newsletter Closing times:**

*Last Tuesday of the month.*

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