

Newsletter 47

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9th September 2006 –
the 60th
anniversary of
the founding of

Trans-Australia Airlines



The first aircraft type in TAA (2nd) colours – VH-AES 'Joseph Hawdon'

This is a significant year in Australian Aviation history because it celebrates the birth of Trans-Australia Airlines in 1946 and reaffirms the slogan 'TAA The Friendly Way', now cemented into the annals of our heritage. We were and are the 'do'ers' - not 'gunna's', and remain a unique identity within the Australian community.

When you think about it, TAA was recognised for 40 years from 1946 to 1986 as Australia's world beating domestic airline, it then changed its name to Australian Airlines until amalgamated with Qantas in 1993, and still, twenty years after the name change, the TAA (Australian Airlines) 25 Year Club inc continues to exist and unite ex employees with social outings and get-togethers throughout Australia. From the little research that I have been able to conduct I cannot find another club with credentials that match our club, and the number of active members that we have in every state. This must surely create a record of some sort.

Our festivities will commence with a dinner to be held at William Angliss in the city of Melbourne on Friday 8th of September. (See page 4 for details.)

On Saturday, 9th of September, the club has organised a number of flights of our eternal DC3 on the day (9th of September), specifically for the foundation members of the club who joined in 1946, **and a**

limited number of important guests and media. Special invitations will be forwarded to these individuals and members to ascertain their ability to join us on this day.

Seat Availability – Members

To ensure that we do not waste any seats on these flights we propose to organise a ballot for the vacant seats, and a last minute ‘standby’(that sounds familiar) list of financial members to cover all contingencies. (See page 8...).

The last aircraft type in TAA colours - VH-TAA ‘James Cook’



If you intend to attend, then you should bring a boxed or picnic lunch. A birthday cake will be provided and we have, with the permission of QANTAS, use of the Tullamarine Maintenance Base cafeteria close to the aircraft.

This will be a memorable occasion, and we hope that you will be able to join us on the day.

Our celebrations - details.

Foundation Member flights. Special invitations will be sent to all foundation members that are registered on the 25 Year Club database, and hopefully they will be able to once again enjoy the experience of “Hawdon” , the eternal DC3.

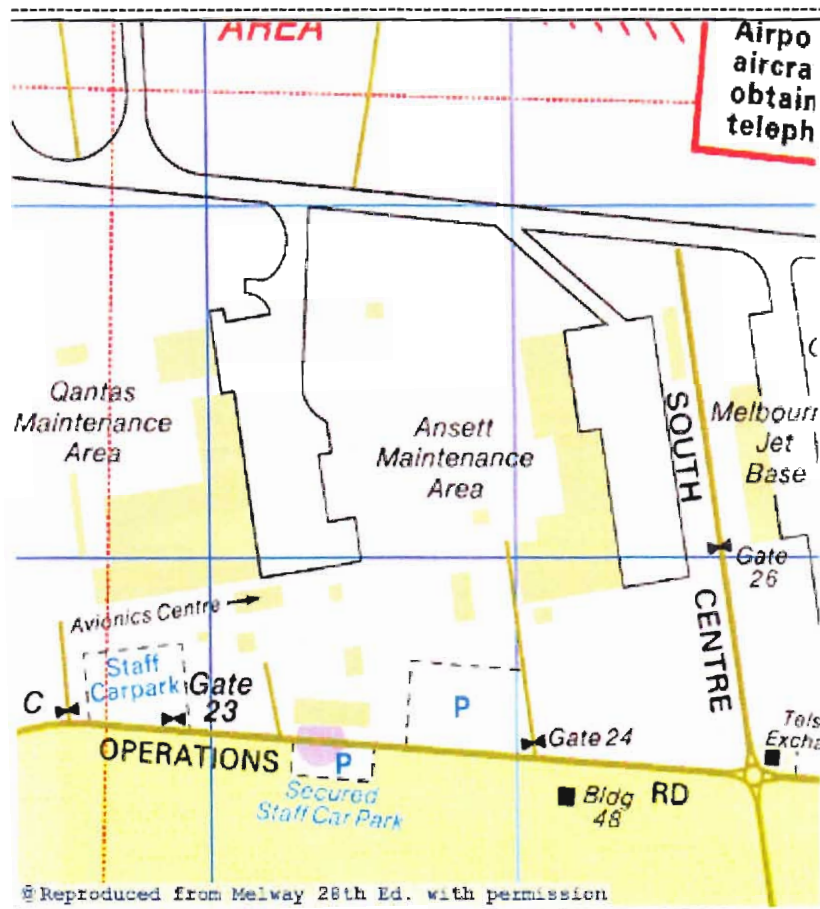
Some seats will be retained for invited guests and media.

Available Seats for members - To be fair to all financial club members, we would like to provide a seat for all who wished to fly on ‘Hawdon’, but it will be necessary to conduct a ballot, to ensure that every seat is filled and that the maximum enjoyment is provided for all in attendance. See seat availability form – PAGE 8 for details.

LUNCHEON & Birthday Cake.

If you are attending please bring a boxed or picnic lunch, and we will provide tea and coffee (no alcohol permitted) at the Staff canteen, which will not be staffed other than by our volunteers on this day.

All application details on pages 7 and 8



Finding your way to the QANTAS STAFF CANTEEN – Operations Road MAP.

From Melrose Drive – from airport – turn right at LINK ROAD and follow to the roundabout – turn right and travel to the next roundabout where you TURN LEFT onto OPERATIONS ROAD and proceed to gate 23 where you will be directed into the car park.

From Airport West – From Melrose Drive turn left and follow the instructions above.

From Calder Highway – at the Western RING ROAD interchange on the CALDER HIGHWAY exit on the KEILOR PARK ROAD ramp to Keilor Park Drive and turn right at the traffic lights. Proceed to the end and turn left at the roundabout, follow this road to the very end and turn LEFT onto Operations Road. proceed to gate 23 where you will be directed into the car park.

Email Address – Reminder

Newsletters and general communications are made using the email, saving costs, and if you have these facilities and have not as yet advised the club of your email address, please do so at your earliest convenience, as this also reduces some of the workload of the volunteers.

TAA 60th Birthday Celebration Dinner Friday 8th September 2006

A significant milestone in our history – 60 years of continuing history and lifelong friendships.

We will commence to celebrate this occasion with a dinner at William Angliss, commencing at 6.30pm with pre-dinner drinks, followed by a three course meal at 7.30pm, and refreshments consisting of beer, wine and soft drinks are included in the cost.

Venue – William Angliss – 550 Lt Lonsdale street Melbourne.

Cost member / partner	\$	38.00 per person
Non member /guest	\$	43.00 per person

We will have a guest speaker whose experiences extend from day 1.

Seating is limited

please RSVP by 23rd of August 2006

The cost is set by the menu selected, and the drinks and pre-dinner menu, and members attendance is subsidised by the Club.

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

60th Celebration Dinner
William Angliss

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.**

Special Thanks

The members and committee of the TAA AUSTRALIAN Airlines 25 Year Club inc, wish to sincerely thank the following for their assistance in making this event possible -

1. Hawdon Operations Ltd for making the aircraft and operational essentials available on this day, the crew and engineers who have provided of their time and effort in making the day possible.
2. QANTAS and the various employees who have assisted us in providing the facilities for our members and their overall support for this special day.
3. Melbourne Airport Corporation for their generosity by waving all charges incurred in operating this charitable flight schedule for our members.
4. Air Services Australia for their support to enable this event to take place.
5. The volunteers of our Club who have, and will assist us in making this event possible.

Joke ! ?

Grandma's birth control pills -The doctor that had been seeing an 80-year-old woman for most of her life finally retired, and at her next check-up, the new doctor was reviewing the list of all the medicines that had been prescribed for her.

As the young doctor was looking through the list, his eyes grew wide as he realized she had a prescription for birth control pills. "Mrs.Smith, do you realize these are BIRTH CONTROL pills?"

"Yes, they help me sleep at night." was her reply.

"Mrs. Smith, I assure you there is absolutely NOTHING in these that could possibly help you sleep!"

She reached out and patted the young Doctor's knee. "Yes, dear, I know that. But every morning, I

grind one up and mix it in the glass of orange juice that my 16 year old granddaughter drinks.....And believe me, it helps me to sleep at night."

INCASE YOU MISSED THE RENEWAL IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER -

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED		
TO : Mr. Ross McDonald Membership Co-Ordinator		
11 th Floor		
50 Franklin Street		
Melbourne 3000		MEMBERSHIP REMAINS AT \$20.00 p.a.
<i>Please endorse your cheque/money order payable to TAA 25Year Club inc.</i>		
My Details are –		Official receipt
Name	Spouse name	Valid once endorsed below
Address	Suburb	
State	Post code	
Phone number	Join date	
	Leave date.....	
Email address		

Membership renewal is 1st of July each year and we are grateful for your continued support, so if you haven't sent in your renewal and intend to do so, the application form above should be sent with your remittance.

To Check your financial status refer to the coding on the sticker on the envelope –the last digit refers to the year to which you were financial – If it ends with an alphabetical letter this is a complimentary coding.

Special Note – The August issue of the QANTAS news (to staff) will include an article and some photographs of the history of TAA \ Australian Airlines.

True story.

From the State where drink driving is considered a sport, comes a true story from the Sunshine Coast, Queensland, when recently a routine police patrol parked outside a local neighbourhood tavern.

Late in the evening the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the car park for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing, and after what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles, the man managed to find his car which he fell into. He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off.

Finally started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry night), flicked the indicators on, then off, tooted the horn and then switched on the lights. He moved the vehicle forward a few

inches, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left.

At last he pulled out of car park and started to drive slowly down the road. The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyser test. To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man having consumed alcohol at all!

Dumbfounded, the officer said "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police station this breathalyser equipment must be broken. "I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy".

For the genealogists!

The Smiths were proud of their family tradition. Their line had included senators, pastors, and Wall Street wizards. They decided to compile a family history. They hired an author. Only one problem arose: how to handle Uncle George, who went to the electric chair. The author said not to worry, he could handle that tactfully. When the book appeared, the family turned to the section on Uncle George. There, they read, "George Smith occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a great shock."

And speaking of 60 odd years ago I think this appropriate

WITTY COMEBACK OF THE DAY

Winston Churchill...arrived at a London hotel for a function when he decided to stop by the men's room. No sooner did he find a position to relieve himself than who should enter the men's room but his old political rival Clement Attlee.

To Churchill's surprise, Attlee came and stood right next to him, so Churchill nervously moved a few places away. "My, my, Winston," Attlee exclaimed. "Are we being modest?"

Churchill glanced back and replied, "Not at all Clement. It's just that whenever you see something that is large, privately owned and working well, you want to nationalize it."



TAA 60th Birthday Celebration

Saturday 9th September 2006

Staff Canteen QANTAS Maintenance Base
Operations Road

Tullamarine – entry from 09.30am

Tea and Coffee available

Venue – Staff Canteen -Tullamarine Maintenance Base Melbourne.

Come and join the group of 'lucky' members , and be part of the celebrations when the eternal DC3 VH-AES 'Hawdon', celebrating 60 years of continuing history, takes to the air again, and renew some lifelong friendships during the day.

Our day will commence with morning tea, (tea, coffee, biscuits complimentary). The first flight of the day departs at 10.30am (due to seat limitations partners cannot be included for which we apologise), and the second and third flights passengers will be assembled prior to departures times.

FLIGHTS - ALL INVITED AND BALLOTTED PASSENGERS WILL BE ADVISED BY TELEPHONE and ADVISED OF WHICH FLIGHT THEY WILL BE ON. Unsuccessful ballot applicants will also be advised by telephone and names will be drawn to appear on our 'Standby List' in the event of an unforeseen 'No-Show' factor. Standby passengers are not guaranteed a seat, but will fill any vacancy if it occurs on the day.

If you intend to come out to this event then please bring a picnic or boxed lunch, as there will be limited catering facilities on the Saturday without the normal canteen staff.

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60th Celebration
TULLAMARINE

PLEASE REGISTER MY INTENTION TO ATTEND.
(required for Airport Security Reasons)

Member / Partner name/s

Non-member / Guest

Please include your phone number in the event that we need to contact you -----

This form MUST be completed and submitted by 23rd of August 2006.

APPLICATION FOR SEAT BALLOT

Seat availability will be subject to acceptances received from the foundation members who can undertake these flights, and all other applications will be placed in a barrel and names drawn with winners advised of their flight time. Only financial member names will be placed in the barrel. Unsuccessful ballot members will be advised by telephone. All ballot applicants will be listed and names will be available on the day in the event that a seat or seats become available due to 'no shows'.

To enter the ballot the form below must be completed and submitted by 23th of August.

RETURN THIS SECTION TO
Mr. Ross McDonald Events Co-ordinator

APPLICATION FOR
60th Celebration FLIGHT

TAA 25Year Club & Museum
Level 11
50 Franklin Street
Melbourne 3000

SEAT BALLOT FORM

Your Name
and phone Number

ONLY CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

RSVP by 23rd of August 2006.

Successful applications will be advised by phone prior to the date of which flight they will be on, so please ensure this form is completed and submitted.

Vale

Keith Leech – Engineering Melbourne – March 2006.

Capt Gordon Close – Flight Operations Melbourne - May 2006.

Capt Mace Denheld – Flight Operations Melbourne – May 2006.

Fred Rowe – Publications Melbourne – May 2006

Basil McNally – Catering Melbourne - May 2006.

Geoffrey Alan Fox - costing clerk. Melbourne - May 2006

Frank Wilson - Engineering - Prop Shop - April 2006

Peter Diplock -Computer Centre – Melbourne - June 2006