



# TALE FEATHERS

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**Next Meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Time:** 1000

**Venue:** Clubhouse

To be followed by a working bee for Heli Heatwave Event

**BBQ Chefs: Matt Jennings & Pat Kelleher**  
**Please arrange for an alternative person if you cannot make the meeting.**

**Barbie Chefs are required to clean up after them**  
**Cleaning up applies to all of us who use these facilities.**

## New Members

We wish to welcome four new members

**Andrew Strudwick** from Junee

**Robert Ormes** From Townsville

**Jai Hunt** All the way from Katherine NT

**David Bray** a former member from Wagga.

Welcome aboard guys.

## Expressions of interest

As you are all aware, I advised at the November meeting I would be ceasing my duties as Sec & Editor in April because of travel arrangements. This means you will need two people to take over these positions till the AGM. It's a pretty easy ride as there is not much happening during this period.

Please contact Dick Tennant with queries or expressions of interest.

## February Meeting

This one covered a number of important issues. On the strength of that, I'm copying a number of items taken straight from the minutes for the benefit of those who were unable to attend

## **Electrical Installation**

Dick advised that he had spoken to Daryle Taber & he advised he was hoping to do it sometime in the next month.

## **Fire Prevention**

Dick Tennant opened discussion on the situation of Flying on days of Catastrophic Fire warning.

There was some discussion and it was generally agreed to the recommendation that we should not fly power or electric aircraft on days when this condition exists. Non powered Sailplanes should be the only acceptable aircraft if we really need to fly in 40 degree heat in a 20 knot wind. Days of total fire ban would be a matter for our own consideration. It was also pointed out that we must respect our landlord's feelings on these days.

In an effort to do our part we have had our fire fighting equipment checked & updated or recharged as required. Glen Bennett has donated a small fire extinguisher to be located in at or near the keyboard; this has to be worked out. It was also suggested that on really hot days the back pack should be put out in the pit area. We realise that water isn't much good for putting out a fuel fire, but it would help put out the grassfire that the fuel one may start.

## **Keys & Locks**

More discussion on keys & locks.

Looking at 3 new locks and enough keys for every member with deposit on key of \$20 to \$25

More talk on combination locks.

Dick to check quotes on both.

## **Windsocks**

There was some discussion on making the windsock more visible from where we are flying from. A

proposal was moved that we get 2 windsocks for the far (eastern) strip fence at each end.

**Moved** → **James Martin**

**Seconded**→ **Damien Parslow**

**Carried**

James & Damien advised they would donate the two new socks. Also before any permanent fixing they would try different spots along the perimeter for best effect.

### Starting Mats

After some discussion it was decided we should arrange starting mats at both Nth & Sthn ends of the strip where the starting points are or will be. Also matting will be used in the WW2 Ready Boxes.

A working bee will be arranged for this.

### Safety Issues

Two items were brought to the meetings attention.

### Taxiing in the pits

Some people are still taxiing in the pit area.

Be warned, if an accident occurs you are not covered by insurance. You can read up on this in the club General Safety Rules Amended August 2009. Every member received a set with their August Newsletter the relevant rule is #18

Also Rule #23 is receiving little attention from some of us.

This applies to starting and running motors under the shaded area. This is to be done on the strip side of the shaded area.

### **Heli Heatwave**

Rex advises things moving well for event but he needs helpers and has put a list on the board at the clubhouse of the help he needs. They will be marking the strip on the Friday before the event.

### **World War Two**

Dick advised Invitation letters going out, also sponsorship mail.

Coloured posters coming together

Promotions to be handled by Kerry

Raffle by Austin

Patches & Trophies by Hazell & Tenno

Steve Sutherland is approaching Rotary re parking & money collection for Care Flight

Dinner venues and costs being checked out by Brian Thomson.

### **Tenno's Thought**

Don't worry about what people think  
They don't do it very often

About 25 years ago WMAC did a flying display at Lake Albert. Ian McPherson put on an impressive display of manoeuvres with his chopper at would have been approx. 150 to 200 metres out over the water. So impressive was Macca's demo that he came to grief

and sank immediately.

The mysterious thing about it was that despite all our efforts, the aircraft was never recovered from the depths. When the lake dropped to its



present level, Hazell and I decided we would have a try to find the spot where he went in. Whilst not finding the chopper we were able to find the badly damaged cowling and the fuel tank. Macca confirmed the bits belonged to the chopper, so now he's got a bit of it back after all these years. The above pic shows the tank and the cowl bits we left Macca to do the cleaning bit.

### **Picture from the past**



The aircraft is a Lockheed Hudson owned by East West Airlines & used on cloud seeding when Eucumbene Dam was being filled in 1959

The pic was taken by me from the RAAF control tower at Wagga

Stay Well

**BYE NOW**