



The Old Fliers Group

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This month we met at RAAFA Estate. 86 members came for lunch and to hear our two presenters.

The meals prepared for us were delicious.

Don Gordon spoke first. He has previously spoken of the Prone Meteor, RAF Cosford and the Fairey Delta 2.

Today he spoke about the DH106 Comet 1 accidents. Specifically, how the aircraft had to be handled on take-off. Raising the nose above a modest climb could cause tail drag and failure to climb.

After the first flight

De Havilland's
Chief Test Pilot:
Group Captain John
'Cats-Eyes' Cunningham,
WW II night fighter ace



Don is coming back next month to continue the story of the Comet. I received favourable comments after the talk.

After a ten-minute break we returned to hear from David Leith. David was introduced to us by member Bevan Marshall.

David's father was a Spitfire pilot during WW2.

David has his father's logbook and memorabilia.

He read passages from contemporary accounts of the events after D Day when their squadron had been moved to France. In fact, just behind the Normandy beaches.



Next month we return to the Royal Aero Club for our March meeting on the 25th of March.

Those who have paid their \$25 membership fee will find their name tags waiting for them on the board. We have 83 paid members in 2022. Still room for more!

Kind regards
Steve Rogers
Coordinator