



The Old Fliers Group

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Next Meeting: Friday February 28th

Report on the last meeting

Two excellent presentations.

Rob Montgomery owns a Vans RV7A, which is based at Serpentine. I have flown with Rob and it was delightful. The finish of the aircraft and the avionics are superb. But what was the process that lead Rob to choose this model? What tools and work area did he need? Rob gave a comprehensive talk about all this and more including sharing the performance figures he is achieving.



Rob's RV7A in formation. Note the glass cockpit.
John Landwehr is an Air Operations Officer from DFES. To have him come and talk to us about the work they do in the middle of the bushfire season was always going to be difficult. We struck lucky. A cooler day and no fires, so John wasn't called away! John gave a comprehensive briefing on the fire and emergency work they perform and the equipment they use. How the NOTAMs work and the coordination required to manage all the air assets. DFES asked that the video of this talk be unlisted on our YouTube channel. Members can watch it with this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ILlhEEyJhAg>



John Landwehr presenting



Presented by Air Operations Officer
John Landwehr

Next Meeting

Bob Murphy came to me after John Landwehr's talk and asked if he could do a "follow on".

He thinks country Shires may have some work to do. He has also interesting ideas on the type of aircraft that might be considered for the firefighting as well as the modules that aircraft could transport retardant in. These modules are removed in the "off season" releasing the aircraft for coastal surveillance and more.

On SBS recently they showed an episode of "Tony Robinson Down under" in which the replica of the first Australian designed and built aircraft was flown in a re-enactment of John Duigan's famous flight. We did a talk on the Duigan Brothers in May 2017, but I thought we would cover this again and have a look at that six-minute video.

Some members have stated that they haven't a name tag, or perhaps have lost theirs. Lots of blank labels, label holders and sharpie pens will be on hand to create your own at the next meeting.

Brian Griffin has offered to bring in his collection of Jimmy Woods memorabilia at next meeting.



For those that missed the January meeting there will be a chance to pay the \$20 annual membership fee at the February meeting. We have twenty members who don't have internet, so rely on mailed Bulletins. Those that are yet to pay can mail cheque made out to **OFG, Racwa** and post to Steve Rogers, 28B Ullapool Rd, Mt Pleasant 6153. Looking forward to seeing you on 28th of February.

Steve Rogers