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ALL WELCOME

(BYO ALCOHOL)

WELCOME:

Hi to you all, sorry about the delay on this months newsletter, i have had a hectic month having been to Perth for two weeks and going through the process of selling my house over there and then my wife having a weeks hospital visit after developing pneumomia from a bout of the flu,so sorry for the delay.

Things are definitely getting exciting around the club at the moment with the rigging of XJX jabiru powered motorfalke, and its looking really good to boot more on xjx later in the tech talk column.

flying is so nice this time of year as its not hot!! ,coming from perths dry heat to the humidity of the north coast takes some getting used to (if ever you do,) Right now its just perfect and the sky's are clear ,some of the guys are getting good soaring in also so a good time of year to come down and go gliding

Ashley Osborne

MEMBERS COLUMNS:

Articles are sort from members to add their thoughts here,do you have any stories, or any thing to contribute? maybe its a good flight, funny story you would like to share, maybe your suggestions for the committee to discuss or topics to bring up in the club meetings, got something to sell. Any thing is welcome . E-mail me

ashjo31@hotmail.com ph 02 6629 1171 or drop it in to the club. I am there almost every weekend and almost every Wednesday. If you can't make it to the club post it to PO Box 815 Byron Bay NSW 2481 and I will pick it up from Ian.

Ashley Osborne.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

No committee business last month.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

The AGM is on soon and we ask that all members please make the time to come to this meeting.

We need MEMBERS to elect or nominate other members for the clubs various positions that are available.

So please do come down and find out who will be what for 06/07.

BUSY BEE AT THE CLUB ON SATURDAY THE 16TH SEPTEMBER

TECH TALK:

This has to be the exciting column to read this month. As i said in the welcome note things are getting exciting in regards to the restoring of XJX. I'm sure most of you have seen XJX sitting in the hanger rigged but for those who haven't its a nice addition to the fleet. No.., its not finished by any standard although the years have turned to months which have turned now to weeks for the first flight. Alan Rundle has taken a lot on with the mechanical side and last time he was there he was plumbing up the fuel lines etc, i have two thirds of the cockpit trimmed out and it is looking quite nice inside. Macca is working on the instrument panel so its definitely



coming together now. We are still awaiting some parts from the mail and when they arrive will be fitted. The weight and balance has been done and she comes in about spot on which is a big plus.

The colour scheme also looks very attractive with the dark blue underside and



with the sleek lines of the jabiru cowl it looks a lot more sporty than your standard falke. To sum it all up SOON.....

CLUB NEWS:

Casino weekend was continuing in the same way as the other trips away to Warwick and Boonah as another very successful weekend Members who went were Ashley, Paddy, Steve Smith, Macca, Ken Robinson, Alan Rundle, Russell, Tom Grierson, Brian, Andy jowett, and John Duffy. The flying was enjoyed by all. We had quite a few people fly in Casino's Blanik which was very nice to fly , and also some people took the opportunity to fly in there Centrair Marianne all glass two seater, which looks just beautiful.

Ken and myself are getting closer to getting our aerotow endorsements having both done flights to try to achieve that. We are both at the same level and even though we didnt go solo on aerotow are ready to next time out. The club facilities at Casino are very very good and new they have all the mod cons you could ever want and a nice big hanger to put everything in. They are a small club with I believe only about 12 members, although very well organised proffessional and a friendly bunch to. The strip is bitchuman although it has wide grass strips on either side which the club uses for its gliding operations. If you want to go gliding at a friendly well organised club that wont take you half the day to get to, this is it.

For casino pix look at

<http://www.byrongliding.com/gallery/club/index.htm>

CLUB NEWS CONT..

Congratulations must go to Ken Robinson for going solo last month and also to Shawn Mc bride who went solo after spending a couple of weeks at the club.

It's also good to see Bill Host back and flying YHB with a good deal of success. I happened to be there when Bill and Paddy took a dual flight in good conditions and clocked up two and a half hours soaring in macca and Andy's falke, yeah you guessed it Paddy couldn't wipe the grin off his face and he let us all know about it well done .

Also Alastair Gray has come back while the school holidays have been on in Queensland. Alastair goes to school up in Brisbane and comes to fly when the holidays are on. He is solo now and has been logging quite a few solo flights and must be neaing his B certificate keep it up Alastair.

Gliding Australia has sent out a really cool calender for every member of the club, this calender features some great photos and has a financial year calender so it would make a great calender for those of you who have an office. It also features all the public holidays and events for 06/07. Pick yours up from the club before Macca claims them all!!

REMEMBER...

BBQs ARE NOW ON EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT FOUR PM.....COME DOWN.

MACCAS NOTES : www.alexisparkinn.com/aviation_videos.htm

Try the link at the top for good videos of all types of flying. some good pics below.





UNTIL NEXT TIME HAPPY LANDINGS

