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SAAA Safety Manager Report - June 2014

The year in review

Progress over the past 10 Months

Measured against the August 2013 Airsport vision statement;

1 *Increase Hazard reports;*

- a. 72 reporters in SERA
- b. To date 36 reports submitted
 - i. Rate of 4/month as against 0.2/month in the IRIS period - a 20 fold increase
 - ii. Presently there are 12 open items
- c. Several sensitive reports that resulted in positive results

2 *Recruit a Deputy Safety Manager*

Pleased to advise Chris Sinfield has accepted the role. Chris is a very experienced aviation safety administrator in the RAAF and now in Defence and his contribution has been invaluable. Chris is gaining experience with SERA as a system and assisting in investigations.

3 *Recruit Chapter Safety Coordinators*

Presently there are 18 nominated CSC with one more nomination in the mail

4 *Deliver Safety Workshops at NRM*

First Safety workshop delivered at NRM Ausfly 2013 to introduce the concepts and socialise the concepts. This was well attended.

5 *Deliver a SMS management data base suitable for the SAAA*

A computerised safety reporting and analysis program called SERA has been facilitated and has replaced IRIS.

6 *SMS Manual rewrite*

The drafting of the new SMS Manual (SMSM) is in progress

In review while progress has been slow it has been steady and is about where most organisations are during the initial implementation phase. A draft revision for the Chapter Handbook dealing with the CSC at the Chapter level is under consideration prior to writing the section on the CSC roles in the SMSM.

7 *By the way*

It is worth noting Part 149 requires, in several places, processes and safety systems that reflect a healthy SMS in order for a RAAO to be acceptable to CASA.



Australian airport hazards!

Travel story

Coral Bay, Western Australia; where else?

For those who have never been there I recommend it. It is an absolute gem and well worth a visit.

It is protected from the Indian ocean by Australia's largest fringing reef; the 250 km long Ningaloo Reef.

This small settlement only has twenty houses, a resort with bar and two caravan parks. Walk a hundred meters from your accommodation, swim a few more and you are directly over the coral reef with its abundant fish. All totally accessible for even small children.

In addition to the resort there are two small and casual restaurants. We found the standard of the food and the service to be excellent.

We departed Bunbury on Saturday 31/5/14 in our RV7 and despite headwinds of around 20 kts a couple of smooth hours later landed at Geraldton to refuel. My failure to comprehend the significance of the letter 'W' in 'Handling services and facilities' in ERSA cost me \$50.00.

Soon after taking off again the head winds abated and after another couple of hours and we were on approach to YCOY.

What a view; clear skies, deep blue ocean and the Reef extending for miles!.

I had previously telephoned Nick, the resident whale shark spotting pilot, and so had a fair idea what to expect. The strip is basic crushed gravel but it has a reputation for being slippery after rain.

I managed a good landing and taxied in to tie down.

When booking accommodation we had been assured that it only needed a 'phone call and someone would be out to pick us up. After over four hours flying we were looking forward to having some suitable refreshment so I made the call.

Most of the staff in Coral Bay are young people travelling around the world and so not all of them are fully cognisant of local arrangements. The young girl at the reception (whom I later found out had only been there a couple of days) was not aware of the local strip just a km out of town. She thought we had flown up from Perth by RPT to Exmouth which is 140 km to the north and was waiting for the daily shuttle service.

I think I confused her by saying 'airport' when perhaps I should have said 'airstrip'. I was getting impatient and so I said "Forget it, don't worry we will walk". Wisely she passed me off to someone else and within five minutes a Land Rover picked us up.

We had a great week there, swam with the whale sharks, did some ocean fishing, had a quad bike trip etc and a fair bit of swimming in the amazingly clear waters.

I planned the trip home carefully. There are many restricted and danger areas along the coast and around Perth. I was aware that three around Lancelin were active, R146A, B, and C which go from the surface to 70,000'. The upper limit did not concern me but the lower limit did; Navy ships use this area for gunnery practice. Fortunately I flew the avoiding Route 2 easily enough. I asked for 'flight following' and both Pearce and Perth Centre were very helpful and pleasant to communicate with.

The weather forecast had alerted me to the likelihood of low and localised cloud over Bunbury; and it turned out to be true. Cloud was sitting right over the airport. We did a few orbits, but it was no good. It was obvious that Bunbury was not going to clear and being a member of Jim Davis's Live Cowards Club, I landed in the middle of Peter Ivankovitch's onion and carrot farm.

Peter has an excellent gravel strip and a hangar for his Bonanza. I was not totally sure it was Peters strip till we opened the canopy and smelt the onions; millions of 'em. We enjoyed some fresh carrots for a late lunch.

Coral Bay to Bunbury is around 1200 km; clear and smooth all the way, only to be stopped about 15 k's from home.

My thanks to Peter for use of his strip and hangar, to Guido for picking us up within 20 minutes of my call and also to Terry Doe for his help and support in building my RV. This was my longest 'solo' trip in my own homebuilt; what a privilege and experience.

Bob Main.
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Bunbury.



Useful info

CORROSION COMPATIBILITY CHART

To avoid corrosion do not let metals in the grey boxes touch each other.	Aluminum Alloy	Cadmium Plate	Zinc Plate	Carbon and Alloy Steels	Lead	Tin Coating	Copper and Alloys	Nickel and Alloys	Titanium and Alloys	Chromium Plate	Corrosion Resisting Steel	Magnesium Alloys
	Aluminum Alloy											
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	Chromium Plate											
	Corrosion Resisting Steel											
	Magnesium Alloys											

Ref: Cleveland Tools

From HQ

We hope you are all well and keeping warm in this cold weather, please see below things for consideration:

- AGM will be held in September, Saturday the 13th at SAAA headquarters.
- There will be an MPC held before the AGM in September on 11-12th. Please indicate interest through head office.
- For those of you who can't make it to the September MPC, there will be another one in October or November(dates TBA). Please indicate your interest through Head office also.
- Please send in photos of your Aircraft for us to see along with a short story! We love seeing your pride and joy.



‘Road to Narromine’ – By Amber Hanley

As Always, safe skies for all!
Kindest Regards,
HQ

