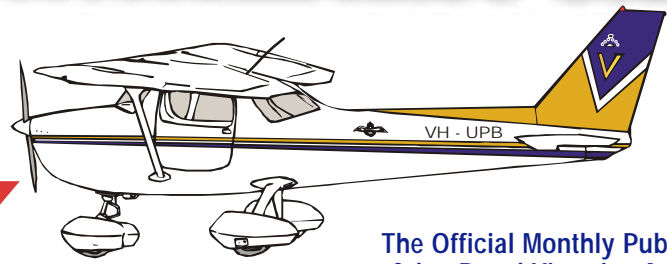




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## PLANETALK

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Welcome to the 2006 Flight Year - Let's all pitch in and make it a great Club Year

## COMPS are back !!!

The competition season kicks off next weekend (Sun Feb 5th) with the competition that everyone loves:

*Accurate Flying from the Left Hand Seat*

### SPECIAL CURRENCY OFFER:

We are off and flying with competitions again at MB on Sunday 5th February 2006, when we chase out the festive-season-moths with Accurate Flying Left Hand Seat. And the first piece of good news is that the **Competition Fee (\$6.60 incl GST) has been dropped for 2006**. So call Helen at Ops (Ph. 9580 0088) and book a competition time for yourself on Sunday 5th February.

This first competition includes three take-offs and landings, so it can be used to regain your 90-day currency. The special deal for Flying Members of RVAC who are not 90-day current will be available again; that is, the services of a Flight Instructor to act as an air judge will be offered at club expense for the competition flight and circuits (but normal VDO and landing charges will still apply). This offer is available only for this first 2006 competition date.

If you want to take up this offer please call Helen at Ops immediately on 9580 0088, and book yourself a flight time, with an Instructor, on the competition booking sheet. This will allow the instructor roster to be arranged for the competition day. And don't forget to bring your Pilot's Logbook, Licence and Medical Certificate on the day.

*Let's make it a resounding start for Competitions in 2006!*

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### May I start by wishing you all a happy, safe and prosperous New Year

Welcome to our January Mini PlaneTalk: The Clubs' event calendar is filling fast! The main events for February are as follows; Thursday 23rd Member's Night including a presentation on the use of the new avionics package already installed in Warriors CGT and LBL

Trivia Night in the clubrooms on Saturday 25th, this event is usually very popular and with entry at \$20.00 for a table of eight people is very reasonably priced. There are some great prizes so book a table now and have a go! (see page 4 also)

The first Young Eagles for 2006 kicks off on Sunday 26th, this always turns out to be a most rewarding day for Pilots and Eagles alike.

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### Competitions Programme for 2006

The set dates are:- 5 February - Accurate Flying

Left Hand Seat

5 March - Balloon Bursting

2 April - TBA

7 May - "

4 June - "

2 July - "

6 August - "

10 September - "

1 October - Flour Bombing

We are intending to throw a few wild cards into the competitions programme this year, so we are keeping open our options for the April to September competitions. □



### ITEMS FOR PLANETALK

We request that articles submitted be typed and if faxed 13 point size minimum, or on computer disk, (best Emailed) and any photographs must be of good exposure and good resolution. We suggest group shots be medium to close-ups. Longer distance group shots loose definition when scanned. Use fill flash whenever possible.

### COPY DEADLINES:

To meet the tight deadlines for printing and posting, it is requested that material be handed or posted to Mrs Helen Walker by the second Monday of each month.

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## President Stuart continues....

White Flight leader Peter Drew has with the help of some of his flight members arranged social fly in by aviators from Cobden and Yarra Valley on Sat 12th of Feb. Included in the weekend's activities is a welcoming dinner on Saturday night and for those wishing to visit the "darker side" of aviation - helicopter trial flights! On Sunday a Navex is planned and the weekend concludes at Lilydale for lunch. If you wish to be involved please contact Peter Drew to book 9795 4753. The guest speaker for the dinner will be from The Royal Flying Doctor Service.

The Great Air Rally is also on the 25th & 26th of Feb - full details were in December Planetalk - several RVAC crews and friends have entered - some seats are available.

**Airside Access Cards:** The club has arranged with Moorabbin Airport Corporation to issue their cards which give access to airside through any of the security gates around the airport, and in turn has coded the card to unlock our Operations Airside Door during normal office hours.

If you need to access the apron area after hours you should apply at Operations for issue of a card. Initial issue is free to RVAC flying members, however in the event of loss or damage to a card you will be required to pay for a replacement.

**NOTE:** All of the aircraft books hold a card to enable access. The card activates the sensors without needing removal from the folder.

The club has recently purchased another Warrior aircraft RQM, this aircraft was needed to replace club Warrior UMB that was quite badly damaged as a result of an incident in December near Coldstream.

We are still awaiting the return of Archer MRX from painting and Warrior TRV from total rebuild. MRX should be flying again by Feb with TRV not far behind. TRV will also have the new Garmin avionics package fitted prior to return bringing to three the club aircraft now upgraded.

I have received quite a few suggestions from members about prospective replacement aircraft for our fleet. Most of the suggested aircraft types have already been investigated some have not. The criteria for new aircraft selection set some time back was that the aircraft should be basically all metal construction able to cruise at or above 110Knots and carry minimum of two with at least 4 hours fuel. Unfortunately many of the aircraft suggested are ultra lights or composite construction most are deemed to flimsy in their undercarriage design to withstand the rigours of initial and circuit training. So at this point in time we are concentrating on upgrading our existing fleet and keeping an eye open for any newer low time aircraft that may come up.

**Moorabbin Airport Corporation** will be hosting a major charity event; The event involves twenty teams pulling a DC3 aircraft over a measured distance. RVAC has been requested to help marshal the apron in the vicinity of our clubrooms and the RPT areas. Please contact OPS if you can assist, we need around 15 people for 4 hours: the date is Sunday April 9th from 10.00am to 2.00 pm the pull is for the National Stroke Foundation. It should be a fun day with many exposure opportunities for RVAC.

**Safe Flying in 2006**

**Stuart Rushton**

### Around the CLUBROOMS January 2006

#### Members Club Nights

Club instructor Daryl Walker on Thursday 23rd February will be giving a full introduction on the new Garmin 430 GPS units that are being fitted to all the Club Warriors. Club nights commence at 8.00pm but the club Bistro has a special menu for these evenings next year. The dates for **Members Club Nights** for 2006 are:  
March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th.  
Further Guest Speakers will be announced in the February edition of PlaneTalk.

#### Young Eagles Victoria

A new year for **Young Eagles**, we have already almost got at a full complement of kids for the first day in February 26th.  
**Young Eagles dates for this year are:** 26 Feb, 26 Mar, 30 Apr, 28 May, 16 Jul, 13 Aug, 10 Sep, 15 Oct & 19 Nov (see WWW)

### Warbirds Over Wanaka Airshow 2006

Includes Tour of New Zealand South Island  
Tuesday April 11th 2006 to Friday April 21st 2006  
The RVAC trip to Wanaka and the South Island is set to go!!  
There are still a few places left, so if you are interested, let Helen Walker know as soon as possible, the places are filling fast. The itinerary for the trip can be viewed on the RVAC website.

#### Safe flying & I hope to see you at our club.

**Paul Canavan – Members Services.**  
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**STOP PRESS !!!!**

April Guest Night Speaker will be  
RAAF Roulettes leader: Sqdr Ldr;  
DENNIS TAN

# Camp Challenge at Corryong 14/1/06

**Camp Challenge** is an annual event held at Corryong (East of Albury) where pilots come with their aircraft to take kids with advanced cancer for an early morning joy-ride.

Around thirteen aircraft flew in on Friday afternoon 13/1/06 for this event. On arrival we met up with a group of hang glider pilots who are having a competition there this week end. It was surprising to hear how far those things can travel. The competition flights are tracked by a recorded GPS map device in each aircraft.

Normally there are some Ultralights participating in the Camp Challenge event but this year it was all GA - including three twins. Some were locals but most came from Moorabbin, Lethbridge, Canberra, Wagga and similar distances.

There were 89 kids and their Carers at the camp which runs until Tuesday. The local townsfolk did a superb job of hosting the visitors. The pilots were given a briefing after a dinner at the Bowls Club.

The track departed Rwy 24 and went around the back of the mountain to Tintaldra where a "U" turn took us back down the far side of the valley to Cudgewa and then returning to join the circuit at Corryong. There is a different track planned for any Ultralights. The planning to maintain separation and safety with such a wide range of aircraft sizes and speeds was well handled - they have been doing this without incident for 22 years I am told.

First Flight was at 6.00 am and the last Flight finished on schedule by 8.00 am, then off we all went for brecky together. The children's Program for the rest of the day included rafting and a 4WD tour over the CFA tracks in the nearby hills to one of the large dams.

Around 9.00 am on the Saturday morning we made our farewells and started to load up and depart for home. The organisers promised that we would all go home feeling pretty good about ourselves and they were right !!!

**Peter Drew**

## **PLANETALK Editor's Notes:**

**A full version of PlaneTalk will return next month.**

If you wish to contribute, please aim to have your articles in by the end of the 2nd week of the month - about the 12-14th of the month.

*Articles still to be published / held over are from:*

David Neafesy: - Pics of the big Antonov 124 at Tulla

Jeannie Campbell: - RVAC Update

Gary Allbutt: - Trangie Article for Planetalk;

Eris Tilley - Balloon Through Prop !

Mick Molloy - First Eagles Day

Peter Walker - Gold Coast Update !

Tuki Article - by Glenn Alford

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**RVAC TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Saturday 25th Feb 2006**  
**8.00 pm start.**

Cost is \$20 per table

(Max 8 people per table)

Great prizes to be won and  
Nibbles will be provided on the  
night.

Get your crew together and book  
with Helen at Ops. 9580-0088

Fun for all...

Mix of general knowledge and a  
few aviation questions thrown in  
to get your thinking caps on.

Email: [Neil Riley](mailto:Neil Riley)

## COBDEN, YARRA VALLEY & ROYAL VIC AERO CLUBS INTER-CLUB NAVEX COMPETITION - 12TH FEB 2006



If you don't already have the 12th of Feb marked on your calendar he is a good reason to.

Here is the Flight Planning data to test your skills. All you need to do is round up a team of 3 aircraft from each Club and enter. (ie. We want Cobden, RVAC and Yarra Valley to enter a minimum of 3 aircraft each). You are on your honour not to have collusion between teams - there are no sheep stations at stake. This is intended to be a fun, flying event.

The Question sheets will be saved up for the briefing session at RVAC just prior to departure. We will need to have details by phone or email of NAVEX entrants ASAP - entries will close at the end of January.

- Aircraft call sign and description
- Crew members names
- Club represented

Each club should have 3 or more aircraft entered to qualify for the Inter - Club Perpetual Trophy, since this is scored on the averages. There will be a prize awarded for the best individual crew score.

Contact: Peter Drew [pdfrew@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pdfrew@bigpond.net.au)

### INSTRUCTIONS AND WAYPOINT PLANNING

You are expected to carry the usual current documents as minimum VTC, WAC, VNC, ERSA plus your licence and medical of course.

It is the Pilots responsibility to be aware of Restricted and Danger areas, area frequencies local procedures, maintain a good lookout, exercise courtesy and good airmanship.

GPS is permitted - most of us have them anyway.

There may be an unplanned diversion en route.

There will be questions on the exhibits at the National Aviation Museum at MB.

ALPHA The Moorabbin Airport reference point - from your ERSA.  
BRAVO From ALPHA track 152°T for 7.4 NM. There is a Hindu temple at BRAVO.  
CHARLIE From BRAVO track 198°M for 19.3 KM.  
DELTA From CHARLIE track 195°M for 6.5 NM.  
ECHO From DELTA track 079°M for 9.6 NM.  
FOXTROT From ECHO track 073°M for 9.3 KM.  
GOLF From FOXTROT track 079°T for 11.2 NM.  
HOTEL From GOLF track 336°M for 12.2 NM.  
INDIA From HOTEL track 331°T for 7.3 NM.  
JULIET See you at Lilydale Airport for lunch.

**Bookings:** for some of the other events on the program - Helicopter TIFs / Joy rides and the Saturday evening Welcome Dinner are also needed for planning and catering purposes ASAP - by end of January if at all possible, please-

Please contact **Peter Drew** for all enquiries  
Ph: 9795 4753

### The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Air Rally 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February 2006



This coming event is scheduled to be one of the largest with over 100 aircraft expected to take part. The organisers have secured some generous sponsorship and have a full programme for all types of pilots and aircraft. The Moorabbin leg is ;

- YMMB to Lilydale for briefing, tea & bickies and to collect the rally instructions
- Lilydale to Tooradin for lunch
- Tooradin to Latrobe Valley airport via a congo line fleet following the coastal, scenic route and rally features
- At Latrobe for evening festivities and traditional dinner with top-line speaker.

The are information packs and kits around RVAC Ops and on the notice board or visit [www.latrobeairport.gippsland.com](http://www.latrobeairport.gippsland.com)

**Information books with registrations form are available at the operations counter and on the web at:**

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Bob Hayter – [bob.hayter@rvac.com.au](mailto:bob.hayter@rvac.com.au)

or December PlaneTalk

### Meetings ! Meetings !!

**Monthly meetings at RVAC will re-commence on 23rd Feb**

The Club holds monthly **Members Meeting Nights** usually on the **Second Thursday** of each month, starting at 8pm.

Each month we will have a **Guest Speaker**, an update from the CFI and a chance to discuss any club matters.

Meetings are held in the function room adjacent the dining room.

Dinner and drinks are available—*bookings recommended.*

Phone 9580 0069 (direct)