



The Old Fliers' Group

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Next Meeting
Friday October 25th

Report on our last meeting

First Speaker

Richard Moore was our main speaker at the September meeting. His talk covered the story of his family's involvement in aviation. He also spoke about Norman Brearley's participation in World War One, his return to Western Australia and the part that he played in the early development of aviation.

Richard's grandfather, George Moore, was one of the first passengers taken aloft by Norman Brearley in an Avro 504J that he brought with him when he returned to Western Australia from World War One. The flight took place one hundred years before, on September 27th 1919; exactly one hundred years before our meeting on September 27th 2019.

The photograph below was taken on the day of the flight and is regarded as one of the family treasures. It shows George Moore in the rear cockpit of the Avro and Norman in the front, about to take to the air at North Fremantle Oval.



George Moore, in the rear cockpit of an Avro 504.

Richard's father, John Moore, was only ten years of age when his father (George) flew with Brearley. Later, John took an active interest in flying when he joined the Aero Club in 1930. He gained his 'A' Licence (equivalent to a Private Pilot Licence) and as an active member of the Aero Club at Maylands he took place in all manner of competitive events in the early 1930s. Later he gained his 'B' Licence (equivalent to a Commercial Pilot Licence) and flew a wide range of aircraft for Charlie Snook in Airlines (WA) Ltd, in the mid-1930s.



John Moore with the Airlines (WA) Ltd DH.89 at Rottneest.

Richard's interest in aviation began at an early age and flew many times with his father. He was lucky enough to be granted an Air Training Corps flying scholarship at the age of sixteen and flew Club aircraft out of Maylands. He did not choose aviation a career; instead he pursued one in education.

We thank Richard for a most interesting talk that covered the family interest and participation in aviation.

Other Speakers

We were informed of the progress in the development of Richard Ewing's Sonex home-built aircraft.

Also, we heard about an ABC radio program where an ex-WW2 Mosquito pilot talked of his experiences after he was shot down over Germany. He parachuted into Nazi territory and witnessed extraordinary scenes when he joined the Dutch Resistance.

The program may be accessed on your computer at:

abc.net.au/conversations

On that program the pilot, Frank Dell, is interviewed by Richard Fidler. (Frank has also written a book titled *Mosquito Down* – well worth the read).

Next Meeting

The next OFG meeting will be at the Royal Aero Club, starting with lunch at noon on Friday, 25th October. Robin McMillan will talk about his experiences while flying Fokker aircraft.

Hope to see you there.

Brian Hernan.