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This was the 200th time that the Old Fliers Group met for a luncheon meeting. Two of the original group cut the “birthday” cake and a delicious sweets trolley was on offer afterwards. The first meeting of the OFG was in April 2004. Today we number 130 paid members and 322 in all who receive emails. We regularly get 80 to 90 at our meetings. I stressed the benefits of attending for companionship, so vital for mental well being. There will be one more luncheon at this venue before moving to RAAFA Bullcreek whilst the lounge is upgraded.

Our speaker today was Paul Williams. When he was 19 years of age, and in the RAF, he answered the call to be seconded to the newly formed Zambian Air Force.

The thought of an exotic location with warmer weather appealed.

Paul spoke about the Geo-political issues as Colonial Powers sought to “disengage” without inducing huge problems for the native citizens.

Paul spoke about the aircraft that the Zambian Air Force were using and where they operated.

In 1970 the RAF committment ceased to be replaced by Yugoslav, Italian and Russian personnel.

A good talk.

Regards

Steve Rogers

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