LOXTON AERO CLUB

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Newsletter

Winter 2014

Last weekend Bingle & Rod flew to the Wentworth fly-in and stayed overnight. On Sunday, 6 of the planes from Wentworth dropped in to Loxton for Lunch on their way home. Four of our members were available to put on a BBQ lunch for these visitors, and show them some Loxton hospitality.

On the 18th May, Aeroscene conducted a Dead Reckoning Navigation Exercise from their base at Gawler to Mildura via Loxton. They stopped in for Morning tea with us, and put on a fine show of arriving and departing aircraft, and static display on our day-parking lawn in front of the clubrooms.

For their next event (August 17th), we are invited to join in by flying to Gawler for morning tea (10am) then navigating (without using your GPS) to the Clare Valley Airfield for a BBQ lunch. Instructions on how to approach YGAW without penetrating Edinburgh airspace will be provided and if we travel as a group, should be a good exercise.

Coming events:

The Scheduled 6 monthly cleaning of the Clubrooms is this Saturday 14th June from 2pm, as per the email from Kerrie earlier this week. Please come along if you can and pitch in to keep our clubrooms well-presented and ready for any visitors. Maybe bring some nibbles for a few drinks afterwards to reward ourselves.

The Robe Aviators Society are opening their new clubhouse with a fly-in on October 18-19. Here's their info:

> *Dear Fellow Aviators,*
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> *The Robe Aviators Society would like to invite your members to attend our fly in October 18 & 19. We are celebrating the opening of our Club house at the Robe Airfield and want to make this a special weekend for our visitors, so we have arranged the following activities to make you welcome and enjoy our Village.*

1. *Transport will be running all day to take people into town from the strip.*
2. *Lunch will be available at the Airfield, or in the eateries in town.*
3. *All the shops will be open for those who need retail therapy.*
4. *Accommodation, can be arranged through Happy Shack Debra Mackey. 0401803137 . Several of our Aviators have beds available for those wishing to be billeted.*
5. *All eateries will be presenting special menus at night for flyers, with a range of prices to suit all budgets.*
6. *For those who like fishing we can arrange bookings on Hot Spot Charters. 0429310052.*

We will be available at the Airfield to welcome visitors should you wish to fly in on Friday afternoon, this would have to be an ETA of no later than 1600 hours, then of course on Saturday morning, we are planning to hold the opening ceremony of our new Club house @ 1400. Our club has been gifted to us by Cpt Graham Philips ex skipper with British Airways and foundation member of The Robe Aviators Society (an incredibly generous gesture by Graham). Our Club House will be named 'The Cpt Graham Philips Club House'.

We then hope you will stay for refreshments and over night, so you can enjoy the great eateries of Robe.

Then on Sunday morning Breakfast will be available at the Airfield prior to your departure, transport back to the strip will be available all morning.

And when leaving we would hope you could do a pass over Robe so the town can wave you off. We hope you can join us, we look forward to welcoming you.

All this will depend on the "Weather Gods" smiling on us! If not, we will assess the situation 48 hours out and will make a decision and contact if the pin needs pulling.

Cheers,
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Other events to put in your diary are:

Port Pirie Fly-in: August 23-24

The Birdsville Races 5th September

AGM – Due next month; time to start thinking about any issues to discuss and/or positions

New arrival

Central Air Services have placed a Cherokee Warrior in Loxton for Rohan to use and several others are lining up to renew their GA licences with the opportunity to hire and fly it. Rohan and Bev wasted no time in putting her to use with a few local flights last Sunday then a trip to Aldinga for lunch with family & friends at Adelaide Biplanes on Monday.