

"Come and Get it Trophy"

Having only just joined Gadabout Adventures within the last three months or so, this is all new to me but I love flying and any excuse to go flying interests me!

Keith McGilivray moved to Carnarvon and needed hangar space, I had a hangar and plenty of space so invited him to park his Lightwing in with my Cessna 172 (VH EKU). Apart from learning to bend the elbow a lot more frequently, I have got my ultra light licence and met many of Keith's friends.

One friend in particular, Jim Stitt made two trips to Carnarvon, the second time to retrieve an "RAA Come and Get it Trophy" from Keith. He had picked it up from a bloke on Woodleigh Station south of Carnarvon; to me this seemed a great way to have an excuse to go flying.

Tragically Jim passed away only weeks later as most would be aware, so Keith and I decided to take the C172 to Jandakot to attend the funeral.

Keith suggested on the return journey I may like to pick up the "Come and get it Trophy" from Art and Linda Williams at Lancelin. What an excellent idea. So I contacted Art and arranged the day, time and also got the co-ordinates and we did it. So here are the details of the flight.....

Aircraft: Cessna 172L VH-EKU Pilot: Colin Ferrell Passenger Keith McGilivray.

Trip Detail: January 3rd 2008 we departed Carnarvon at 0930hrs and climbed to 7500' to take advantage of the NE tailwind which helped us along a bit and we arrived in Geraldton just before lunch to refill the plane with 78 litres of avgas. We departed Geraldton at 1300hrs for the coastal trip to Jandakot arriving at 1500hrs. We refilled with 65 litres of avgas.

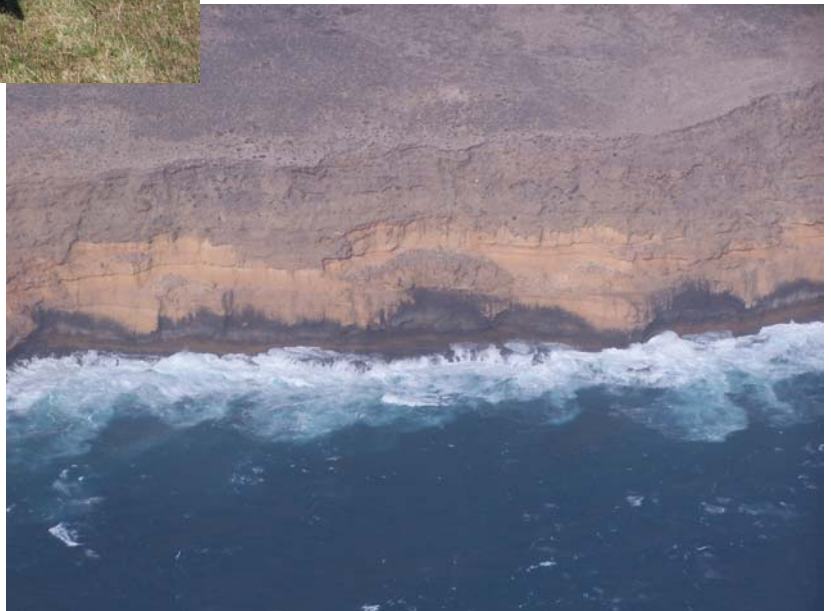
Flight time Carnarvon to Jandakot 4hrs. 36mins.



January 5th 2008 we departed Jandakot 1145hrs. with a pretty strong SW tailwind and tracked via the light aircraft lane north to Lancelin, where we made a right turn heading east for about 10nm to Art and Linda's farm (co-ordinates S 31-10-800 E 115-32-960). The yellow windsock was easy to find and the fact that Keith had flown there in his Lightwing many times made my job easy.

Arthur picked us up in his utility and took us back to have some lunch that Linda had provided. A bit of small talk, a look at the Trophy, I parted with \$50.00 then it was back to the plane for a few photos. Attached are the photos of the first official handover of the "Gadabouts Come and Get it Trophy".

Departed Art and Linda's at about 1430hrs for an uneventful flight to Geraldton with an ever increasing SW wind of about 26kts. Refuelled the plane (72 litres) and had a coffee before departing Geraldton at about 1630. We decided to remain at 1500' to take advantage of the now 30/40kt SW and follow the coast and take in the magnificent scenery particularly the Zuydorp Cliffs. They were great but spoilt by extreme smoke and haze, not many good photos were had unfortunately. Then we tracked directly across Shark Bay keeping water crossings to a minimum distance as we maintained the 1500' all the way to Carnarvon. It was the quickest trip I have ever made between Geraldton and Carnarvon even though we didn't fly direct. Ground speed didn't go under 130kts and at times was registering on both GPS's 153kts.



Flight time Jandakot to Carnarvon via Art and Linda's and the Zuydorp Cliffs was amazingly only 4hrs. 12mins.

The Trophy now resides at 41 Wise Street, Carnarvon W.A. and I am eagerly waiting for an enthusiastic Gadabout Adventurer to "Come and get it".

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Carnarvon Airport Co-ordinates: S 24.52.836 E113.40.337 Elevation 10' Avgas is available.

Arthur has done a superb job of the trophy, it is magnificent. A vinyl bag is provided for it to be transported in when in transit but I have it on display in my work office for all to see.

Colin R. Ferrell