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Sunday morning BULLETINS - 145.7875 MHz & 7062 KHz @ ±08h45.

COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

MEETING There was a social combined with the SSC on Sunday the 5th October 2003. The venue being the QTH, Cartwheels, of OM Rex and Ingrid. The turnout was in the region of 45 amateurs, families and friends. The weather was excellent and a good time was had by all. Plenty to eat. Thanks to those ladies who brought salads and to Rex & Ingrid for the preparation and use of the venue.

Pics of some of the amateurs at the social



Yvonne ZS6WV



L>R CW. Gene ZS6TA, Rex ZS6REX, Doug ZS6BXU, Berridge ZS6BFL, Colin ZS6CHC.



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John ZS6JET & XYL Laura



A view of some of the bunch

Thanks to Errol, ZS6KED, for supplying these pictures.



The next meeting on 2003/11/01 will be the last official one. A demo on MixW is planned so long as I am able to record the necessary audio clips off of HF. Venue: Germiston Methodist Church. Lady Duncan Str. Room at side of the offices. 14:15 for 14:30.

Pilots

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction. The mechanics read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews and engineers lack a sense of humour. Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot.)

(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers.)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Lessons from an Oyster - Author Unknown

There once was an oyster
Whose story I tell,
Who found that some sand
Had got into his shell.
It was only a grain,
but it gave him great pain.
For oysters have feelings
Although they're so plain.
Now, did he berate
the harsh workings of fate
That had brought him
To such a deplorable state?
Did he curse at the government,
Cry for election,
And claim that the sea should
Have given him protection?
'No,' he said to himself
As he lay on a shell,
Since I cannot remove it,
I shall try to improve it.
Now the years have rolled around,
As the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate
Destiny stew.
And the small grain of sand
That had bothered him so
Was a beautiful pearl
All richly aglow.
Now the tale has a moral,
for isn't it grand
What an oyster can do
With a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do
If we'd only begin
With some of the things
That get under our skin.

**"If you're going through hell, keep going."
-- Winston Churchill**

A reminder to those who have not paid club subscriptions now is the time.