

RAAC Chapter 85 General Meeting  
4 March 2008

The Meeting was called to order by President Tim Nicholas at 1935.

Exec Members Attending: Joan Cox, Chris Cutting, Robin McNamara, Tim Nicholas, Bruce Prior, Rob Prior, Alex Routh, Terry Wilshire

Tim reported that a complete set of Jodel plans had been donated by Dirk de Jaeger.

Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: None in the past month.

Treasurer: Carol was away skiing.

Vice President: Terry reported that the Awards Banquet will be at Newlands Golf Course on 26 April. Tickets are \$35 and there's no charge for significant others.

Membership: Rob reported the membership count now stands at 94.

Library: No report.

Buildings: No report.

Program: Chris advised that there would be no speaker tonight. There will be an open house at BCIT's Aviation Facility on 22 March. Members were asked to sign up for it.

Chapter Aircraft: Terry reported that a new starter was installed in the Turbi and the crankshaft was drilled to relieve oil pressure. Terry Elgood is working on a new canopy.

DapCom: Terry announced the next Management Committee meeting will be on 15 April. He also asked pilots to review flight procedures at the Air Park. In particular, all arrivals should be flown from the south, crossing midfield at 600 feet and then joining downwind east or west depending on the windsock and other traffic. Pilots departing on 25 should turn right, climb to circuit height and proceed downwind past the Air Park before proceeding on course. Right turns from downwind across the Air Park southbound are not permitted and are contrary to regulations.

Turn & Bank: The T & B mailing was late but copies were available at the meeting. Editor Joan needs more submissions.

Old Business: None was discussed.

New Business:

Gerard reported that ZBB traffic seems to be extending its circuit eastbound when using runway 25. Watch out for them. Linda advised that ZBB circuit traffic (normally at 800 feet) is moved up to 1000 feet if it's busy.

John Macready is looking for aileron hinge brackets and other wing parts for his Cessna 140.

There will be a COPA Directors meeting in Sydney in April. Terry will attend. 406 Mhz ELTs and availability of charts will be on the Agenda.

The Rumour Mill suggests that satellites will be turned off in 2009—so no detection of 121.5 MHz. Also you don't have to get a 406 Mhz ELT because DND and CASARA will still home in on 121.5 MHz when searching.

And only new airplanes will have to install an 406 MHz ELT. Remember: these are rumours! Transport's official plan still seems to be that all aircraft will need a 406 MHz ELT in Feb 2009.

Rob described an "OnStar" system for motorcycles. A SIM card in the motorcycle helmet will call 911 on impact. Many other ELT replacement options may be available by the time the 406 MHz is required.

The meeting adjourned at 2020.