

Event Report - CUNDERDIN 26/27 OCTOBER 2013

It had been 3 years since the last jet event was held at Cunderdin, so this weekend was eagerly anticipated by many of the Westjet Members. Some having attended the last one-off event and some hearing the stories of how much fun the weekend was last time.

It being October, we were restricted in choice of which runway to use, by the wheat crops in the fields; presenting an ever present danger of fire should someone go into the ground with a model jet. So we decided to fly off of runway 23 in the end, as it gave us a very large empty area to fly over, with little risk of a large fire ruining crops etc.



On site we had a fire tender truck with its own water supply and pump with fire fighting hoses fitted and at the ready. This was lent to us by the WA Agricultural College. Good on you fella's.

Flying started at 10am on the Saturday and even though the flies were trying to eat everyone, all members appeared to be having a great time, with smiles on dial's all over the place.



Many fliers attended the Saturday and Sunday flying, with about 40 people in attendance either flying or as spectating guests of members.



A BBQ lunch was provided by the Committee, free to all members on both Saturday and Sunday and was woofed down by most in short fashion. That combined with Tea/Coffee and cold drinks made for a pleasant day/weekend out in the sun for most. We were lucky enough to be able to borrow some large sun tents for the members to park their planes and chairs under, which added to the good experience in my opinion.

Our fellow club member and MAAA Inspector, Ken Greaves was there all weekend providing advice and guidance to those in need. Ken certified or re-certified so many aircraft in the end, that I lost count. I am certain there were some very happy pilots making good use of Ken being there. Well Done Kenny G, you're the man!



Of special note, it was lovely to see our members giving so freely to the donations tin on Saturday and again on Sunday. These weekends aren't cheap to organise, but with the kind donations of a

crisp \$50 here and a \$20 there, the whole weekend turned a profit of \$0.45, believe it or not. That's brilliant for us as a club, especially in these early days of getting new members to pay to join at a low cost of only \$50 of course, but still being able to organise and pay for an event like Cunderdin twice a year for the membership to enjoy. Let's face it, Cunderdin for a Westjet Members weekend for a one off donation if you feel like it; it's a no brainer, isn't it. Well done Westjet Members, one and all, you are a very giving bunch and I was proud to be involved after watching the donations that were getting chucked in the tin so freely and willingly.



Now, let's get down to the dirt of Saturday night.... A good meal was had at the Ettamogah Pub with about 16 in attendance, followed by an ale or two for the lads, which resulted in a couple of the old guys getting woken up by a herd of Wildebeest meandering past the motel

rooms behind the pub at, oh, some silly time in the morning.



Apparently its good fun to sit in the back of someone's van outside the motel rooms and tell wild stories of conquests (as loud as you can of course) at 1 in the morning whilst polishing off the remaining beers. Good work fellas, both Kenny G and I laughed the next morning when recounting your adventures of the night before, which of course happened outside our room didn't it. Fun and club spirit is alive and well and can be found in the wee hours of the morning in the back of a van in a Cunderdin carpark, apparently.

Sunday flying kicked off earlier than planned with a pilots briefing at 9am and a further briefing at 10am for those that had arrived after the first briefing. The same runway was used, but we didn't have to share it with full size traffic on the Sunday,

as we did on the Saturday. This made for an even better days flying for all those that flew.



Overall, a great event, which we will run again in the cooler month of May 14, when there is no flies and no wheat to be of concern. The intention is and remains to have this event twice a year.



Happy Jet Flying

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