



The Old Fliers Group

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A well-attended meeting with two interesting speakers to entertain and educate. The attendees voted to accept RAAFA Bull Creek's offer to host an Old Fliers Group luncheon there that included free entry into the Museum. This will be followed up and reported back to the members.

Vaughan Emery's gift of a flight in his Cirrus SR20 was won by door prize. What a wonderful experience!

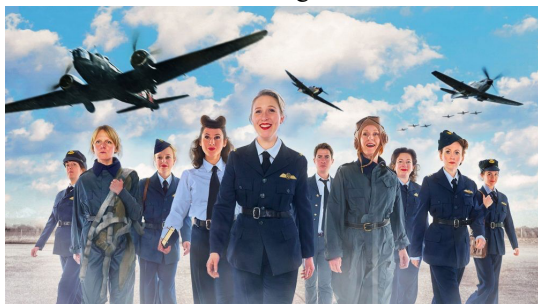


Don Gordon was our first speaker. He spoke about his love of the Fairey Delta 2 aircraft.

He had been an "explainer" at RAAF Museum at Cosford in 2016 where he was able to tell people about this remarkable aircraft.

WG774 captured the World Speed Record in 1954, beating the previous record by 300mph! The pilot was Lt. Cmdr. Peter Twiss.

Fairey also built the "Hairy chested" Barracuda which was a dangerous "fish".



It possessed several "traps" for unwary pilots such as uncommanded pitch down from skidding flight. The ATA female pilots during WW2, such as the gorgeous Maureen Dunlop, flew these. Don then posed the question "How could you become a famous test pilot in 1950s Britain? Clumsy handling of the potential of the FD2 saw development move to France where a close replica, the Mirage, came to be.

Richard Moore spoke about the life of Charles Lindbergh particularly his early life leading up to the historic flight in the Ryan built "Spirit of St Louis". What you may not know was that Charles was feted by Hermann Goring and met Ernst Heinkel and Willy Messerschmidt.



He was invited to fly the FW61 helicopter, JU88 bomber and BF109 fighter.

Charles was opposed to America entering into the "European" War and even after Pearl Harbour, flew in a non-combat role.

The big surprise came after Lindbergh's death. You will have to watch the video to find out what that was!

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OldFliersGroup/videos>

I look forward to seeing everyone when we meet in April.

Steve Rogers.

