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With Love we remember

David Athol Jenkins

4 Apr 1942 – 10 Apr 2002



Graham & Josie
Mockridge



EDITORIAL

The challenge of editing this newsletter is overshadowed by the tragic deaths of Past Chairman Dave, Graham and Josie Mockridge, Graham Le Quesne and John Festi.

To Lynette and family we extend our sympathy and support. Sharing in the grieving and celebration of Dave's life was a privilege. The sound of a powered up C210 will ever remind us of our loss.

To the Mockridge Family and our Australian friends we also extend our sympathies.

The loss of these wonderful people and dear friends is sad. We now cherish the memory of times spent in their company.

The plan is to produce this newsletter on a more regularly, at least one issue each quarter. Do send me details and articles (including photos) you would like included. Even the address of a interesting website.

Roger Leadbeater



Chairman Phil's Corner

My first message was to be full of good news and positive ideas I have for our section and it still will be.

I was in Japan when Judy got through early morning to say Dave was missing. I can't tell you how I felt. Dave ! indestructible Dave – This is not happening. But happen it did.

I am sure there will be others writing on Dave's in this letter but let me just say that Dave was an inspiration to me within the IFFR and he will be a hard act to follow. He had attended Flyins throughout the World and earned the respect of all he met.

Thank you to all the fellows & partners who attended Dave's funeral which was a moving affair. Special thanks to Colin & Jan, Mike & Sheryl, Graham & Carol, Mike & Lyn, Rod & Jean.

I flew to Dave's funeral in absolutely pristine weather conditions with Judy and Graham Mockridge our good IFFR friend from Australia.

A day or two later we flew to Dargaville for the legendary luncheon and then on to Raglan. Little did we know this was to be the last time we were to enjoy Graham's company.

Graham & Josie were tragically killed in Portugal with Graham Le Quesne and John Vesty Peter Christie, Judy and I attended their memorial service and on your behalf passed on our condolences to the family.

Not a great start you will agree so lets get on with it and enjoy our flying and fellowship in Graham, Josie & Dave's memory.

Our second flyin this year is to be held in New Plymouth organised by Howard Vosper. To help him please register early and bring your partners. The Rhododendrums will be stunning.

There is a calendar of future flyins later on the website to help with your planning. It has been mooted that we have some smaller get togethers between flyins, eg Lunch at Raglan or diner at Dargaville. Or drop into "Tangwhai" to smell Raelyn's and Barry's daffodils.

The idea is to say we are going and whoever comes comes and we take it from there. In other words no serious organizing just fellowship and flying.

Let me know your views.

I have my hand up and the first will be to Raglan soon.

I encourage you to promote IFFR at every opportunity by wearing your wings, talking to your clebs and showing our photo boards when appropriate ie. Conferences. Please send photos to Jeanette Souter for addition to the boards.

There are a few newer members who after attending flyins are now in PPL training. I am sure other Rotarians who given the right opportunity could emulate these few. If you are heading overseas do take an IFFR Banner.

I recommend a visit to our website – www.iffir.org.nz - it's a credit to Harry and the hours spent on it's creation.

Chairman Phil.

CONGRATULATIONS COLIN KAY - PPL

BLENHEIM FLYIN REPORT

Of the four aircraft which departed Ardmore on Friday morning three were flown by new members, Chris Snelson (EKN), Wayne Scott (CRG) and Shaun O'Malley (TAT)

The weather was perfect not a cloud or bump in the sky, lunch at Wanganui arriving mid afternoon in Blenheim. Met by Brian & Jeanette Souter and soon delivered to our accommodation to meet the approx. 40 IFFR members including four Australians, Brian & Joyce Condon, Ron Johns and Malcolm Axford.

A full Saturday visiting Montana and other wineries and a boutique brewery topped off by fun & fellowship over Dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Blenheim. An excellent choice of Guest Speaker, Chris Snelson, who at short notice (5 min.) recounted his experiences in ferrying the Catalina from Africa

to NZ.



Pictured here near EOG over Waverley EKN(near) & CRG. TAT to the right by 5nm.

Sunday morning AGM with Dave Jenkins inducting Phil Pacey into the Chair. Then onto the visit of the weekend with a conducted tour through Peter Jackson's hangars containing vintage aircraft including a Sopworth Camel.

Then farewells as some headed home and others on to the "Warbirds over Wanaka".

Our thanks and top marks to Brian and Jeanette Souter for organizing the weekend.

Welcome to our New Members

Chris Snelson (Vicky)
Wayne Scott(Robyn)
Mal McLellan(Diana)
Shaun O'Malley(Dianne)
Mike Hoggard (Lyn)
Rod Titcombe (Jean)

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