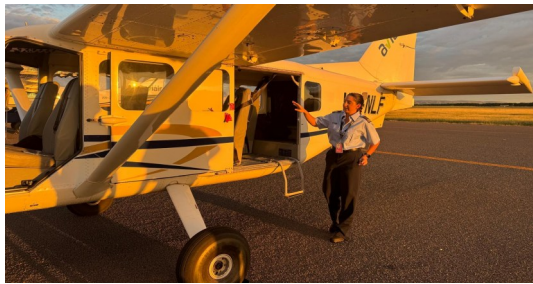




THE EMU FIELD "ATOMIC MUSTANGS"

The RAAF placed 6 CA-18 Mustangs at Emu Field for Operation Totem in 1953 to study the effects of atomic blasts on airframes. After the tests they were abandoned for a decade. The salvage mission commenced in 1967 an Adelaide based syndicate led by Tony Schwert won the tender. Graham Treloar was a vital part of this recovery team, which also included pilot Warwick Goldsworthy. They flew from Coober Pedy to Emu Junction in a Cessna 402 pictured. The team worked in extreme heat to dismantle 5 -Mustangs and delivered them to Watson railway siding and eventually shipped to San Francisco. Mustang A68-1 was identified as a potential flyer, the team ground ran it s Merlin engine successfully at the site. It is also the first Australian built production Mustang. Graham Treloar can be seen above outside the cockpit in a blue jacket during the ground running tests. Tony Schwert flew the aircraft out of the prohibited zone to Coober Pedy on 31st October 1967 with landing gear fixed down. Later flown to Parafield by Tony where it was nicknamed the Desert Rat. To this day it is still airworthy and part of the Wiley Sanders collection in Troy Alabama. Graham Treloar and the teams efforts ensured these historic Atomic Mustangs were not lost to the desert. CVFG Inc Member Jim Treloar is the son of Graham Treloar. Graham grew up on Mooleulooloo Station west of Broken Hill learning to fly and later moving to Adelaide training as a LAME. Known for establishing Aerokair in 1964, which later became Rossair. He was the principal at Rossair alongside Frank Calder from 1969 thru to the early 1990's. Under their leadership the company grew into a South Australian institution, described by employees as a tight knit family operation. Graham was also associated with aviation activities, including supplying fuel, tools and maintenance in South Australia, a true South Australian aviation legend.



MEMBERS CORNER

Member Hannah Catford did her first tourist flight as pilot in command for Aviair in a GA8 Airvan in April. The GA8 is made in Australia by Gipps Aero in Victoria & seats up to 8 people including the pilot. Aviair offer corporate air charter, regular passenger transport & scenic air tours, out of Broome, Kununurra & Karatha. Well done Hannah, pictured with Hannah are proud parents Bill and Dymphna Catford.



VISITING AIRCRAFT AT YCVA

Pictured at the Aerodrome is a Citation Encore VH-AJ5 all the way from its home at Essendon Fields in Victoria operated by Australian Corporate Jet Centres Pty Ltd and owned by Noosa Airways Pty Ltd. Great to see such an aircraft using our facilities.

JOHN DEERE TRACTOR HOOD

Thanks to CVFG Inc Member (Boxy) Daniel Boxall for sourcing a much needed BARE-Co hood for the tractor. Will now provide operators with ongoing protection from those harmful UV-rays. Daniel is pictured after the successful one man installation



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