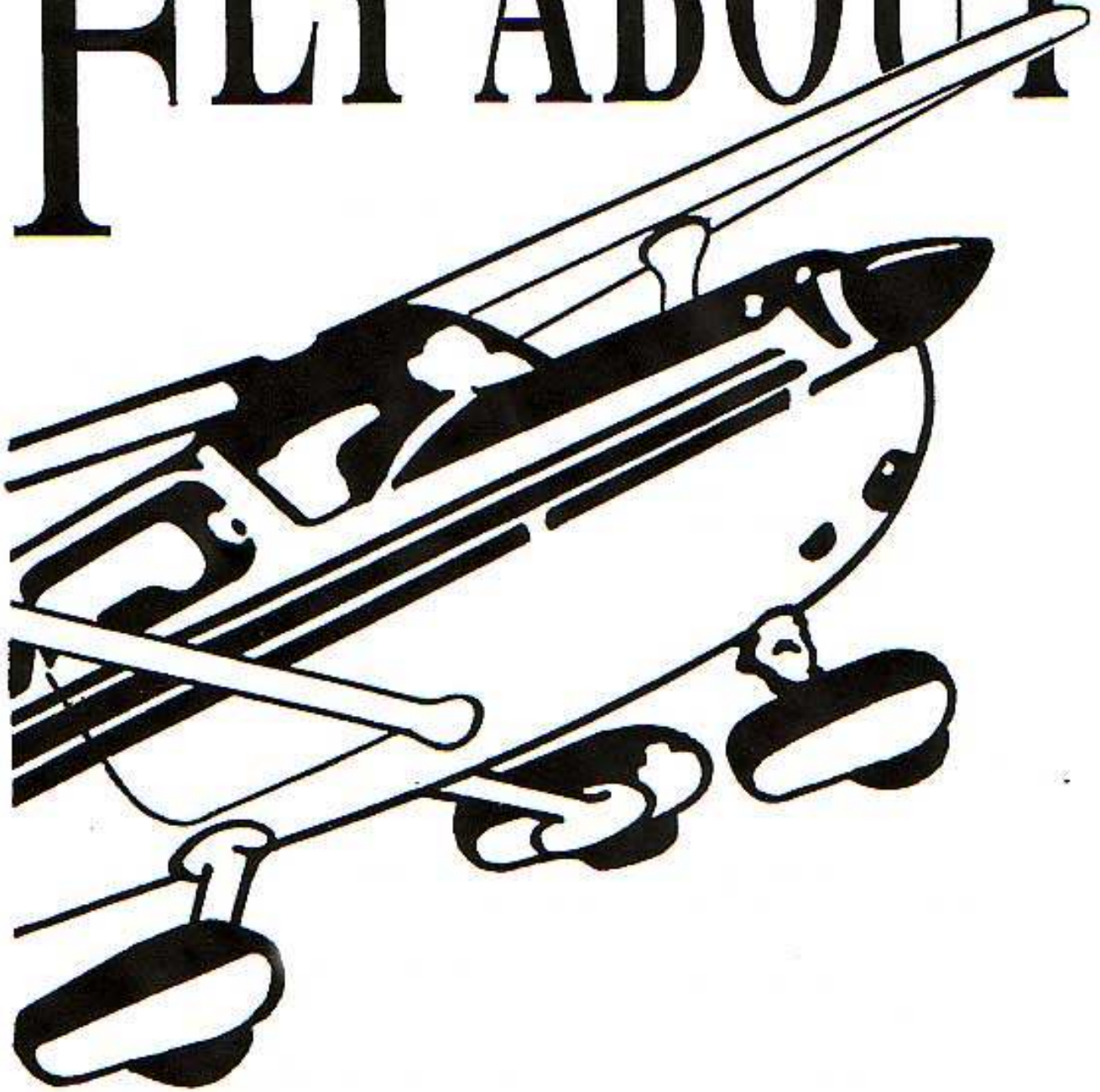


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President's report  
February 2012

Welcome back all, I hope everybody had a great break.

Here we are in February already & the year is moving quickly.

The 29<sup>th</sup> April is the confirmed date of the aero club open day, we can do with some help on the day, so please contact Errol Croft to see what you can do to help, thanks.

The club comp held on Sunday was won by Ashley, second Capt. Croft, and third Ray, well done to all.

It's good to see so many non-flyers at the comp; more pilots are needed to take these people for flights.

Chase the Joker at the bar prize money is slowly climbing again, come down & be a part of the fun.

If anybody is interested in hangar space please contact me by email with contact details, thank you.

Matt Bignell  
President

## Club Captains Report

The Comp on 12<sup>th</sup> February was lots of fun & laughs. No judges were required as it was the fastest time to fly out to Captain Claude's strip, pick up the orders that the troops had left & return without being shot down. With so many people turning out to fly it was an ideal comp. Kate & family, Ashley & Dad, Preston, Heather with youngest son, Patrick, Ian, Ray, myself & Bruce Rowley with Ian flying in from Pearce flying school all participated.

The comp was timed from power on to wheels back on the ground. I flew 3<sup>rd</sup> with the fastest time until Ashley with Dad, Preston flew, who being an old identity & local knew every blade of grass in the area. After Ashley landed, Preston moved so fast he left burn marks on the grass from the plane to the post in his haste to collect the orders. I feel sure with the speed Preston moved, it had to be the only reason Ashley won the comp. I came 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ray, yes Ray Howell 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done Ray, although Ray did let down the NAC afterwards when he offered to fly Bruce Rowley out for his flight to show him the strip, only to have problems finding it the 2<sup>nd</sup> time. Bruce ended up with the longest time. Bruce later showed us his data logger of his flight & we've never seen so many orbits, causing much laughter all around.

- Thanks to Patrick for cooking the barbie
- Next Comp is March 11<sup>th</sup> & we've been invited to fly with 3 planes only over to Gingin for their comp so book a flight with Ashley, Peter Hill or myself.
- Diary Dates: NAC Open Day – April 29<sup>th</sup> from 0900 to 1500hrs. There should be local flights, Glider, Tiger Moth & Combat flights available for a cost with food & drinks for sale but admission is free.
- Still awaiting numbers for flights to Wave Rock or Rotto.

Happy flying,  
**Errol**

## **Ashley Smith Wins Again!**

On Sunday, the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, the Northam Aero Club held the monthly competition for its members. The competition was organised by Errol (Crafty) Croft and time judged by Heather and Patrick Deegan.

The pilots were required to complete a reconnaissance mission in the quickest but safest time manageable, whilst performing all procedures, checks and radio calls. The flight included a landing out at Claude Meunier's farm, on a somewhat sloped runway, where the pilots had to disembark their planes and collect "secret documents" before resuming their flights and returning to the Northam aerodrome.

The time of 14mins and 4secs set by Errol Croft, second pilot of the day, seemed to have the competition sewn up until Ashley Smith swooped in on the final flight with a time of 13mins and 19secs, congratulations! All pilots enjoyed the day and found the thrill of the time challenge exciting.

The Northam Aero Club welcomed two new pilots from the Pearce Aero Club, Bruce and Ian, who competed in the competition, although being somewhat at a disadvantage as they were unfamiliar with the location of the mystery landing strip. There were also many new visitors on Sunday, doubling up as passengers and enjoying a complimentary flight and sausage sizzle.

Next month, the competition will take place on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> March and will see three planes head out from the Northam Aero Club to compete in a rival clubs monthly competition. It should be a great day of flying with many pilots expected to take friends and family along for the ride.

**The people (from left to right) in the attached photo are:**  
Mirra Barrow, Patrick Deegan, Peta & James Newbound, Craig  
& Drew Benporith, Kerry & Lee Benporith and Julie Swenson.



Water Bomber at the Northam Air Strip



# NORTHAM AERO CLUB

## OPEN DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>  
9.00AM TO 3.00PM  
NORTHAM AIRPORT  
WITHERS STREET, NORTHAM

FREE ENTRY  
FLIGHTS WILL INCUR A FEE  
FOOD AVAILABLE

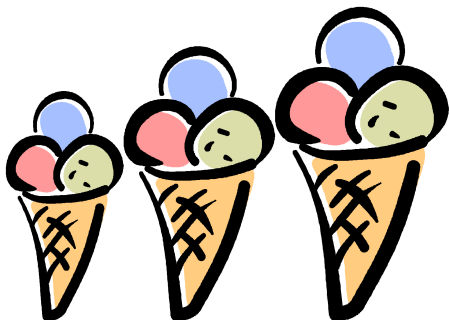


*Tiger Moth Flights*

*Flying Schools*

*Glider Flights*

*Combat Aircraft*



## **NEXT CLUB COMPETITION**

11 th March at 9am

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

12 th March at 7pm

## **BAR ROSTER**

Opening hours  
Saturday 5pm – 7pm  
Sunday 5pm – 7pm

<b>MARCH</b>		
3rd-4th	-	Heather
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Crofty
31st		Dave

*Well! Sometimes one just has to do it!!!*

**Please make arrangements to swap  
with someone if you are not available  
on your rostered day(s)**

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# NORTHAM AERO CLUB

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# Errols Club Calendar 2012

	<b>March</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>
<b>1</b>		BAR-DAVE		
<b>2</b>		BAR-DAVE		BAR-GREN
<b>3</b>	BAR-HEATHER			BAR-GREN
<b>4</b>	BAR-HEATHER			
<b>5</b>			BAR-HEATHER	
<b>6</b>			BAR-HEATHER	
<b>7</b>		BAR-GREN		
<b>8</b>		BAR-GREN CLUB COMP 9AM		
<b>9</b>		NAC.MEETING 7PM		BAR-PETER
<b>10</b>	BAR-ASHLEY			BAR-PETER CLUB COMP 9AM
<b>11</b>	BAR-ASHLEY CLUB COMP 9AM			NAC.MEETING 7PM
<b>12</b>	NAC.MEETING 7PM		BAR-CROFT	
<b>13</b>			BAR-CROFT CLUB COMP 9AM	
<b>14</b>		BAR-PETER	NAC.MEETING 7PM	
<b>15</b>		BAR-PETER		
<b>16</b>				BAR-ASHLEY
<b>17</b>	BAR-MATT			BAR-ASHLEY
<b>18</b>	BAR-MATT			
<b>19</b>			BAR-MATT	
<b>20</b>			BAR-MATT	
<b>21</b>		BAR-DENIS		
<b>22</b>		BAR-DENIS		
<b>23</b>				BAR-DENIS
<b>24</b>	BAR-CROFT			BAR-DENIS
<b>25</b>	BAR-CROFT			
<b>26</b>			BAR-DAVE	
<b>27</b>			BAR-DAVE	
<b>28</b>		BAR-ASHLEY		
<b>29</b>		BAR-ASHLEY		
<b>30</b>				BAR-HEATHER
<b>31/1</b>	BAR-DAVE			BAR-HEATHER

# N.A.C.

## Bar roster

## 2011

### Opening Hours

*Saturday 5pm - 7pm*

*Sunday 5pm - 7 pm*

FEBRUARY		
4th-5th	-	Dave
11th-12th	-	Gren
18th-19th	-	Peter
25th-26th	-	Denis

MAY		
5th-6th	-	Heather
12th-13th	-	Crofty
19th-20th	-	Matt
26st-27th	-	Dave

MARCH		
3rd-4th	-	Heather
10th-11th	-	Ashley
17th-18th	-	Matt
24th-25th	-	Crofty
31st		Dave

JUNE		
2nd-3rd	-	Gren
9th-10th	-	Peter
16th-17th	-	Ashley
23rd-24th	-	Denis
30th		Heather

APRIL		
1st	-	Dave
7th-8th	-	Gren
14th-15th	-	Denis
21st-22nd	-	Peter
28th-29th		Ashley

JULY		
1st	-	Heather
7th-8th	-	Crofty
14th-15th	-	Dave
21st-22nd	-	Matt
28th-29th		Peter

IF UNABLE TO DO YOUR ROSTERED DAYS PLEASE  
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO SWAP WITH SOMEONE

*Manager*

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