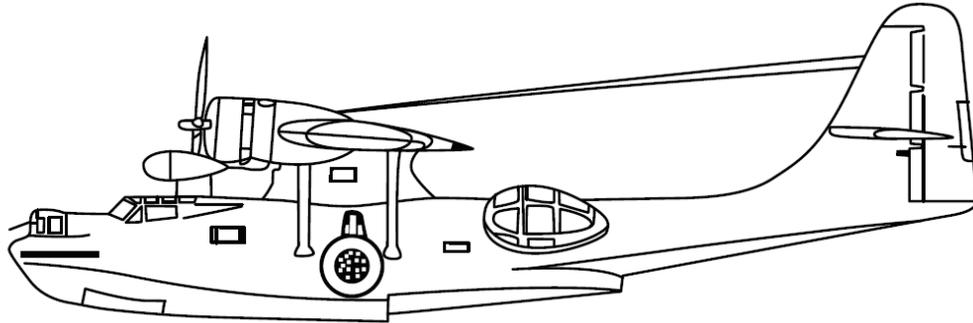


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2010 Catalina Festival – 23 October 2010

Don't forget folks - the Catalina Festival at Rathmines will be held on Saturday 23 October 2010. This will be the 4th festival held and it gets bigger and better every year. It was estimated that 9,000 people attended last year's festival.

You will be pleased to know that after last year's event the Lake Macquarie City Council (LMCC) designated the Rathmines Catalina Festival a "Significant Regional Event" and it won festival of the year for the LMCC area.

Please see the flyer below for details.



Rathmines



Catalina Festival
2010

Saturday 23rd October
10.00am to 4.00pm Rathmines Park
Parade 10.00am from the Community Hall
Admission - Adults \$5.00 Children Free

Fly Past and Landing by Sea Planes, and Microlites
Formation fly over by Tiger Moths and Cessna aircraft
Aerobatic display by Pitt Special airplane

Entertainment includes:
Carol Heuchan (Bush Poet Laureate), Llynda Nair (Juggler),
No Pressure, Smoking Horns, live bands, and singers.
A large Diorama of the original RAAF Flying Boat Base will be on Display.
Food Stalls - General Stalls
Vintage Cars and Motor Cycles - WWII Military Vehicles
Camel and Pony Rides Animal Farm - Children's Amusements

Proceeds will help bring the WWII Catalina home to Rathmines

ADF Air Show at RAAF Williamtown

RAAF Williamtown hosted the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Air Show over the weekend of 18 & 19 September 2010.

The CFML had a stand set up with a display of photographs as well as merchandise for sale. This provided a fantastic vehicle with which to promote and display our project to restore and operate our PBY 6A Catalina.

An estimated 75,000 aviation enthusiasts attended the event to visit displays and witness great flying demonstrations. Included among the items for sale was our new range of CFML shirts, hats, coffee mugs, DVD's, and books. Proceeds from the sale of these items came to over \$2,000, which was a great result considering the competition from neighbouring stands (such as the Defence Force) who were selling their shirts and caps at much cheaper prices than ours!

Our display generated continuous interest with an average of 4-6 people going through the CFML stall at any one time, being either those who were previously unfamiliar with the project and wanting to learn more about it, or current supporters wanting to learn of our progress. This was enough to keep Terry Woolard and myself out of trouble over the entire weekend to say the least.

This event also provided a great networking opportunity, with valuable contacts established with air show organisers from around the country and the media, who were all keen to promote our aircraft when she is ready to fly.



Terry Woolard putting the finishing touches on the CFML display the day before air show.

As Terry and I have taken on the PR role for the CFML in the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle region, I would like to encourage anyone wanting to come and have a great day out promoting the Catalina Flying Memorial to visit the Catalina Festival on 23 October. Last year's Festival was a great day with much fun and enjoyment had by all. This year promises to be even better.

I would like to thank Terry for all the support and camaraderie which makes the day fun and enjoyable.

Dave Swanson

PS (from C. Cool): Terry and Dave will be manning our stand at the Catalina Festival on 23 October (as they did last year), so please make sure you drop in and see them. We now have CFML-branded polo shirts, caps and coffee mugs, not to mention a whole lot of other goodies for sale. Alternatively, just drop by for a chat. But be warned, I'll be hanging around somewhere up there too!

Display of Rathmines Memorabilia brings \$1000 donation

A few months ago, local community group "Friends of Rathmines" were "dared" by Mr Ollie Allen to stage a display of Rathmines memorabilia at the Morisset Country Club. If they took him up on this dare, Mr Allen said he would donate \$1000 to the Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd.

It goes without saying that the "Friends" wasted no time in getting Mr Allen to put his money where is mouth is. On 21 August, the Friends of Rathmines set up their display at the Club and stood at their post for seven hours!

Well, with that marathon effort, Mr Allen could not help but be impressed, not only by the stalwart efforts of those manning the display, but also by the display itself. So true to his word, Mr Allen handed over the \$1,000 which was gratefully accepted by the Catalina Flying Memorial Ltd.

So a big thank you to Mr Allen, as well was to those who manned and/or contributed to the display, in particular Mr Alec Howard (Friends of Rathmines), Mr Brian Haines, Mr John Bourke, Mr Robert Baker and of course, the Morisset Country Club for supporting the event.

Colin Cool (information provided by Alec Howard)

Work at Bankstown – a snapshot

It's been a while now since we talked about the work going on at Bankstown on VH-CAT, so I thought I'd provide you with a quick snapshot. Work is continuing, albeit slowly given our limited financial resources.

Over the last few weekends, the guys have been largely focused on the removal of the water tank and the mechanism for opening and closing the “bomb-bay” doors. This is one of the most significant and challenging tasks in the restoration process. In her days as a fire bomber, water was scooped up and collected in the water tank, then ferried to where it was needed. The “bomb-bay” doors would then be opened, allowing the water to fall onto the fire.

Removing the water tank and associated equipment has been challenging and is still in progress. In the case of the water tank, great care must be taken to ensure that the essential structure of the airframe is not damaged or compromised in any way. This entails identifying those components that are integral to the structure (and hence can't be removed) and those that are not. This task is not as easy as it appears.

The volunteers have had to become contortionists at times in order to access many difficult-to reach places.

On Saturday 9 October, the guys successfully removed one of the bomb-bay door actuating mechanisms, the event captured on camera by CFML volunteer Patricio Parrague. The photos below tell the story.



Patrick O'Hara shows off his contortionist skills as he makes like a snake – winding his body around VH-CAT's internal structure to get at some difficult-to reach places (Photo: P. Parrague)



Bruce Richardson works to cut the bomb-bay door actuating shaft, assisted by John Goldsbrough (L) and Len Linfoot (R). (Photo: P. Parrague)



**The boys looking pretty pleased with themselves (deservedly so, I might add!) - having defeated the stubborn bomb-bay door actuating shaft.
L-R: Patrick O'Hara, John Goldsbrough, Bruce Richardson and Len Linfoot.
(Photo: P. Parrague)**

Colin Cool

New Members/Donations

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

Life Members

- Noel Lyon
- David Swanson
- Mike Usher
- Terry Woolard

One year Members

- Gerald Leyonhjelm

Donations

- Kerry and Ray Smith - \$10,000!
- John Murdoch - \$50

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@jemen.com.au).