



The Old Fliers Group

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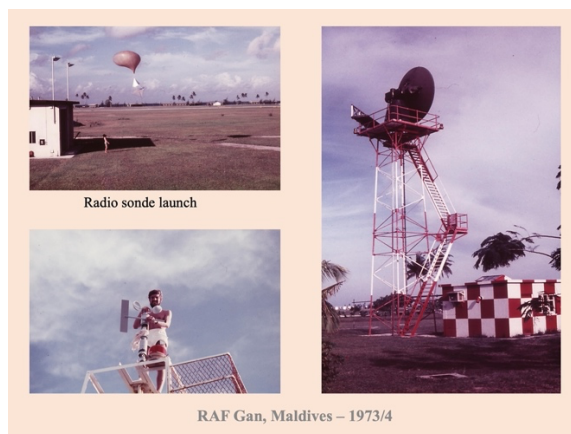
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This was our first meeting for 2023. The 196th meeting in the 19th year that the OFG have been operating. More than 80 guests enjoyed talks by two good presenters. Twelve new members signed up.

Our first presenter was Brian Johnson. Brian gained his PPL in 1972 under an Air Training Corps Flying Scholarship. He was selected for RAAF pilot training in 1973 and flew as a fighter pilot in Mirage III, F-15 eagle and F/A-18 Hornet. He joined Qantas Airways, retiring with 22,000 hours. Brian explored the “Swiss Cheese” model that applied to the B737 Max aircraft which led to the deaths of 346 people. When all the holes in Swiss Cheese line up, it leads to failure.

Our second speaker was Eric Hibbett. Eric has recently learnt to fly at the Club. His spoke of a career at the U.K. Met. Office where he was a technician servicing weather stations in exotic locations such as the Maldives. He came with photos of aircraft such as the Avro Vulcan Mk2, Percival Pembroke,

Hawker Siddeley Andover, DC3, Argosy, Short Skyvan and Hercules. His posting to Port Stanley in the Falkland Islands just after the conflict came with hazards such as unexploded land mines. Walking to collect weather data was done very carefully.



Richard Ewing and Des Byfield will present the February OFG.

I thank everyone for their continued interest in our wonderful group of Old Fliers.

Steve Rogers

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