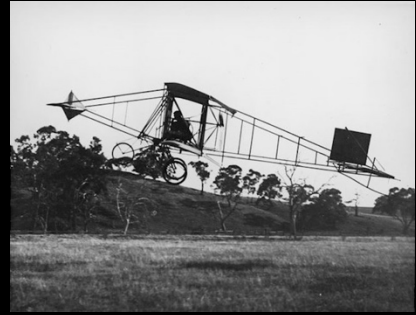
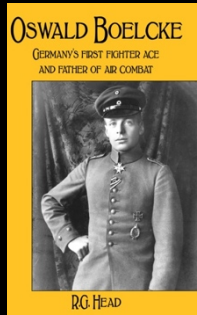


The Old Fliers Group

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Brian Griffin “found” us on YouTube and came along to our meeting. He brought memorabilia of pilot Jimmy Woods as well as an MMA uniform and the hat of Air Vice Marshall Leonard Isitt, the N.Z. signatory to the Instrument of Surrender of Japan in 1945. He mentioned he once flew as a passenger in a Mustang and would have loved to have known the pilot's name. We introduced him to Peter Yates, the pilot, a member of our Old Fliers Group!

I spoke about the Duigan brothers at our meeting because UK presenter Tony Robinson had shown a clip of a replica of the Duigan biplane attempting to take off and crashing into a bank of earth. There is a book called “A flying life” by David Crotty that is a good read about the first Australian designed and built biplane to fly. That flight took place on 7th October 1910.

There was a brief talk on WW1 pilot Oswald Boelcke and why he is known as the Father of the German Fighter Air Force. He wrote the “Dicta Boelcke”, a manual of fighter tactics. You just hoped that your opponent hadn't read it also!

Last month John Landwehr of DFES gave an excellent talk on the work they do. Bob Murphy asked if he could add some thoughts about the subject of water bombing. He had ideas as to how some aircraft lend themselves to multi-tasking. Fighting fires in summer, coastal patrols and search and rescue at other times. How country Shires could have water tanks that hold 60,000 litres at the ready and perhaps upgrade their local airfields to accommodate larger aircraft.

A number of new members have signed up. Always a good sign for the continued growth and interest in the work we do.

Our next meeting is on Friday 27th of March.

A buffet lunch for \$20 followed by two interesting guest speakers. All we need is you!

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Old Fliers Group
STILL PLAYING

WITH AIRPLANES
12PM Last Friday of month
Royal Aero Club of WA

Where else can you have a buffet for less than \$20, hear 2 talks and have a chance to win a joy flight or prize?

Buffet includes a selection of fish, beef, pasta, vegetables, salads and bread roll. Members Lounge Bar is also open. Our presentations are an oral aviation history from those who have lived the flying life.

Most of all, we create an atmosphere where people can come and enjoy other's company whilst they share a meal and talk flying. The OFG welcome not just pilots but anyone with an interest in aviation and of any age.

Membership is \$20 a year for eleven meetings.