



The Old Fliers Group

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Last Meeting

At last month's gathering nearly one hundred enjoyed a meeting with a few differences. Among our guests was Marj Davis, the President of the Royal Federation of Aero Clubs of Australia. One of her duties was to read



the citation for John Douglas who had been awarded the John Fey Memorial Award for his contribution to general aviation and the aero club movement of Australia. Those present were present were impressed by John's long list of achievements - one which is unsurpassed in aero club history. Congratulations John.

Mini Speaker

The mini-speaker for August was Murray Fletcher who spoke on a series of WWI photographs. Murray got into the spirit of things by wearing a leather helmet and showing a typical camera from that period. He used a PowerPoint display that showed a series of British, French and German fighter aircraft in action. Those assembled showed their appreciation for an excellent presentation.



Main Speaker



The main speaker of the day was Jack Fletcher who spoke on his experiences in World War II in the Pacific. Jack enlisted in the Marines at the tender age of 17 and saw action in Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima. Also supported with a PowerPoint display, it was a moving talk that reminded the audience of the serious nature of war and the price paid to

advance across the Pacific and bring an end to hostilities. However, he was able to include some humorous events that lightened the mood at appropriate times.

Thanks go to both of our speakers for two excellent presentations that generated a good deal of discussion after the meeting officially finished.

In the News



Brian Walley and Col Morton in action.

Two of our previous speakers, Brian Walley and Col Morton featured in the *West Australian* in the lead up to the Battle of Britain Dawn Patrol held at the Club on Saturday, Sept. 16th. The early morning patrol of 26 aircraft and the breakfast, plus aerobatic display, that followed was a great success.

Red Bull Air Race

John Roulston is organising a priority area on the South Perth foreshore for the Red Bull Air Race to be held on November 19th. John needs to get a firm idea of the number of people interested in attending. At the next meeting, on the nametag table, there will be a list for you to add your name and contact details. If you cannot make the meeting to enter your details, you can contact John on **9497 9337**, at evenings or weekends, or preferable by email at ezilift@iinet.net.au

Next meeting

The next main speaker will be Ted Fletcher who will talk on the beginnings of aviation in Western Australian. The mini speaker will be Harry O'Neil who also has some interesting historical facts for you.

Come along to the Royal Aero Club at noon on the Friday September 29th to hear our speakers and have a convivial lunch with tea or coffee for the modest sum of \$12.00.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan