



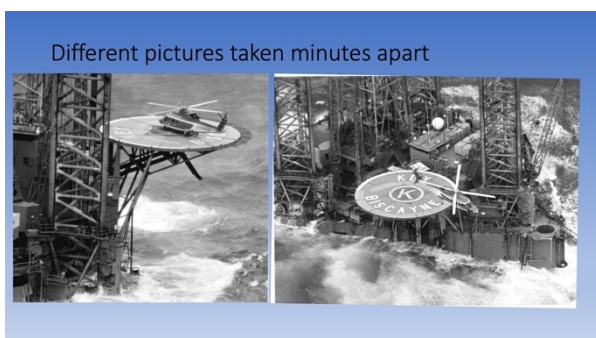
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We have heard Rob Vaughan-Johnson speak before of his time flying in the U.K. and in Africa. Rob came to us today, helped by his wife Stephanie, to speak about his role in the rescue of the crew of the floundering “Key Biscayne” oil rig. The rig was being towed south from Darwin when it and the towing tugs were caught in a storm near Lancelin. When the tow lines parted the rig began taking in water and was being blown towards the shore. How to get the 58 crew off safely? Two RAAF Iroquois helicopters and Rob’s Sikorsky S76 were tasked with this.



Not one person perished. It was noted that Rob has been the oldest person to present at the Old Fliers.

Racwa President Ray Challen recently asked me if I had a succession plan for Chair of the OFG.

It was Brian John who chaired the OFG from April 2004 until Feb 2013 when I took over. Now, 94 meetings later I drew this meeting’s attention to the fact that I am offering the Chair to someone new. Whilst I can continue with filming, editing and Internet work, I feel that someone with new ideas is needed to progress the Club. A nominee can email, phone, or write to me. If more than one person nominates, a meeting can choose. Ideally, I would like a new Chair to start in January 2023. Naturally I will give all the help I can to make a smooth transition.

Kind regards
Steve Rogers.