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Volunteers Meeting to be held at Bankstown – 20 June 2009

A volunteers meeting will be held at Bankstown on Saturday 20 June 2009 at 10am to kick off the work that will get our Cat cleaned up and ready for the program of work that will see the issue of an Australian Experimental Certificate of Airworthiness (CofA).

The work required to get our CofA will commence as soon as we determine the scope of work required. This may take a little time but things are well in progress. In the meantime, to get things moving we can proceed with some preliminary work plus some cleaning up before the real work commences.

The objectives of this meeting are to:

- enable volunteers to meet each other
- determine the type of work people prefer to do and try and match this with what needs to be done.
- determine the availability of volunteers so that we can get a clear picture of the workforce and times that will be available to get the required work done.

The scope of the work to be discussed during this meeting will be limited to work that needs to be done on the aircraft itself. No doubt, there are many other issues concerning the operation of the CFM of a more general nature that need to be addressed, and I hope there will be another forum through which this can be achieved.

In the meantime, 20 June is all about tinkering with the aircraft itself, so it's all about getting all those guys together who are looking forward to getting their hands dirty so that we can at least get that part of the project moving forward.

The Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd has been allocated a temporary office/clubhouse facility at 8 Gypsy Street, Bankstown Airport, close to Airag Services where our Cat will be situated by the time of the meeting. The meeting will be held at the Clubhouse. Those attending will also get the opportunity to look over the Cat after the meeting.

Approximately 20 people have confirmed their intention to attend the meeting, and it's never too late to join in so long as you let me know beforehand. If you do decide to attend the meeting and haven't communicated your intention to us, please do so by contacting me either by phone (0402 060 527) or e-mail (colin.cool@jemena.com.au).

Colin Cool, Editor

Coming event - Catalina Flying Memorial Exhibition at the Powerhouse Discovery Centre (Castle Hill) - 11 July 2009

Just a reminder about the Powerhouse Discovery Centre's Open Day on 11 July 2009.....

The Powerhouse Discovery Centre at Castle Hill, a satellite facility of the Powerhouse Museum is conducting an Open Day on Saturday 11 July 2009. The theme for this Open Day will be *Flight: Air and Space*. The Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd will have a stand at which we will be displaying our model Catalina (the one which was hanging above our display at Bankstown) as well as selling a range of merchandise (DVDs, books, t-shirts etc) with the hope of collecting a few donations.

Above all, the event will provide another the opportunity to expose for our Cat and to further the knowledge of the general public on the Catalina and the exploits of the men that flew her.

The Powerhouse Discovery Centre is located at 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill. The Powerhouse Discovery Centre is well worth a visit and in some respects better than the main site at Ultimo.

The program for the Open Day runs from 10am to 4.00pm

There is an entry fee of \$8 adult/ \$5 concession/child/seniors and pensioners, \$25 family (2 adults + 2 children). Entry is free for children under four years of age and Powerhouse Museum members.

Hope to see you all on the day!

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10 & 11 Squadron RAAF 70th Anniversary Celebrations

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of Number 10 and 11 Squadrons RAAF in 1939. An invitation is extended to all members who have been part of 10SQN, 11SQN or 492SQN, or flown, maintained and supported the Catalina, Sunderland, Lincoln or Neptune aircraft to attend anniversary celebrations to be held over the three day period 24-26 September 2009.

Over the three days, there will be an informal night at the hangar, a dining-in in Adelaide, and the VP International bar open for everyone to catch up. Further details of the event can be found at www.ednwelfare.com.au

RSVP details are as follows:

- Email: edn92wg.orionanniversary@defence.gov.au
- Or write to: 70th Committee
c/o Orderly Room
11SQN
PO Box 1500
RAAF Edinburgh SA 5111

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New Members/Donations

The Catalina Flying Memorial welcomes the following members to the Aussie Cat Club:

Life Members

Penny and Rob Furner

(Penny Furner is the daughter of Cat legend GCAPT Attie Wearne, DSO DFC)

One-Year Members

John Murdoch
Carole Gibbens
Dirk Visman (has signed up for two years)
Phillip Brunskill (has signed up for two years)

A \$100 donation was also received from The Returned Services League of Australia (NSW Branch) Kirribilli Sub Branch.

A very big thank you to all of the above for their support!

News or comments

If you have any news or comments regarding the website, please forward to Colin Cool (colin.cool@jemena.com.au) or Jill Brandon (info@catalinaflying.org.au).