



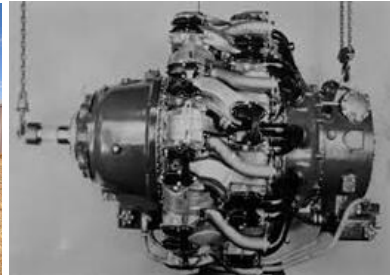
HELIPAD PROJECT - (UPDATE)

Gary and Greg from Clare Quarry Pty Ltd have done a great job with the construction of the Helipads. To date the concrete helipad's are done all trenching for lighting and flood lighting of taxiways and helipads has been completed. All lighting has been connected to the **PAL system** (pilot activated lights). The next task is the 2-coat spray seal of the taxiway off the Main Runway and around the Helipads to be done. This is of course weather dependent.



SOCATA TB-10 VH-YTV

Peter Roberts & Peter Eaton recently carried out a **100 hrly** on our plane on a pole. Pictured above Peter Roberts re-shimming the propellor. Also the paintwork was given a polish to bring it back to new. Battery was also replaced ensuring all wing and cabin lighting function at night., as can be seen above. Thanks to Liam O'Dea from **Mid North Scissor Lift** for supplying the scissor lift made the job much easier.



B-25 MITCHELL MEDIUM BOMBER RESTORATION

Reevers Warbirds B-25 restoration project will be moving from Parafield to the Clare Valley Aerodrome. The aircraft was formerly "**Lucky Lady**" which following years of disputes had been sitting in the open in a neglected state in **Virginia USA** and missing an engine. It had been regularly flying in the 1960's, 1980's and 1990's but was grounded in 1999. Reeves Warbirds purchased the remaining airframe in 2015 and had it shipped to Australia.

Now the **B-25J** has been painted as "**Pulk**". Reeves Warbirds plan is to restore the **B-25J** to flying status and honor the personnel of **No.18 (NEI) Squadron**. In 1943 No.18 Squadron were relocated to Batchelor in the Northern Territory and remained there until April 1945.

This will be another first for the Clare Valley Aerodrome to eventually have a flying B-25 at the Aerodrome as there has not been a flying B-25 in Australia since the 1980's.

Also moving to the Aerodrome is a ground running **Wright R-2600 Cyclone** radial engine which has a two row fourteen cylinder supercharged, air cooled piston engine which was developed by **Curtiss-Wright**, used in the **B-25**, number built **85,374**. The 2600 being the cubic inch capacity of the motor !!!!!!!

Construction of a Hangar to house the B-25 will commence in the later half of this year

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