



The Old Fliers Group

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Last Month

At the March meeting we had two speakers. The first was Catherine Remer, a school teacher from Robinvale in Victoria. Robinvale, named after a WWI veteran who spent time in the Royal Flying Corps, is “twinned” with the French town of Villers Brittoneaux (Villers for short and pronounced “vill-air”). The beautifully kept war graves of over 10 000 Australian who fought and died in WWI are at Villers.

The twinning of the Robinvale with the Villers is sanctioned and supported by the French Government and State Government of Victoria. Likewise, the schools at both towns are twinned. Students, politicians and teachers have made numerous visits to Villers where the local school is named “Victoria”. The contribution that the Australian troops made is remembered at each daily school parade when the Australian flag is raised beside the French.

Catherine’s talk, supported by a fine multimedia display, was most interesting and presented in a most professional manner. We thank her for making the time to come across Australia and talk to us.

The Tony Munday tour, with a number of OFG members on board, will be under way as you read this. Villers is one of the many interesting places that they will visit on their European tour.

The second speaker at the March meeting was Ray Villermin who, with Brian John, conducted aerial tours of Southern Africa in light aircraft in the 1980s. Ray spoke of the wonders of an aerial tour of Africa, and of the good and bad parts of organising tours in such remote areas. Thank you Ray for your enlightening talk.

Correction: Your editor must advise you of an error in the last OFG Bulletin. It was reported that Ray flew for MMA. His involvement in aviation is wide and deep, and with a number of airlines – but not with MMA.

Speakers for 2006

We have organised some very interesting speakers for 2006, however we still need more and particularly mini-speakers. If you have a story to tell, either as a mini speaker (10 minutes) or as main speaker (30 minutes), contact Brian John or Brian Hernan to make appropriate arrangements.

Humour



“What’s more, I forgot my rabbit’s foot”.

Next Meeting

The main speaker of the day will be Chris Milne Fowler who has an interesting tale to tell. The mini-speaker will be Brian Walley who has previously given a short but interesting talk on what airmen got up to while in a prisoner of war camp.

The meeting will be held on this Friday April 28, at noon, at the Royal Aero Club. A nice lunch with tea or coffee can be had for \$11.50.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan