



HARS AVIATION MUSEUM

May 2016 Newsletter

Wings Over Illawarra

The Wings Over Illawarra air show was held over the weekend of 30 April and 1 May 2016. HARS participated with the majority of our collection on static display, plus flying exhibitions by the Connie and Caribou. The Vampire also did several engine runs during the days.

Wings Over Illawarra opened on both days with a precision parachute jump by the Army's Red Berets from the HARS Caribou followed closely by Connie flying over in formation with the RAAF Roulettes. After the Roulettes broke away Connie executed several low passes which impressed the crowds. Almost equally impressive was the Caribou's demonstration of its short field landing and takeoff capabilities.



The opening formation

Photo: Mark Keech



Connie low level pass

Photo: Mark Keech

Spectacular flying displays were given by many of our friends including Matt Hall in his Extra 300, Paul Bennet in his Wolf Pitts and Grumman Avenger, the Russian Roulettes, Geoff Trappett's Mustang and the Spitfire from Temora Aviation Museum. The RAAF pitched in with heart-stopping displays of the F/A-18A on both days and the C-17A Globemaster and the AP-3C Orion on the Sunday.



Temora's Spitfire Mk. VIII

Photo: Mark Keech



Geoff Trappett's Sabre

Photo: Mark Keech

Over the two days more than 20,000 people attended Wings Over Illawarra with the HARS exhibits receiving much attention. With the weather improving over the two days the air show was regarded as most successful particularly for the organisers and HARS as a major participant.

Among the many events over the weekend a very generous donation of \$10,000 was made by Airservices Australia to the Southern Cross II project. This follows on from a \$30,000 donation made in 2014 and will contribute significantly to the ongoing restoration work. Also, Gai Taylor, daughter of Sir Gordon "PG" Taylor donated \$500 from the proceeds of her book sales. PG Taylor was the hero of the 1935 Trans-Tasman crossing of the Southern Cross when he transferred oil from a failed engine to a working engine in-flight.



Southern Cross II donation

Photo: Airservices

April Tarmac Days

April tarmac days saw one notable addition to our aircraft on display - our Douglas C-54 Skymaster. The C-54 is currently being restored to flying condition and will be painted to represent a DC-4 of Airlines of NSW.

Other aircraft exhibited during the April Tarmac Days were:

- Douglas C-47B Dakota,
- de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou,
- Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune,
- Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation,
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire,
- Consolidated PBY-6A Catalina.



C-54 on display

Photo: Terry Scanlan



de Havilland Vampire

Photo: Mark Keech

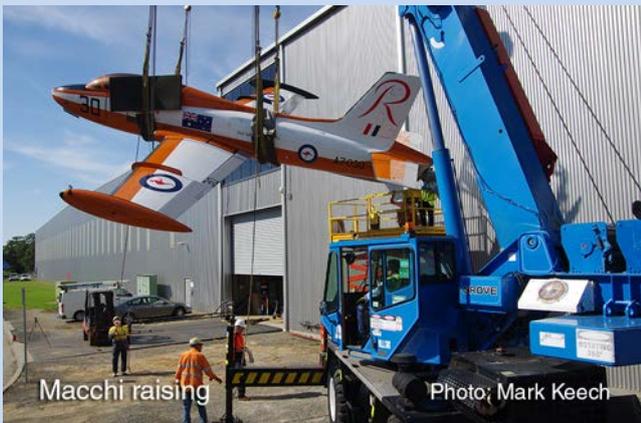
Canberra Airport Open Day

The Canberra Airport Open Day was held on 3 April and this year saw four HARS aircraft fly in - Lockheed Super Constellation (Connie), de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou, Douglas C-47B Dakota and PBY-6A Catalina. All aircraft were on static display with interest being intense. Over 3000 people visited the HARS exhibits.



A Plane Raising

After a long restoration period the Macchi team took great delight in seeing the product of their efforts lifted into place to its new home atop a pole at the HARS Aviation Museum entrance. The aircraft, a CAC CA-30 Macchi, has been sealed and painted, to preserve it from the elements, in the markings it carried while serving with the RAAF Roulettes aerobatic team. The lift took place without a hitch (but there were lifting straps!).



Did You Know...

...the world's oldest airline is KLM - established in 1919 (Qantas was established in 1920)?

...the Boeing 747 family of aircraft have flown more than 5.6 billion people - equivalent to about 75% of the world's population?

...the world's fastest aircraft is the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird (no longer in service), able to sustain flight in excess of 3,500 kilometres miles per hour? It has held the record for nearly 40 years.

ANZAC Day Fly-overs

As usual, HARS Aviation Museum honoured those who served our country by participating in fly-overs of local ANZAC Day services. The Super Constellation, two Caribous, Catalina and Drover flew over services at Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong before one Caribou and the Catalina departed for the Sydney service.



Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 13, 14, 15 May and 10, 11, 12 June 2016.

Membership

Are you or a friend interested in joining our tour guide or reception/shop staff ranks? We are actively looking for volunteers to join these areas; lots of laughs and mateship are guaranteed. Maybe you or your partner have a few spare days a month that you would like to contribute to the smooth running of our Museum.

For further information about membership please visit <http://hars.org.au/contact-us/>. Enter 'New Member Enquiries' in the 'Who would you like to contact?' field.



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