

GENERAL UPDATE 30/2019-
The NHF Project- Progress Report-WEEK ENDING 08 SEP 19

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The GREAT news this week is that Tracker 844 flew successfully from Nowra's Albatross Aviation Technology Park- where it has been housed at our major sponsor Air Affairs all of this Year, to its new 'home' at HARS Albion Park

By agreement with Defence disposals, there was no official publicity with the flight yesterday, and I attach the first official HARS photos of this GREAT OCCASION.

We have been fortunate to have an AV company (MountainLion Productions) sponsor us by being present and filming this historic occasion- so we will release appropriate AV, but their filming program is designed to culminate the Friends of the Tracker reunion at HARS in October- as described below

The remainder of this Week's NHF project report is briefer than usual because I have been away attending the HMAS CREBERUS (Victoria) based Navy Recruit School graduation- which commemorates the SHIPP Division's graduation – a Navy Recruit School Division named in honour of the Vietnam era FAA sailor KIA in that conflict

My son CMDR Andrew HOUGH RAN is the CO Navy Recruit School, so this week I have not had the opportunity of taking very recent update photos of our other projects, so I have attached a historic photo of the RAN FAA Vietnam Flight from the FAA Museum archives plus a few photos of the SHIPP Division graduation parade

CLAIM THE DATE:- Tracker Reunion 23-24 October 2019. Venue: HARS at Albion Park, over two days. This event is being organised by Bruce Saville, who runs the "Friends of the RAN Grumman Tracker" Facebook page. You can register interest in attending the re-union by going to:- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/703844286295816/events/>

- We have now recorded the final stages of Tracker 844 being prepared for flight, and the actual flight from Nowra to Albion park Rail, and then our *plan* is for Tracker 844 to fly during the Tracker reunion over 23/ 24 Oct 19- so we urge you to support this significant October event and we look forward to an A-V record of the reunion and the flying!

We Request Your Support:-

Don't forget that donations to HARS of over \$2 are tax deductible so please act now and if **you can assist in any way-please email me at:- harsnhf@hars.org.au. or contact me through our HARS NHF Facebook page**

In the meantime, enjoy the accompanying photos of:- the first Tracker flight of 844 in over twenty years, some photos of SHIPP Division graduation last Friday, and some historic photos of the RANHF Airframes in service, courtesy of the FAA Museum archives, and reproduced with permission

Enjoy!

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PHOTOS:-

A number of Tracker 844 flying yesterday photos attached- all are copyrighted with permission to use in non-profit usage - given by Bob De La Hunty, Col Boundy, Keith Boundy, Shipp Division Graduation by M Hough, and the remaining photos are from the FAA Museum archives