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This was the first luncheon for 2025 and 49 members turned out.

Pilot Simon Morris, who lives in Thailand was in town to visit friends and offered to give a talk.

Simon spoke of growing up in the UK, where the damp climate did not suit his health, then his family moving to Africa for work.

Simon was able to secure an RAF scholarship and learnt to fly.

Due to hearing loss in one ear he had to “fudge” the medical but finished up flying a variety of fast jets—Hunters, Lightning and Hawks. When it became time to leave the Air Force he was offered a variety of commercial airline jobs, flying BAC-1-11, Tristar, B747-400 and B777-200. These took him to most parts of the globe.

He was given a traditional farewell on retirement with water cannon and celebration with the crew.

Afterwards many members told me how much they enjoyed Simon’s talk.

Parking this day was difficult.

The FI-FO workers have taken over the Racwa parking areas.

This will soon be resolved.

The next issue, as reported back to me, is the uninspiring meal offer.

I will be taking this up with the cafe.

The next presenter is penciled in for July or August.

Flight Lieutenant Ron Grace RAAF is the author of “Operation Hurricane: The story of Britain’s first atomic test in Australia”

Ron is visiting the Montebellos and bring us recent photos of that bomb site.

Hence, from now on, in semi-retirement from hosting duties, I will run a meeting when a suitable presenter offers to give a talk.

Finally, all those who registered and attended today, are part of a Lotto Syndicate with a ticket that will be drawn on Saturday.

Best of luck!

Regards

Steve Rogers.