



# LOXTON AERO CLUB

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## Newsletter January 2017

Well the year really did get off to a "Flying Start" last Sunday with the flying comp followed by a family BBQ lunch enjoyed by 20 members and visitors.

The flying exercise was a great test of flight planning skills and navigation. Teams varied from the professional to the novice, flying GA and RA aircraft, and all had a great time, hopefully learning something along the way. The route took us west to Maggea, south to Mindarie, east to Meribah then north to Renmark, before returning to Loxton. Steve Munn, checked each team's calculations and was happy they were each able to de-encrypt the information provided onto a functional flight plan. One team even pointing out the error in his calculations! For those unable to make it, I've attached a pic of the pre-flight briefing whiteboard for you to have a go at the navigation calculations yourself.



On return to YLOX, pilots made a power off glide approach for a spot landing competition. Regular top performer Chris Schwarz was edged out by a larger plane this year, as "team Rohan" touched down 3 metres from the tape in the Archer. Team Bingle came in second at 8 metres followed closely by team Pocock at 8.5 metres. The commercial pilots (Sam & Jarrod V) overshot the mark so far they nearly had to open the gate at the far end of the strip!

We'd like to plan an activity like this each second month, so we're looking for suggestions now for March. Flights need not require this much navigation skill, just a reason to get the aeroplanes out of the hangars and flex those flying muscles.

You probably heard in the news this week, one of Central Air Services' Cherokee Warriors (VH-CGK) came down in the almond orchard after clipping a power line. The pilot had a lucky escape with only a cut to the chin, and is back in the air already. Cherokee; Charlie Golf Kilo, a long time seasonal resident of Loxton Aerodrome, will probably not fly again and will be sadly missed (by Rohan at least).



A few things need tidying up around the clubrooms, in preparation for the April Fly-in, so a working bee is scheduled for Sunday 5th February. Put it in your diary, more info nearer the date.

Registrations for the 2017 Fly-In are starting to ramp up as flyers get in early to ensure they find accommodation in the town. No doubt preparations will get fully into gear when Co-ordinator Kerrie Palamountain returns from Summer holidays next week.

Keep flying ☺

① FLY DUE WEST FROM YLOX 45 KNOTS FOR 40 MIN

② TURN ONTO HEADING 150°M FOR 21 NM  
IDENTIFY POSITION BY POINTS ON GROUND

③ FLY 72°T FOR ○?? NM. ←  
HOW MANY FEATURES/TOWNS TO NORTH OF TRACK (CLOSE BY)  
- NEARLY THERE

④ NOW FLY 344°T FOR 32 NM OVERFLY & IDENTIFY POSITION

⑤ RETURN TO YLOX

⊗ CALCULATE DISTANCE ③  
BURNING 37 GPH FUEL I USE 9.9 GALLONS  
FLYING @ 120 KNOTS HOW FAR HAVE I GONE  
- ENTER THIS DISTANCE @ ③

TOTAL DISTANCE 132 NM  
NEED YOUR ESTIMATED/CALCULATED TIME FOR FLIGHT  
WHEN ALL BACK (PARK OUT FRONT OF CLUBROOMS)  
SLOT LANDING COME?  
CUT ENGINE MID DOWNWIND OF CIRCUIT  
& LAND AS CLOSE TO MARKERS AS YOU CAN !!  
- NO ENG POWER TO BE APPLIED FROM START  
OF DESCENT !!!

Aero Club  
HATS  
\$15.00

PIPER  
Fly more