

Newsletter 43

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Response to VCD recreations –

This Air Age / Airline in Action / Balus Na Niu Gini. - \$ 19.95 each plus \$3.55 postage

Many thanks to those people who requested / purchased copies of the three films converted to DVD / VCD, it proved so popular that we have had to go into a second pressing to keep up with demand. And again thanks for the feedback – yes they do bring back fond memories and familiar faces, places, events. Limited numbers of the second issue are available through the museum, and remember this is one way we raise money to continue increasing and improving our collection.

Your Museum

We now have in excess of 66,000 individual items recorded in our inventories, from film to documents, models to mannequins in uniform, posters, bags, and the personal histories of people who made a career with Australia's best airline.

You can imagine that with our limited space we have had to be innovative so that we can display as much as possible yet maintain interest in the manner of the display so that it does not end up like an "Op shop".



There are model aircraft hanging from the roof, and a set of five display shelves (saved from the tip) and benches divided to accommodate our catering equipment, model aircraft that we assessed but never introduced (Boeing 727-300 DC10 L1011 F28 Trident and Caravelle), engineering apprentice photographs from 1954 and a special section under development identifying our role in the development of the RFDS services.

Once completed we hope to be able to offer other memorabilia creations in digital form that will identify locations, people, and events as our film stocks continue to grow and increase our pictorial history.

A recent visit by both foreign and local airline personal gained praise for our collection and amazement at the early history that we have been able to recover and restore, and now place on display.

A special thanks must go to the volunteers for without them this would all be lost.



Right – The display of TAA Apprentice Schools recovered from the dumpster, now arranged by course and waiting complete identification of the participants and graduates.



Above – The major model collection from DC3 to A300 and B737 in the Australian Airlines livery.

Joke (or no joke)

Three men were sitting together bragging about how they had given their new wives duties. The first had married a woman from America, and bragged that he had told his wife she was going to do all the dishes and housework. He said that it took a couple days but on the third day he came home to a clean house and the dishes were all washed and put away.

The second had married a woman from Canada. He bragged that he had given his wife orders that she was to do all the cleaning, dishes, and the cooking. He told them that the first day he didn't see any results, but the next day it was better, but by the third day, his house was clean, the dishes were done, and he had a huge dinner on the table.

The third man had married an Australian girl. He boasted that he told her that her duties were to keep the house cleaned, dishes washed, lawn mowed, laundry washed and hot meals on the table for every meal. He said the first day he didn't see anything, the second day he didn't see anything, but by the third day most of the swelling had gone down and he could see a little out of his left eye. Enough to fix himself a bite to eat, load the dishwasher, and call a landscaper.

God bless Australian women!



Thought this interesting – Yes it’s the A380 (that’s ;the BIG one) with an A320 parked opposite, and surrounded by cars, trucks and the usual tarmac equipment. And we thought the A300 was a big aircraft.

September Celebration Dinner - TAA’s 59th Birthday

We will again celebrate the birth of TAA with the traditional dinner at William Angliss, 550 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne on Friday the 9th Of September 2005 commencing at 6.30 PM with pre-dinner drinks followed by three course meal. Again seating is limited and it is suggested that you place your booking early.

Cost per member / Partner is \$35.00 per person
 Cost for non-member / guest is 45.00 per person

Three course dinner served ay 7.30 PM and is inclusive of all drinks (Beer Wine and soft drinks only). Free raffles and good prizes will be awarded throughout the evening.

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Mr. Ross McDonald Events Co-ordinator
 TAA 25 Year Club Inc
 Level 11
 50 Franklin Street
 Melbourne 3000

September Celebration Dinner



Member / Partner name/s
 Non-member / Guest

Enclosed is my Cheque / Money order / other for \$..... Cheques / Money orders to be made payable to TAA 25 Year Club inc. please.

SENIOR CITIZEN TEST

It's time to take our senior citizen test.

As we grow older, it's important that we keep mentally alert. Below is a way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence, so take the following test and determine if you are losing it or are still "with it." OK, relax, clear your mind and...Begin.

See the answers on page 5

1. What do you put in a toaster?
2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?
3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?
4. Its twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany. (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, TWO of the engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany or West Germany or in "no man's land"?
5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales. In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get in. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmarthen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver?

Part time job.

Looking for some little job to increase your skills with photography and conversion to digital media, then we have just the job for you. One day a week for 4.5 hours starting from the bottom and learning as you go under the instruction of the procedures manuals and other inexperienced staff (sounds familiar).

We are looking for a volunteer or two to expedite our conversion of 16 and 35 mm film to DVD VCD and we have put in for another grant so that we can get this done before the film degenerates and is unrecoverable.

Interested ? Please contact the museum on 86962692 or James Meehan on 9366 6336.

Another grant ?

It is strange.

In the mail recently was a request for our museum to submit for a grant for the recognition of our volunteers.

It appears that the National Bank of Australia runs a scheme that recognises volunteers and provides very significant rewards for their efforts. Naturally we completed the form, attached the recommendation from a public recognisable figure, and now we will wait and see. Will let you know the outcome in a future newsletter as the adjudication will be done in September this year, but I must say that it is nice to be recognised for the work that we have put into our collection.

Thought for the day People who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

Mystery Tour – Date Thursday 13th of October 2005

Come and enjoy a scenic drive with morning tea before we arrive at our unknown destination, its sure to be a surprise. You will enjoy a great lunch prepared in a unique way. Seating is limited and you are advised to book early.

Cost per member /partner \$ 23.00 per person
Cost non-member/Guest \$ 30.00 per person

Pick-up points will be 0920 Therry St. (behind QANTAS House) and 0950 Airport West (between Safeway Petrol and Skyways)

RSVP by 28th September 2005.

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Answers to the Senior Citizens Test

Q1 Answer: "bread."

If you said "toast," then give up now and go do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, "bread," then pat yourself on the back. Be careful not to put your back out.

Q2 Answer: Cows drink water.

If you said "milk," your brain is obviously over stressed and may even overheat. It may be that you need to content yourself with reading something more appropriate such as Children's World. Avoid 'War and Peace'.

If you said "water" then pat yourself on the back – remember the above warning.

Q3 - Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass.

If you said "green bricks," what are you still doing here reading these questions????? If you said "glass," then pat yourself on the back. This exercise is very beneficial to arms and shoulders.

Q4 - Answer: You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you are a real dunce and you must NEVER try to rescue anyone from a plane crash. Your efforts would not be appreciated. If you said, "Don't bury the survivors", then by now you have had enough exercise, have a quiet sit in the chair for five minutes, someone will surely disturb you if you sit too long.

Q5 - Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!!

If you failed this test go immediately to the kitchen, locate a sticky label in the third drawer down, take your drivers licence out and copy the name on to the sticky label. Remove that backing and stick the label on your forehead, proceed to the front fence and wait for the postman so that he knows who the letters are for.



This number plate on the Ford Zephyr owned by Arnold Broese Van Groenou,

Arnold was a First Officer with TAA in Brisbane for about two years (about 1962/64) and then moved to Canada and completed his Airline Career.

He now lives on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

How do I know? Well Capt Alwyn Smith and wife Carmel sent us the photos via email. Thanks gang

Interstate members

We recently received a letter from an interstate member highlighting that the newsletter contained very little about interstate members and their activities.

We would welcome any input regarding interstate activities, as we reported the creation of a new chapter at the Gold Coast when it was formed, and we would also include any information for all groups, irrespective of area, as this allows everyone to “keep in touch”. If you are on the internet then it would be easier to submit your articles using the web and addressed to ‘taamuseum@bigpond.com’, but failing that the ‘snail mail’ is ever reliable, but post early please. It only requires someone to take the first step.

Request from overseas

Rayner Kittle in the UK has asked that we appeal to pilots who flew the Viscount aircraft if they could assist with copies of pages from their flying logs. There appears to be a group of enthusiasts of the Viscount who are putting together a fairly comprehensive history and want some local input as Australia was the first area outside Europe to introduce these aircraft. If you can help then please contact Rayner Kittle at rayner@kittle20.freemove.co (could also need .uk if it is returned as failed mail).

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Peter Fallscheer – Drawing Office – Melbourne 2nd May 2005.

John Mousley – IT - Melbourne – May 2005

Kearn “Bluey” Kelly – AMD – Melbourne 31st May 2005.