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Australian 180/185 Club News

Dear members,

Greetings. I have been a bit slack on the newsletter front. Please forgive me.

Traffic through SW Qld.

We have had visits from the Barlow's (PJE), The Jackson's (WIT) on their way to the Red Bull Race, Max Balfour (CDI) on a trip over the Top-End, Ron Grey heading north for the winter (OLI), Ross Smith (ABH Lockheed).

ASICS etc.

By now, you should all have ASIC's. There are not many places that you can go without one. Most airports in our part of the world, are security restricted whilst RPT aircraft are in residence. These airports require the wearing of ASIC cards for 2 hours either side of a scheduled arrival/departure. We all know it is an absolute circus and waste of resources, but the DOTARS inspectors have enough power to make your day fairly bad if you are found to be in breach of the Regs.

CAR 47.

I think that all of the 180/185 fleet are now across on to the new register. It would pay to check on the CASA website to make sure. See www.casa.gov.au If you haven't done this, your aircraft would now be unregistered.

Work etc.

This year has been a fairly subdued one as far as work



(Strezlecki Desert above and Lake Gairdner right) . This Survey is all flown at 250 feet and 100 kts ground-speed. About 18000km (100 hours) in 2 weeks.

is concerned. It is not as bad as most of the Ag blokes are copping. Hopefully it will turn around soon. I flew the SA kangaroo survey again this year. I am still awed by the Flinders and Gammon Ranges. It really is some the most spectacular scenery that I have seen.



Club News.

We have about \$4000 in the kitty. We are paid up with the International 180/185 club till next year. I still haven't rejoined the club to AOPA. I have been meaning to do so, but just haven't got around to it. I guess that is part of AOPA's problem, all this lethargy from people like me. We have about 44 paid up members out of 135 or so potential members. Dropping back from a high of 65 when I first started in this job. I will not be standing again next year. I just do not have enough time to devote to the club. I know that most others are busy as well, but maybe someone else would like to have a go. I would be happy to maintain the website part of things.



Welcome to Neill Rear (NWR ex MZK) and Adrian Westman (UUM).

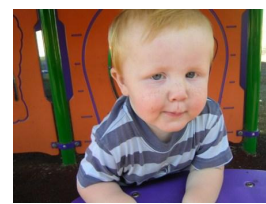
UUM was imported from the US early this year.

NZ Visitors.

Some members of the NZ 180/185 club are thinking about a trip across the Tasman for a look around Australia. I will keep you posted on any developments. Perhaps a few get-togethers could be arranged for them. I am sure that they would be happy to return any hospitality if you are over in NZ.



Arch



Duncan

Our family is growing up as you can see in the photos.

All the best and I hope for a break in the season.

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