



The Old Fliers' Group

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****NEXT MEETING****

Friday September 28th 2018.

Last Meeting

We were pleased to count eighty-two members at our last meeting.

Speaker of the Day

Richard Ewing took us on a tour of the Royal Air Force Museum at Hendon. He displayed a series of photos that he had taken on a recent visit. He covered the design and function of a range of aircraft and engines from the earliest to the latest types – the range covered about one hundred years.

Richard explained how the staff at the museum is passionate about cleanliness and quality. All displays are in perfect condition.

Outside of 'Hangar Three' are copies of the Hawker Hurricane and the Supermarine Spitfire, (see image below) which were the main allied fighters during WW2. Inside there were repeats of the same, plus an impressive display of the Avro Lancaster.

Trainers such as the Tiger Moth, Avro Anson and Airspeed Oxford were also part of the display.

There was also a section that covered the main German aircraft of WW2.

American aircraft on show included the P40 Kittyhawk, the Republic P-47 Thunderbolt, the P-51 Mustang (with a Rolls Royce Merlin engine!), and the Boeing B-17 bomber.

Richard explained the salient points of design and construction of many types. His keen interest in engines allowed him to describe, in easily understood terms, the operation of the following types – piston, jet and rocket.

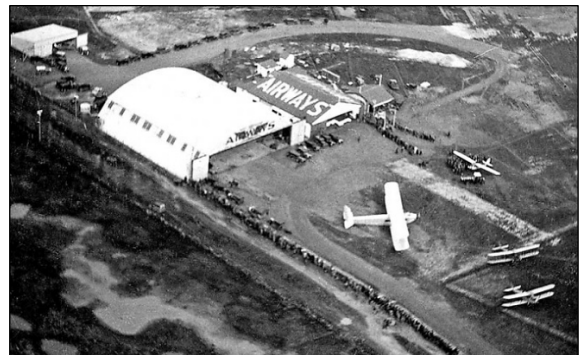
Richard's knowledge of what he captured with his camera was impressive.



The entrance to the Hendon museum.

Amy Johnson

In 1930, Amy Johnson became the first female to fly from England to Australia. Flying a DH60 Gypsy Moth, she flew from Croydon to Darwin in 20 days. Later she visited all of the mainland capital – Perth being the last. Her stay here was from Saturday July 5 to Monday July 7. Over 2000 people visited Maylands to see her arrive.



Amy's welcome at the Aero Club at Maylands.



Her arrival at the Savoy Hotel in Hay Street.

After being granted life membership of this club she was driven to the city. The image above shows the dense crowd in central Hay St as she arrived at the Savoy Hotel; reports say there were over 4000 people to greet her.

After a busy schedule she departed from Fremantle on the *Naldera* on Monday July 7.

Next Meeting

The next OFG meeting will be at the Royal Aero Club, starting at noon on Friday October 26th. The *Speaker of the Day* will be Adrian Lambourne who will tell us about the Vulcan bomber used in the Falklands War. There will also be a surprise presentation.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan.