

BRISBANE VALLEY FLYER

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Presidents Report:

Greetings Members,

Another slow month, the weather is starting to warm up as we march on towards Christmas.

Anyway, see you at the meeting on Saturday.

Best wishes

John Innes

(Acting) President BVSAC

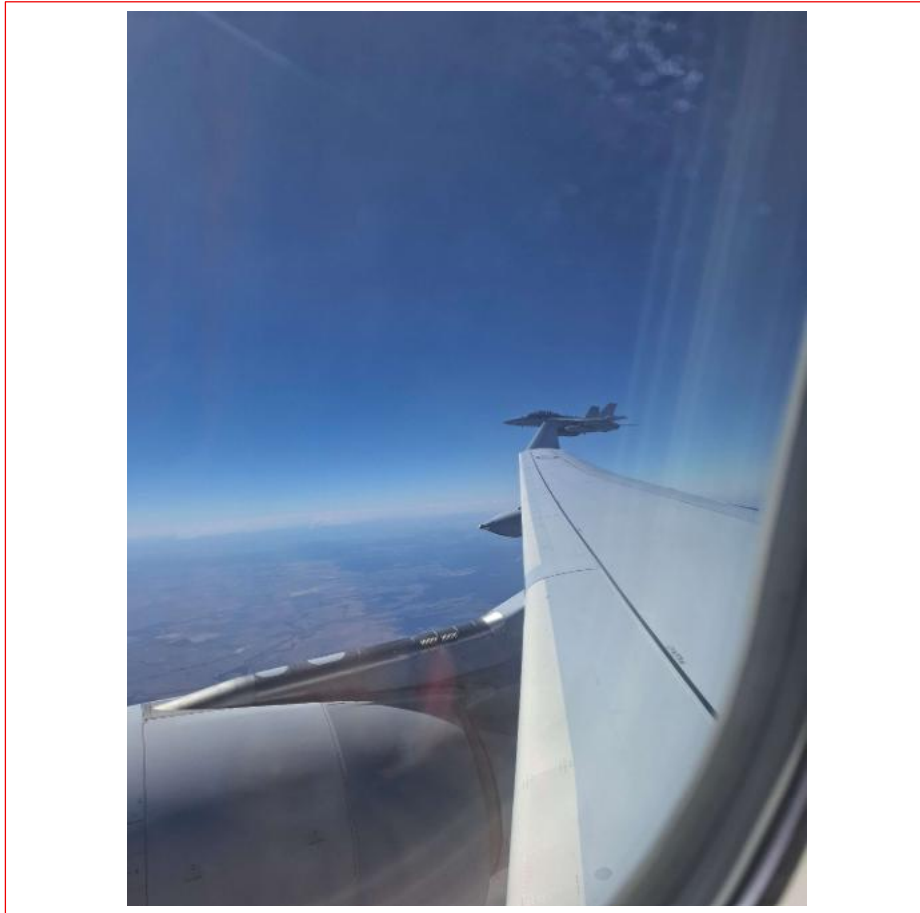
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I was just sitting quietly admiring the South West Qld scenery. I sat back thinking about all that work going on down there. A movement caught my eye. What the? It was indeed a Growler from 6 Sqn Amberley. I thought I was on a complimentary joy flight. Hopefully the images I have will explain.

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Hello. Looking for something?



Air Force Cadets and Diesel engines. Apparently, Air Force Cadets fly behind diesel engines. Hopefully an article regarding the operation will be forthcoming. Anyone who has diesel aviation engine experience, could you send your experiences into BVSAC FLYER. I think an article on Magneto-less flight would be worthwhile.

We are mindful of OZ Runways. Maybe we'll get it together with them in the New Year.

Charts. Real Paper charts are available through a couple of outlets now. Google them up if this is what you need.

Editorial

Springtime. Birds are flying madly. How about us humans? My health has been sabotaged by the Sun. Years of unthinking exposure has once again caught me out. Shins are a bad place for excisions. Not enough fabric to work with. Please do everything you can to reduce skin exposure to old SOL. He knows no mercy. Having a family member, older Brother Chris, succumb to metastatic melanoma is a stark reality check. An ABC Conversation Hour a while back where the interviewee was the first man to hold a civilian helicopter licence in Australia also brought this horribly home. Imagine a life spent inside the bubble of a Bell 47. He knew his time was limited due to sun killing his skin.

"We just never knew" was all he said, philosophically resigned to his fate.

Perhaps one could say the only good thing about a THRUSTER is you don't get sunburned. Especially considering the amount of time it takes to get anywhere. Above cloud is a serious problem. White, White, White reflected light. Like a day on the water a sunburned under chin is a bad state of existence. Loss of sensibility can be the result of sunburn. Even loss of Consciousness. I do recall this from hanging out with grommet surfers' eons ago.

Drought predictions have brought all this to mind. Plus, back to being the bench warmer with no real sickness except, well possibly incurable cancer.

Keep your shirt on!

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Thirsty bird



And again, a bit later and all during a 180° turn

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QUIZ.

Back to the mundane.

Ever been to Leadville? No. Perhaps Deadwood? A clue, do you fly with 6 guns on your hip? Would two six guns be above your climb weight limit? Airfield elevation 9934' AMSL. What conditions put your aircraft into the back side of the power curve? Average Summer ambient temp. 18°C to 22°C. Density height, please. Required TODR? for you? with 2 six guns and all sets occupied and say half fuel cos it's going to be leaned out a little. Many questions, make a flight plan from Dallas to Leadville and bring it to next meeting, please.

OK. This is the highest GA airfield in the USA. There are higher, shorter strips in the jungle, alps, Himalayas and more. Picked this one

because it is well documented. So are the accidents from lack of available performance.

Aircraft Books, Parts, and Tools, etc.

Contact Rob Knight on mobile – 0400 89 3632

Tow Bars

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Tailwheel tow bar.	Good condition	\$50.00

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Propeller spacers, Assorted depths, all to fit Rotax 912 UL/ULS propeller flanges	Excellent	\$100.00 each
Spinner and propeller backing plate to suit a Kiev, 3-blade propeller, on a Rotax 912 engine flange.	Excellent	100.00

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\$4,500.00 NEG

A single seat, ultralight, Taildragger. Built in 1987, this aircraft has had a single owner for the past 18 years, and is only now I am regretfully releasing it again for sale. I also have a Teenie II and am building another ultralight so I need the space.



The landed Sky Dart III rolling through at YFRH Forest Hill

TTIS airframe is 311 hours, and the engine, TTIS 312 – is just 1 hour more. Up-to-date logbooks available. 2 X 20 litres tank capacity. To be sold with new annuals completed.

It is easy to fly (for a taildragger), and a great way to accumulate cheap flying hours.

Call me to view, Bob Hyam,
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Landed at McMaster Field after my flight back from Cooma just West of Canberra. In the cockpit with me is GeeBee, my dog

Single Seat T84 Thruster, disassembled and ready for rebuild.

I have a T84 single seat Thruster project in my hanger at Watts bridge.

The fuselage is on its undercarriage, the wing assemblies are folded up and the skins are with them.

Included is a fully rebuilt Rotax 503 dual ignition engine and propeller.

And, most importantly – the aircraft logbook!

Asking price **MAKE AN OFFER**

Contact John Innes on **0417 643 610**