



HARS AVIATION MUSEUM

January 2016 Newsletter

Connie 20th Anniversary Celebration

On 3 February 1996 our Lockheed C-121C Super Constellation arrived in Sydney after being flown across the Pacific from Tucson Arizona. She will have been in our care for 20 years and celebrations are planned for later in the year. "Connie" recently celebrated her 60th birthday



Celebrating 20 years since Connie's arrival

Photo: Mark Keech

Macchi on Pole Project

The Macchi team are moving rapidly towards completing this project with the attachment of the wings to the fuselage this week. The aircraft is being returned to the colour scheme it flew with in service with the RAAF 'Roulettes' Aerobatic Team in preparation for mounting on a pole at the front of the museum in the coming weeks. Interestingly, the fuselage of this aircraft bears the model number CA-30 and serial number CAC-30, which led to it having the tail number A7-030.



Macchi on Pole impression

Photo: Mark Keech



Macchi wings attached

Photo: Deb Farquhar

January Tarmac Days

We have changed the name of our open days to 'Tarmac Days' to avoid confusion because we are actually open every day and 'Tarmac Days' better reflects what we do on these special weekends each month. Starting on the second Friday of each month the Tarmac Days run over the whole three day weekend and provide an opportunity for us to display selected items of our collection outside on the tarmac for better viewing and photographic opportunities.

This month's Tarmac Days were held on 8, 9 and 10 January and were successful to a large extent due to the glorious weather. After almost a week of school holiday monsoon rain, Friday was the first clear, sunny day and the sun persisted for the whole weekend.



Our visitors were treated to some amazing displays and demonstrations from our friends at Valhalla Helicopters who operate a pair of immaculate Bell 205A++ helicopters.

For the first time, our CAC CA-30 Macchi was put on display in the hangar with its wings temporarily in place (see the separate article on the Macchi).

Other HARS Aircraft on display were:

- Boeing 747-438
- CAC CA-25 Winjeel
- CAC CA-27 Avon Sabre
- Cessna 310B
- de Havilland DHA-3 Drover
- de Havilland DHC-4 Caribou
- de Havilland T.35 Vampire
- Douglas C-47B Dakota
- Lockheed P2V-7 Neptune



Exclusive Tours Of Boeing 747-400 VH-OJA "City of Canberra"

We are pleased to announce that as two customers have changed their tour dates we now have two spare places available for the exclusive 747 tour on Saturday 20th February.

These places are offered at the introductory price of \$100.00 per person. Don't miss out as these places will go quickly!

Please call HARS on 4257 4333 to reserve your place.

Heavy Maintenance

Recent visitors to Hangar 3 would have noticed some activity around our Douglas C-47B Dakota A65-095 and Douglas C-54ESkymaster VH-PAF. The Dakota is undergoing engine maintenance and scaffolding has been erected at the rear of the Skymaster to allow maintenance works to be undertaken on the vertical stabiliser.



C-47 engine maintenance

Photo: Terry Scanlan



C-54 scaffolding

Photo: Terry Scanlan

HARS Supporting Local Community Projects



Relay for Life promotion

Photo: Terry Scanlan

On 22 January, HARS hosted the media release for Shellharbour 'Relay for Life' to be held on the 27-28 February. The theme of this year's event is 'Destination Relay' and our Boeing 747 made a perfect location for the media event which was covered by WIN TV and Fairfax Media.

Did You Know...

...that a jet's contrails (or condensation trails) consist of water vapour and can be used to predict the weather? A thin, shorter trail indicates low humidity and fair weather. A thick, longer lasting trail signifies the early indication of a storm.

...for contrails to form, the air temperature has to be below -36.5°C ?

...conspiracy theorists believe that contrails are actually 'chemtrails'? There is common belief that jet contrails are actually chemical or biological agents being deliberately sprayed onto the population for undisclosed purposes. This theory began in 1996 but of course is completely false.

Visiting Aircraft Beech H18

This lovely lady dropped in for a visit and spent a few days at HARS in January. The Beech H18 is powered by two Pratt & Whitney R-985 radial engines and is unusual with its tricycle undercarriage configuration as most Beech 18 models are tail-wheel aircraft. This one is privately owned and was built in 1964.



Beech H18

Photo: Terry Scanlan



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Photo: Terry Scanlan

Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 12, 13, 14 February and 11, 12, 13 March 2016. Why not share the romance of aviation heritage with your partner this Valentine's Day?

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. Our next information session will be held on Saturday 27 February at 11:00am at the HARS Aviation 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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