

OUTBACK AIR RACE 2015

**RACE NEWSLETTER – CHINWAG #5
JULY 2015**



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Steadfast Outback Air Race Update

Chinwag No. 5: 14th July, 2015

Royal Aero Club of WA, Jandakot Airport

WELCOME BY ROWAN HILL, 2015 Outback Air Race Manager

This is our fifth and final chinwag before the Aviators farewell, which will be held at RACWA about a week before we leave (16th August).

In this newsletter:

- We welcome our new Major Sponsor Summit Fleet!
- Mike Bleus, RFDS Chief Pilot (Western Ops) will talk to us about the RFDS, some history and their new PC-24 order
- Don Rechichi will provide an update on safety and operational matters
- Update on insurances and indemnities
- What's happening online - Website, Social Media and Events
- The Classic Safari Raffle! Selling like hot cakes, but will still have more!

We are also joined by Karina from the Bureau of Meteorology, who spoke to us last month, and has been providing us with a lot of support and advice behind the scenes. Thanks Karina!

SAFETY MOMENT – Engine fire on Startup

What would you do if you had an engine fire on start up? When it happens, it will be too late to check your handbook!

We will be parking in close proximity to other aircraft on this event so this is a timely reminder to read up on Starting Requirements and review procedures including engine fire on startup. Just in case!



Although very rare, an engine fire on startup is most commonly caused by over priming. Excess fuel in the engine manifolds may ignite. In general the procedure when a fire is identified on startup is to shut the fuel off, continue cranking, start up and burn the fuel off. Complete shutdown, check the fire is extinguished, ensure the area is safe and arrange an inspection.

Each aircraft is different and we recommend you check your POH.

SUMMIT FLEET AS NEW MAJOR SPONSOR!

We welcome Summit Fleet as our second Major Sponsor for the 2015 Steadfast Outback Air Race! Thanks to Mal, Fiona and the team at Summit Fleet.

Established in Australia in 1997, Summit Fleet Auto Lease Australia Pty Limited (Summit Fleet leasing and Management) is majority owned by the Sumitomo Mitsui Auto Service Company, Limited (SMAS). The Summit Fleet brand represents value, service and strength. Customers continue to enjoy a level of service that exceeds expectation, whilst also receiving the benefits of an experienced and established management team.



SMAS has over 30 years of experience and has a reputation for innovation and technological advancement. It is the leading fleet leasing and management organisation (FMO) in Japan with a growing presence in India, Thailand and Indonesia, making them one of the top 10 fleet management and leasing organisations globally!

"It is great to be involved in such a unique way of raising money for a much relied upon service in Australia." David Clinch, the General Manager of Summit Fleet has shared. "We look forward to hearing stories from the pilots and team at Outback Air Race and seeing great results for our friends at the RFDS."

AVIATION UPDATE – Don Rechichi, Flight and Safety Director

In addition to our daily pre-flight briefings on en-route, I will also be holding an evening briefing the night before the event in Esperance, on Sunday 23rd August. This is a compulsory brief. It will be held at the yacht club, which is walking distance from our accommodation.

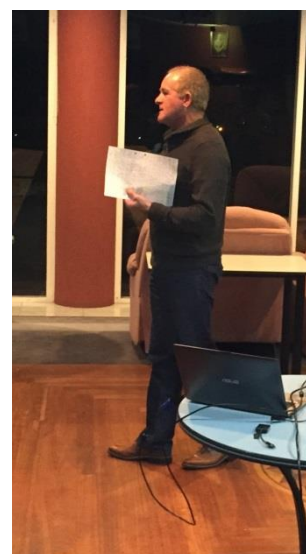
As always please do not hesitate contact me if you require any assistance with your pre- race preparations (safety2015@outbackairrace.com.au)

Please return your JRCC, Pilot Declaration and Certificate of Insurance immediately.

If you have indicated IFR for the Hamilton Island leg then you will need to submit a full IFR flight plan. You will be given a transit by Cairns ATC and Townsville ATC at a higher altitude.

Hamilton Island leg – despite all the planning, there are still the usual variables that are outside of our control such as weather. If you are a little hesitant or uncertain about the leg just contact me to discuss your concerns. My discussions with Cairns and Townsville ATC's weather permitting will make your transit a simple procedure providing you are familiar with the Cairns and Townsville VTC's. Each aircraft will have a squawk code that will identify you. ATC will provide you with assistance.

Note that the Western VFR Corridor adjacent Cairns CTA will not be used.



RFDS UPDATE – Mike Bleus and the new PC-24's

Mike Bleus, RFDS Chief Pilot (Western Ops), updated us on their PC-24 order. The twin jet engine PC-24 is 3 meters longer than the PC-12, wider and faster!

He said that the first item of the RFDS wish list is always a cargo door for easy entry and exit. Early RFDS aircraft utilized the standard door which made it quite difficult to get some patients such as pregnant women (see photos below).

Other modifications and features include:

- Space for three stretchers
- Provides a sea level pressure cabin, even with one engine
- Will be certified single pilot
- In WA, they will continue to fly out of Jandakot
- The have a stall speed of only 69 knots!
- 45,000ft ceiling
- The cockpit is identical to the PC-12 – easy transition to the PC-24



Mike showed us video and photos of a PC-12 landing on a modified road. The road shown had a width of only 9m, when compared to the PC-12 minimum of 18m. He highlighted that they do not do this routinely and all road landings are declared mercy flights, therefore the patients need to be in such need.



He described the process for calling the flying doctor. If you are in need, you are put through to an available nurse who will assess you and assign a priority. The most urgent requires immediate dispatch of an aircraft. The next two levels call for 1.5hrs response time, and finally 48hrs. The nurse will tell pilot where to go and what needs to be prepared for.

Each strip has its own rating to determine when the pilot can land and under what condition. Once an ETA is known, the Pilot will relay that back to the operator who will update the patient if necessary.

The WA division average 25 patient transfers per day, however the first 2 days last week they moved 44 each day!

We have attached a flier on the PC-24. Thanks Mike for coming down again and talking to us!

THE CLASSIC SAFARI COMPANY – AUSTRALIA WIDE RAFFLE!

Classic Safaris have donated a **12 night luxury safari wilderness and rail tour of Zimbabwe and South African for 2 worth \$20,000** for use as an event-wide Raffle.



Teams that have ordered their tickets should have now received them. They are selling fast which is great to see and all proceeds are attributed to your team total!

Please contact the committee if you would like to order more tickets.

To meet the requirements of liquor and gambling laws for this Australia wide raffle there are some very important points to follow:

- Your raffle ticket book includes instruction about selling and maintaining records of your tickets. Please read this carefully.
- \$20/ticket is firm, they cannot be discounted (e.g. 6 for \$100)
- Please get name, address & phone contact on ticket stubs. We need to ensure we can identify the winner when drawn.
- Sell one book at a time to reduce the number of half sold books
- Ticket proceeds must be kept separate from other funds.
- **Do not put raffle money into EDH!** There is a separate RFDS bank account for raffle money.
- As each book is sold, EFT the \$600 into the RFDS account using “OAR – your team name” as the annotation.
- **Bring ticket stubs, unsold tickets and deposit proof (just in case) to the registration session in Esperance. Please don't forget. We will be unable to draw the raffle unless we have all sold and unsold tickets reconciled.**



Many thanks again to Fiona Hamilton for dealing with the relevant authorities in each state to make this happen, and of course to our friends at the Classic Safari Company for donating the prize!

SEND US YOUR STORY!!

We are currently distributing press releases to the media, to increase event exposure and meet our commitments to our race sponsors and supporters. We are in the lookout for engaging stories from teams that may be published.

Fiona Hamilton is taking the lead on this and she has identified not only the major publications, but also minor and community publications that are near teams home base and en route. If you can help her out with any local stories of your team that she can weave into the main press release that would be appreciated. You may become famous!



Please send any stories or information to her on sponsorship2015@outbackairrace.com.au

We have also engaged a specialist media company to search for media articles from the race to demonstrate sponsorship value for the future events. If you are aware of any media coverage of the event, such as community newspapers and radio interviews, please contact Fiona!

The first press release is also available to view on our website: [Press Release](#)



TREASURER'S CORNER

– Stuart Payne, Treasurer

A reminder of the fundraising minima for the event: \$2,000 per person. There is only one month to go! Here are a few “quick to do” suggestions that can also yield high results:

- Quiz Night. Team BMR hosted a successful quiz night that raised close to \$5,500, which we engaged a professional quiz master and used an online ticketing system (sticky tickets) to take out most of the hassle on the night.
- Restaurant Night. Try to find somewhere that will host a night for you at cost and get as many friends and you can together!
- Safari Raffle tickets. These sell easy and add up fast @ \$20 a ticket!
- Request donations from, or offer “sponsorship” opportunities to local businesses
- Rob a Bank (just kidding....)

There are now three active accounts that everyone will be using. It is important to know which one to use:

1. Donations and fund-raising proceeds go to **EDH**
2. Payment for event entry, accommodation, tours, uniforms go to the **SOAR bank account** (Stuart)
3. Payment for Raffle Tickets get EFT'd direct to the **RFDS account** nominated in the raffle pack.

Other important items to be aware of:

- Last Chance to change team names. Some teams still using the temporary ones Stuart assigned.
- Last chance to advise your aircraft & registration details which are used for getting exemption from landing fees; and even more importantly, on JRCC form
- RFDS Insurances Renewed which we will distribute to you
- Pilots Declarations are due back 15 July, along with JRCC form.
- Competitor's Liability Insurances: \$5M cover minimum required, we need a copy of that part from you. As per our previous mail out we have negotiated a verbal agreement with the three major insurance underwriters in Australia to upgrade your cover for the event duration at little or no cost. Ask your insurance provider about it.
- Indemnity and Release Form still to come (final paperwork!)
- Forms, forms, forms..... to summarise:
 1. **Pilots Declaration** – one required from every pilot
 2. **JRCC Form** – required one from every aircraft or team (but lists every passenger)
 3. **Indemnity Form** – required from every participant (will be sent out soon)

All of these must be with the committee prior to or at the registration session in Esperance!



HAMILTON ISLAND - THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

We noticed there's a Hamilton Island app on the app store – why don't you download it and have a look. Plan your stay and find out more about activities on offer.

Go to the App store and search Hamilton Island on your iPhone, iPad or Mac

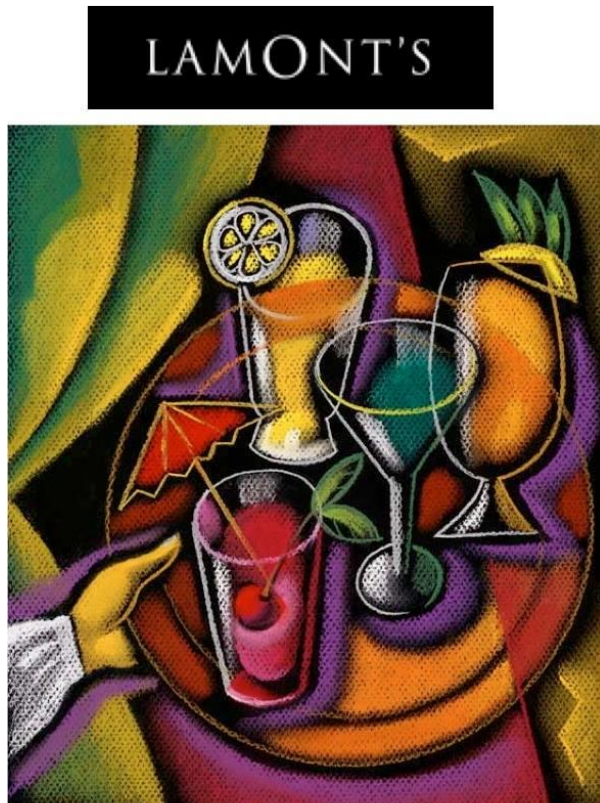
Download it at home on WiFi, before you go.

TEAM EVENTS

There has been a lot happening around Australia. Here are some highlights. Be sure to keep Peter (webmaster@outbackairrace.com.au) informed of your events so we can help advertise and promote them!

- **Bad Mooney Rising** – Quiz Night – 11th July – Completed and was an amazing success!
- **ATOM** – Auction Night – 25th July – See ATOM's [Facebook page](#) too!
- **Lawson Grains** – Black Tie Dinner & Auction – 25th July (Rutherglen, Murray River)
- **Robin Safari** – Robin Safari Raffle – Now selling! (more [here](#))

- **Mockingjay** – Fine food and wine evening – 6th August - see flier below.
- **Aviators Farewell** – 16th August, RACWA



Join Us At.....
**TeamMockingJay's Premier
Fundraising event**

**Lamont's 12 Station St Cottesloe
thursday 6 August 6.30pm-9pm**

Sample a fine selection of Australian,
French & Spanish wines

Enjoy Lamont's signature fine cocktail
style food through the evening
Silent auctions & raffle

Thanks to Lamont's - Select a case of your
favorite wine "at cost" with a small mark
up for the RFDS

Tickets \$85 - limited tickets
 RSVP Early leanne@urbanaesthetics.net.au



MERCHANDISE – Peter Williams



An exciting array of Race Merchandise (carry bags, pens, t-shirts, mouse mats, etc...) is now available via Vista Print! Race participants can use race merchandise sales to support their fundraising.

Customisation is available with some assistance from your OAR Committee (Team Sponsors' logos and team photo as an example).

We emailed out details on how to obtain your merchandise last month, please let the committee (Peter Williams) know if not received or if you have any questions.

WEBSITE - Peter Kneale, Webmaster

Our EDH total has almost doubled since our last newsletter!

June 2015:

\$87,580 raised of \$250,000 goal



Now:

\$162,378 raised of \$250,000 goal



Funds are coming in at an amazing rate and there are plenty of movements on the live leaderboard too: <http://www.outbackairrace.com.au/leaderboard>

Event Live Feed

We are looking into a number of options to keep spectators (Australia wide, and globally!) updated on race progress throughout the event.

The most exciting is potentially a live web-based map of the race fleet using AvPlan Live data. AvPlan are currently working on this and hope to have it ready for the race start. The position updates will work if you are using the AvPlan software and have a cellular connection. Telstra provide the largest outback coverage, which should cover us for the majority of our route. I use the [Telstra \\$50 Annual Pass](#) for 5gb/1 year Telstra data with my iPad.

We will also have a live tweet board that will show any posts referencing us (@outbackairrace).

In addition to this, we will post a diary entry for each leg and be active on all of our other social media platforms, namely Facebook and Instagram.

If you haven't yet liked or followed us, click on the links on the right hand side of the website!

Any queries, contact Peter at webmaster@outbackairrace.com.au



AIRCRAFT STICKERS

We arranged a group discount with our race sticker supplier Go Graphics for individual team stickers, should you wish to get sponsor or team stickers printed for your plane.

The cut-off for this was **Friday 17th July** however we will likely be making a second 'top up' order in about two weeks for those teams who secure any more team sponsors. Email Peter if you will likely be part of this order.



IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Pilot's Declaration | ... July 15th |
| • Finalé Dinner (final numbers) | ... July 25th |
| • Accommodation Final Payment | ... July 20th |
| • Indemnity and Release Forms | ... Aug 15th |
| • Aviator's Farewell | ... Aug 16th |

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are continuing to increase the event's exposure on social media in various forms, with event presence established on Facebook and Instagram (#OAR2015).



Please look us up and like/follow us!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

- Aviator's Farewell: **Sun 16th Aug**, 10 am at RACWA Jandakot. More info to come soon.
- Registration Evening and Safety Brief: Sun 23rd Aug, in **Esperance!** (Expected to be held at the Yacht Club)



We look forward to seeing you there! Check the OAR website for dates.

OUR SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

And finally, our event would not be possible if were not for the generous support of the following sponsors and supporters.

We thank all of them sincerely!

Naming Rights Supporter:



Major Sponsors:

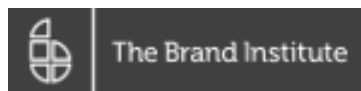


Leg Sponsors:

**PARAWAY**
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WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE LEG SPONSORS!

Supporters:



PC-24

THE SUPER VERSATILE JET



PC-24
THE CRYSTAL CLASS

 Crafted in Switzerland



 **PILATUS** 

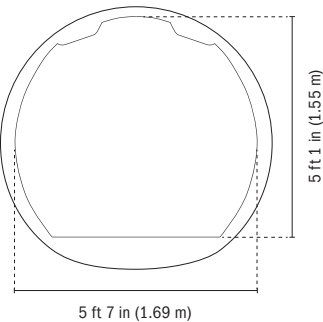
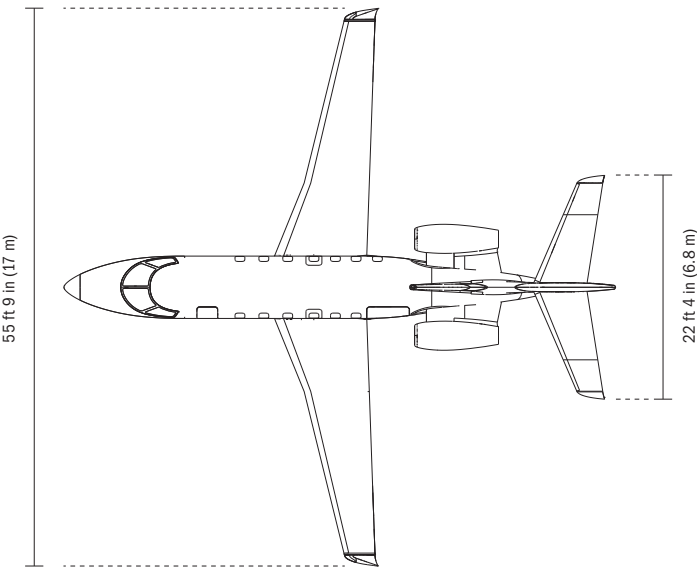
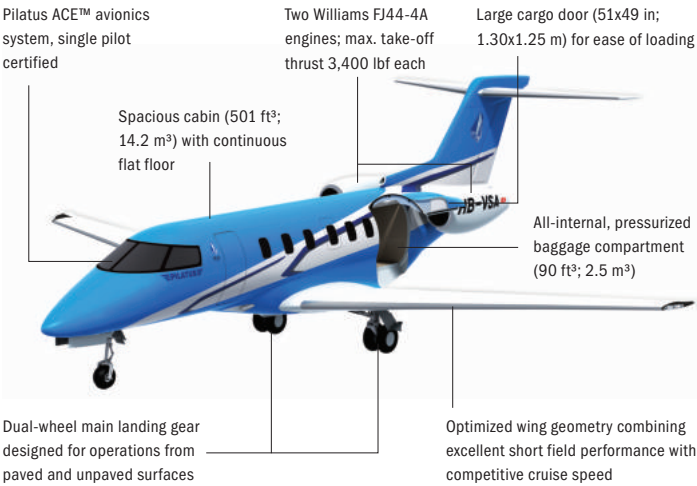
PC-24

THE SUPER VERSATILE JET

The Pilatus PC-24 is the world's first and only Super Versatile Jet. It combines the practicality of a Turboprop with the cabin size of a Medium Light Jet and the performance of a Light Jet.

Its flexible interior and generous cargo door make loading fast and easy. The PC-24 is designed to operate from short, paved and even unpaved surfaces, giving pilots access to more than 21,000 airports worldwide. That's why the PC-24 is a Super Versatile Jet: more runways, more space, more possibilities.

FEATURES



PERFORMANCE

Max. certified altitude	45,000 ft	13,716 m
Balanced field length (MTOW, ISA, sea level, dry paved runway)	2,690 ft	820 m
Rate of climb (sea level)	4,075 fpm	
Max. cruise speed (flight level 300)	min. 425 kTAS	
Range with 4 passengers (800 lb payload, LRC, NBAA IFR reserves of 100 nm + 30 min VFR, LRC, single pilot ops)	1,950 nm	3,610 km
Landing distance over 50 ft obstacle	2,525 ft	770 m
Stall speed (landing configuration, MLW, ISA, sea level)	81 kIAS	

WEIGHTS

Max. take-off weight	17,650 lb	8,005 kg
Max. landing weight	16,250 lb	7,370 kg
Max. payload	2,500 lb	1,135 kg
Max. payload with full fuel	915 lb	415 kg

