

TEMORA AERO CLUB

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WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our year is marching on and as we approach mid winter with shorter cool days the flying conditions can be just perfect. Our membership continues to grow each month due to the attraction of the RAA Flying Training School with instructor Jill Bailey as well as those just interested in aviation and the social activities of the club.

We are seeing more visiting aircraft each week and the 24 hour self serve fuel facility is gaining popularity. No doubt the coffee, tea and biscuits in the club house are much appreciated by our many visitors.

Wednesday mornings are designated as our special morning tea get together sometimes referred to as Secret Men's Business but I can assure you we don't hold many secrets and our lady members are most welcome.

The Aviation Estate is progressing steadily with Jill and Norm Baileys' new modernistic style hangar located in a monumental position on the estate. Just looks great! Quincy and Janice Maxwells' hangar development is now underway and there are other developments on the drawing board.

The caravan park is essentially completed with only some finishing touches to be carried out. It has come up very well and will be a great attraction to those visiting Temora, the airport and the Temora Aviation Museum.

Financially the club is very sound. The Tecnam aircraft purchased last year is a great success and the activities of the club are generating positive growth. There are members who generously put their time and efforts into making the club what it is today. Your assistance is always noticed and very much appreciated.

There are a number of events coming up listed later in this newsletter. The last major event was the Antique aircraft Association's fly-in and the Aviation Museum Display last Anzac Weekend. The weekend was a great success with the most aircraft seen on the airfield for many years. We have a number of Museum Flying Weekends coming up as well as the State Aerobatic Championships over the Long Weekend in October.

The Tumut Aero club is holding its annual fly-in on the last Sunday in August and weather permitting it is expected that most of the Temora Aero club fleet will be heading down the Tumut valley for lunch and a great social day out.

Well that's enough for now!
Rob Maslin (President)

Thoughts from a vice president

Once again it's been a busy time for the aero club since our last newsletter. President Robert has been busy keeping up with scheduled maintenance on the Tecnam. We have had several museum flying weekends come and go including the annual Antique Aircraft Association Fly-in who chose Temora as their destination on the Anzac weekend in April. Ten balloonist made Temora their home for the June long weekend, and despite slightly breezy conditions, (for balloons and powered parachutes that is) several memorable flights were conducted throughout the Temora district. Thanks to Mike Cleaver and crew for inflating and tethering their balloon at Father Hannan's Oval for the students of St Annes- a very fitting location given Father Hannan's love of aviation and in particular hang gliding.

Our thoughts go out to members Simon Pike and Ian Edgar who are both recuperating from surgery. We also wish Janice Maxwell a speedy recovery from her recent sickness.

Tecnam 24-5065

The club's Tecnam continues to go from strength to strength. It has surpassed the 700 hour mark which is remarkable since the aircraft is only twelve months old. It continues to attract new pilots and students weekly. It has been a real success story for the aero club and truly validates the decision made by the committee to purchase the aircraft a year ago. Such is its usage that instructors Jill Bailey and Allan Powlay are having a hard time keeping up with demand. The club is very lucky to have Rob Maslin maintaining the aircraft to such an impeccable standard. Rob performs the onerous and constant task of maintenance on the aircraft and, I might add, does it all on a voluntary basis at no cost to the club. His dedication means that the aircraft stays on the air field rather than being ferried elsewhere for maintenance and any issues arising in daily operation are dealt with immediately. Thanks Rob.

VH-JHO

It would appear that the future of our club in the shorter term at least will hinge around our recreational aircraft. The usage rate and operating costs of our Cessna 172 VH-JHO continue to cause us concern. At a recent committee meeting various costs predictions based on hours flown annually were presented by Rob Maslin. It is evident that regardless of the hours flown, and given current annual maintenance costs over recent years, the aircraft stands to lose the club between \$5000 and \$6000 annually. This factor does not take into account rising fuel costs. The aircraft is currently hired out at \$150 p/h. We have decided that from the 1st of July 2008 the rate will be \$150 for the first two hours, then \$190 p/h thereafter. Hopefully the increase will temper our operating losses.

The general consensus amongst the committee is that we have to have a serious look at the viability of retaining this aircraft. Presently it's being utilized by a small number of members only. The club must decide if it is appropriate to continue to operate the aircraft at a loss for a small minority. The downside being if we were to sell the aircraft, we would find ourselves in a position whereby the club does not own any GA aircraft, and those GA pilots who currently utilize VH-JHO would be forced to hire an aircraft from Wagga or elsewhere. Over the past two years we have looked at encouraging training in the Cessna but it would seem unlikely to occur as the club has been unable to attract a GA Instructor to train at Temora on a regular basis. What is the opinion of the wider membership on this issue? Please voice your concerns and opinions to the committee. Personally I think the club should seriously look at replacing VH-JHO with another recreational aircraft. The popularity of the Tecnam has resulted in limited availability for use outside of training. Imminent changes to Legislation will soon allow entry into controlled airspace by suitably endorsed recreational pilots flying recreational aircraft. These changes will effect our future training requirements in that we will see our aircraft further away from the local area for longer time periods. A second aircraft would alleviate availability issues, meet the demand for increasing levels of flight training and give the club a second income stream. This is just my opinion and I don't fly VH-JHO, but all the same, as a club we need to plan our future direction taking into account our members' needs whilst also ensuring the club remains financially viable.

Temora Aviation museum

Recent informal discussions with Kenny Love from the Temora Aviation Museum indicated that the museum has concerns with airspace safety issues when they have flying displays in progress. We all know that safety is the number one priority and an accident would have an enormous negative impact on aviation activities at

Temora. We support the museum in their endeavors to find a solution to the problem which generally relates to private aircraft movements to and from the field whilst airshows are in progress. The museum is looking at possible measures which may include restricting the airspace at Temora between certain hours on these weekends. The museum has stated it will work closely with the Temora Airport Users Group and the Temora Aero club with regard to this issue.

Council Business

The Temora Shire Council recently approached the Aero Club asking us to identify what upgrades we would like to see at the airport over the next ten years. We presented council with a wish list which included suggestions such as upgrades to the Belman hanger, signage, taxi-way/runway upgrades and improvements to general infrastructure etc.

On the 17th of April 2008 the aero club entered into a mutual agreement with the Temora Shire Council which was documented in a memorandum of understanding between the two organizations. The document formalizes an agreement whereby the aero club will actively promote the Temora Aviation Estate to other aero clubs and interested parties. The aero club will have on display within the club house promotional material pertaining to the estate. In return the aero club will receive \$2000 from the sale of each block of land upon settlement. The funds will be preserved in an account titled "*Temora Airport Development Account*". The funds from this account will be utilized to repair, maintain and develop the existing infrastructure that the Temora aero club occupies. I would ask that all aero club members actively promote the estate wherever possible.

Rumor Mill

The rumor mill has it that a certain pilot of a small Cessna struck a bit of trouble with his parking brake recently. No amount of power would cause his craft to budge, not even an inch..... Investigation found the tail fully secured to the tie down ring.....Bugger.

A well known Marrar Thruster pilot was recently seen in the vicinity of Cowra flying a go cart type apparatus with a parachute strapped to the rear. Will we be seeing a new addition to the Green Keeper Aviation stable?

Mike Cleaver has just taken possession of a 180 hp Bellenca Scout. He is interested in syndicating the aircraft. If you are interested and want further details call Mike on mobile 0412980886.


Those driving to the airport would be hard pressed not to see Jill and Norm Bailey's immaculate new hanger in Tenefts Street. We wish them well with their new diggings and look forward to the hanger warming party.

Safe Flying!

Lindsay Wallace(Vice President)

Calendar Events

Jul 19-20	Temora, NSW	TAM Temora Aviation Museum Flying Day
Aug 16-17	Caboolture, QLD	Fly-In & Open Day
Aug 30-31	Temora, NSW	TAM Temora Aviation Museum Flying Day
Aug 31	Tumut, NSW	Tumut Valley Fly-In
Sep 6-7	Moree, NSW	Fly-In Weekend & Moree Trade Expo
Sep 13-14	Goondiwindi, QLD	Fly-In Breakfast at Gundy
Sep 19/20	Temora, NSW	Model Jets (airport closed certain hours)
Sep 19-21	Cowra, NSW	SAAA Escape to Cowra Convention
Sep 27-28	Parkes, NSW	Antique Aeroplane Assoc of Aust - Chipmunk ...
Oct 4-5	Cooma, NSW	AVEO PHANTOM OFFICIAL LAUNCH 🇺🇸
Oct 4-5	RAAF Base Amberley, QLD	Australian Defence Force Air Show
Oct 4-6	Temora, NSW	NSW Aerobatic Championships 🇺🇸
Oct 11-12	Temora, NSW	TAM Temora Aviation Museum Flying Day
Nov 1	Luskintyre, NSW	LAFM Lunch with the Tiger Moths
Nov 1-2	Swan River, Perth, WA	Red Bull Air Race World Series

Nov 3-9	Sydney, NSW	WorldFlight Australia 
Nov 7/9	Temora, NSW	Scale model aircraft meeting (RW 18/36 closed)
Nov 8	Wagga, NSW	Interclub Competition
Feb 22	Wollongong, NSW	Wings Over Illawarra

FLYING TRAINING NEWS

CFI report July 08

We have had an interesting time over the past few months, with lots of activity in the club house and in the air. The recent vibration in the Tecnam was traced to a problem in the gearbox and once the repair was made by the team from Rotax in Lilydale the Tecnam once again took to the air, purring like a kitten.

Recently seen trying out the Tecnam was local Scott Lennon, who left his glider in the hangar and enjoyed a birthday flight courtesy of his wife. Another local dipping her toe in the water (or should that be the air?) is Leah Wells. Leah was enticed into the air for a trial instructional flight recently and has now managed 2.5 hours, loving every minute of it.

Also recently seen enjoying trial flights in the Tecnam were the boys currently involved in construction of the new water tower in town. Paul, Mohammed, Tae, Talaga and Steve all went away with the Tecnam grin courtesy of their boss Paul Pryor, who has clocked up 7 hours in the Tecnam himself.

Over two weeks in early June the club also hosted the Wheelies with Wings program. This program offers people in wheelchairs the opportunity to learn to fly using a specially modified Piper aircraft, which was donated at no charge by a very generous pilot from Queensland. David, John and Michael enjoyed their stay in Temora and managed to clock up 6 hours per day with the help of visiting CFI Graeme White of Moruya. John also managed a flight in the Tecnam enjoying that experience as well. The wheelies used a hand control fitted to the rudders to achieve some memorable flights, with the objective of achieving solo standard at the end of the two weeks. Check out www.wheelieswithwings.com.au for more info and if you would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile charity.

Congratulations to Mitchell Ridley of Burcher who recently drove 7 hours to Renmark to purchase a Jabiru J230. Mitchell and I enjoyed a 3.4 hour return flight arriving home tired but happy, while Mitchell's father drew the short straw of driving 7 hours home again. Check the club website for photos of the proud new aircraft owner.

Congratulations also to Nick McRae for achieving first solo on 29/6/08. Nick is very enthusiastic and started his flying career courtesy of gift vouchers for his birthday from grandparents, parents and other family members.

Canberra based glider pilot Stewart May has also recently enjoyed flying the Tecnam, doing a conversion to powered flight to take advantage of non-gliding opportunities to fly. Local pilot Nathan Storm is still clocking up his hours towards a passenger endorsement, looking forward to taking friends and family up as soon as he is endorsed.

Personally, Norm and I look forward to finishing off the interior of our hangar, which has attracted quite a few comments from locals.

Safe flying,

Jill Bailey

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

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