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## October 2017 Newsletter

### Special visitors

On Wednesday 6 September HARS Aviation Museum was visited by a lovely couple who had recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. They took their first overseas holiday in September 1997 when they boarded a Qantas 747 operating QF1 bound for London. As it turns out that flight was conducted by our very own VH-OJA, "City of Canberra" and we were delighted to be able to show them to their seats once more, as they still had their original boarding passes! Twenty years ago, to the day, they sat in those very seats for the journey to London. Thank you Peter and May Sharman for visiting HARS Aviation Museum and sharing your history with us!



747 visitors

Photo: Mark Keech



ex-Tracker aircrew

Photo: Mark Keech

Another notable visit during September was from retired naval aviator, Michael "MEF" Fisher who was visiting from the US and found out that our Grumman S-2G Tracker was one that he had flown while it was in service with the US Navy. Once again we were happy to reunite him with the aircraft and he had brought along his log book to confirm the association.

### City of Canberra in film shoot

Our 747-438, "City of Canberra" has been used once again as a set for filming, this time to create a training video for use in the airline industry. HARS members were invited to participate as extras for the production. The video was being produced for Callington, a manufacturer of biosecurity control sprays and will provide instruction in the use of these sprays through the different phases of an international flight. Every country has different biosecurity requirements and the company's products carry different packaging for each application so there were many different 'takes' throughout the day to capture all of the variations. There is no chance that any bugs would have survived after all that spraying (actually, the cans were inert and only contained water and propellant, so there was no risk to the cast)!



## September Tarmac Days

The inclement weather (high winds) experienced during the September Tarmac Days forced a change in format. No aircraft were displayed on the tarmac, instead hangar one was opened for attendees to inspect the aircraft without being exposed to the winds, which were assessed as gale-force at times.

Guided tours of hangar three were also made available during the weekend.

The HARS aircraft displayed in hangar one included:

- Auster J-5G Autocar,
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-25 Winjeel,
- Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation CA-27 Sabre,
- Convair CV-440,
- de Havilland DH-82 Tiger Moth,
- both de Havilland T.35 Vampires,
- Douglas C-47B Dakota A65-95,
- General Dynamics F-111C,
- Grumman S-2G Tracker.

In addition our Boeing 747-438 was open for viewing.

## Travolta 707 update

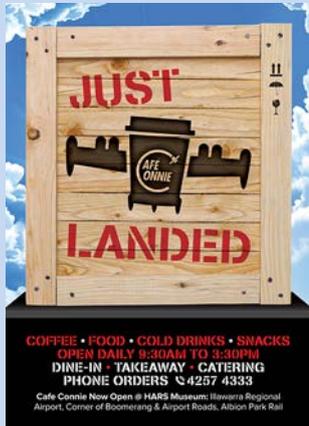
HARS engineers have recently been to Brunswick, Georgia to inspect the Boeing 707-138 that was donated to us by John Travolta. Though they had to cut their visit short due to a mandatory evacuation during Hurricane Irma, they were able to complete the required inspections. While there is still work to do the aircraft is generally in good shape and plans are being developed to possibly display it at the 2018 EAA AirVenture air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, alongside our Convair CV-340 which is being restored in Tucson, Arizona, before both aircraft are ferried across the Pacific.



HARS engineers inspect 707 Photo: Andy Zakell

## Café Connie

The HARS Connie Café is now fully operational. Breakfast and lunch menus offering a wide selection of both hot and cold foods are available at very reasonable prices. The Café's beverage offering features barista coffee with milk shakes, smoothies and soft drinks. If you're passing our way, why not drop in for coffee and a chat with our friendly staff, or if you're planning a visit to the museum you can now make a meal of it.



Café Connie Photo: Mark Keech

## Did You Know...

...when the Boeing B-52 was being designed in the late 1940's and early 1950's there were huge leaps in aviation technology occurring? As a result, the aircraft went through 6 major redesigns during the 5-year design period.

...lightning strikes on commercial and military aircraft whilst in the air are not uncommon? However, damage to the aircraft from lightning strikes is rare.

...pilots on commercial flights are not permitted to eat the same meals whilst in flight? Each pilot is served a different meal to guard against the unlikely possibility of both pilots coming down with food poisoning.

## Help us to keep them flying

You may wonder how we are able to keep such an amazing collection of aircraft looking so good and flying. Firstly, we are a volunteer not-for-profit organisation and most of the work is done by our volunteers free of charge. Secondly, we are dependent upon the generosity of our donors and sponsors. If you would like to be a part of keeping Australia's aviation heritage alive we would value your contribution no matter how small. Please visit our website for details of some specific projects you can donate to. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

<https://hars.org.au/hars-fund-raising-projects/>

## City of Canberra - Boeing 747-438 tours

VH-OJA, City Of Canberra, holds the record as the first and only aircraft to fly from London to Sydney non-stop. There are now two different exclusive tours of our 747-438 available:

## The Total Boeing 747 Experience

The 747 Premium Tours are very popular with our visitors from all over the World. For just \$195 you can enjoy the complete 747 experience.



Boeing 747-438, "City of Canberra"

Photo: Mark Keech

Your tour is led by experienced 747 personnel many of whom actually flew and worked on VH-OJA. You will be briefed on every aspect of this historic airliner from its record breaking London to Sydney non-stop flight to the shortest flight from Sydney to Wollongong. Your personal tour guides will explain and answer all of your questions. After a pre-flight video and briefing in our conference room, your tour starts from the ground as you walk around and prepare your Boeing 747 for flight.

Once your pre-flight inspection is complete, climb on board and see what tasks a flight attendant has to undertake before each flight. Having armed and cross-checked the doors and prepared the cabin for take-off, it's up the stairs and onto the flight deck. The pilot will greet you, show you to the captain's seat and run through the pre-start check list and engine start procedure then the rest is up to you. Make your address to the cabin and you are cleared for take-off.

If this appeals to you and you would like to live the dream then you shouldn't miss out on this rare opportunity!

## 747 Cockpit Experience

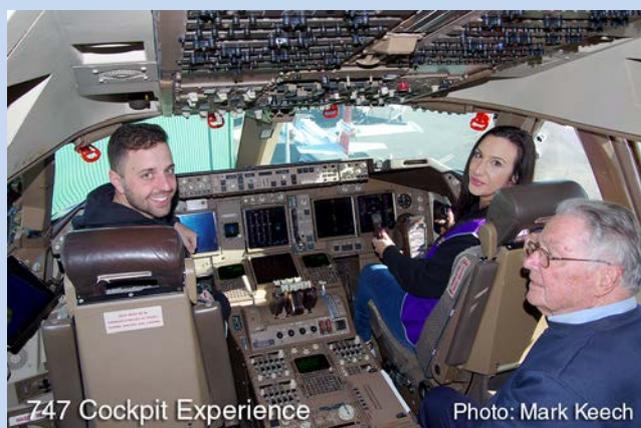
This Cockpit Tour is conducted by an experienced 747 pilot who will explain the cockpit in detail and will take you through the many procedures required to mount a typical operation. You will experience sitting in the pilots' seats and actually be able to handle the controls. This is an incredible opportunity to experience first-hand what really goes on at the pointy end of these magnificent aircraft.

Bookings are limited to two guests per tour. The cost is \$100.00 per person and is payable at time of booking.



Total Boeing 747 Experience

Photo: Mark Keech



747 Cockpit Experience

Photo: Mark Keech

## Bookings

Reservations for both tours are strictly limited, so book early so as not to be disappointed. For more information and bookings call 02 4257 4333. In the coming months we will be announcing the commencement of a new experience on the 747 where we will allow visitors to actually walk out on the wing of the aircraft!

## Functions at HARS

Are looking for a venue with a difference for your next function? HARS Aviation Museum is pleased to be able to offer facilities for your event large or small. With over 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> of floor space we have the area to suit any type of function from balls and concerts to conferences and training courses with any of our aircraft fleet also available as a backdrop. How about a cocktail party onboard our 747? Catering can be provided to suit your requirements.

For details contact reception on 02 4257 4333.

## Next Tarmac Days

Upcoming Tarmac Days will be held on 13, 14, 15 October and 10, 11, 12 November 2017.

## 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. An information session for potential new members will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday 14 October. All are welcome.

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



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