



The Old Fliers' Group

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****NEXT MEETING**** **Friday July 28th 2017.**

Last Meeting

Once again over eighty members attended the June meeting to hear Tim Jones talk on his experiences in the RAAF flying the F18 Hornet.

Due to a computer problem, the talk by Rob Turner on the 74 spins did not take place. Rob will return this month for another attempt.

Tim Jones

We were delighted that Tim Jones talked about his time in the RAAF flight testing the F18 Hornets that were built in Australia. Although now retired, his memories of those times were sharp.

Previously Tim spoke to us in January 2016 about his time with the Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) in South Australia.



F-18 Hornet in flight.



The F-18 touching down.

Tim also gave a short appraisal of the other aircraft types that he flew about that time.

In an interesting aside he mentioned that, on occasions, while the weapons radar was being tested it sometimes locked onto trucks travelling along the Melbourne/Hamilton Highway, some 15,000 feet below. He noted that some trucks that were speeding quickly slowed when the radar locked onto them. Obviously those truckies had a radar detector on board. (Thus the RAAF was doing its bit for road safety!)

Special thanks go to Tim for his entertaining and enlightening talk. He made a special trip from Queensland for the event.

Rob Turner

Rob went to a lot of trouble to prepare a DVD for his presentation on the 74 turn spin that he carried out in an attempt on the world record. However, he was thwarted when the computer 'gobbled up' his DVD. Plan B was quickly put into place and Rob talked about some of the odd happenings when he was on the staff of the club – like when he caused consternation in the management when he 'hid' one of the club's basic trainers.

Rob Turner will return this month to tell us about his attempt at a world record with 74 spins in an Aero Club Cessna C152.

New Sound System and Projector

The sound and projection system in the member's lounge has been replaced with a new one and was used for the first time at the last meeting. Happily, we can report that members seated at the rear of the lounge can hear the presenter and a new digital high-resolution projector has also been installed. Both were donated by the Old Fliers Group; there are further improvements in the pipeline.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the Royal Aero Club, at noon on Friday July 28th 2017. Ex-World War II pilot Bruce Cullen will tell us about his training at Geraldton and flights to Japan in 1946 with the RAAF Transport Squadron that was involved in the support of the British Commonwealth Occupation Forces.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan.