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Virus.

Recently our web site was hacked and whoever did the hacking left a nasty little surprise for whoever logged on. We weren't aware of it for a while as once the mag is finished and loaded we don't go there much but we soon got emails telling us of the problem. We contacted out ISP and together we've fixed it – the site is now safe, though the Trojan wasn't a real nasty, just a pain in the whatname. We had to delete the whole site then reload it all again but this time we'll both keep a close eye on it so it doesn't happen again.

Seems it's a common thing, though what jollies people who do this get from doing it beats me. Surely there's no monetary gain from dumping viruses/trojans onto someone's web site, or if there is, I can't see it. If you've got the smarts to be able to do it surely you could do something worthwhile and make some money. Couldn't you??

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We were given an address which has a program that will check a web site before you log onto it, and if there is virus/trojan on the site it will tell you. And it's FREE!

The site is http://sitecheck.sucuri.net/scanner/

Just log on, then type in the web address you want to check and it will do it for you – all FREE.

We've also been in touch with the company that hosts our site and for an fee they will not monitor out site and guarantee to keep it clean. Each week they send us the following:

Your website is currently being monitored daily and we can confirm in the past seven days we have identified NO issues with your site.

Your current Website Security service includes automatic remediation and removal of identified issues if they occur. If we find a problem, we will let you know and clean it up.

So, you can now log on in the knowledge that your computer will not be affected.

Course Photos

We intend to eventually have copies of as many RAAF courses (with names) as it is possible to obtain. When finished you will be able to search by course name and/or personal name and if your course is there, get a copy. Availability is the big problem, some photos are easy to get others we have to travel to copy but over the coming months we intend to do so. If you have copies of any WRAAF course please send them to us. You can check what we have by going to the <u>www.Radschool.org.au</u> site then click "Course Photos". If you see any errors let us know or if we're missing any names and you can provide them - please do.

Over time the list we've started will be expanded, we hope to be able to include courses that were held at Wagga, Frogers, Pt Cook, Sale etc.

Membership.

Please check the <u>list of names</u> and if you've joined but your name isn't there, please click on the "<u>Join the Association</u>" tag (there's one on the top of each page) fill in the details again and send it to us. If you're not a member and would like to be, do likewise.

Also, if you change your address, or phone numbers or email address, or you just want to say hello, or you want to give us a tongue lashing, you can do so by clicking on the "<u>Contact Us</u>"

tag, also at the top of each page and filling in the details. It's so easy even an instrument fitter could do it, it's all done on line, no printing out forms and no postage.



Over the past couple of months we have been able to put a bunch of people in contact with long lost mates - but that's only because we have your details. Please click on the <u>Join the</u> <u>Association</u> tag and fill it in, the more people that join the more we can match up.

If you want to get the RAM, but don't want to join the association, that's not a problem either. Just click on the "Contact Us" link at the top of each page and fill in the details and tell us to add your email to the list. Then whenever a new edition is released you will be advised.

We don't and won't give out your details to anyone so there is no risk of you being spammed.

Camera.

Recently the DVA. through their generous grants scheme, gave us a grant to enable us to buy some new camera equipment. Up to now we have been using our trusty little Casio "point and shoot" camera, but with the grant money we were able to buy the DSLR Canon latest camera body with a Tamron 18 – 270mm lens and Canon 600EX-



RT Flash unit. We've also bought a carry case, tripod and did a course on how to drive it all – no excuses now.

Reunions.

If you're having a reunion and you would like us to cover it and publish it, let us know and we'll see what can be done.

Errors

Our aim is to have this site error free – but that's probably impossible. But with your help we can. If you see any errors, be they punctuation, spelling, links that don't work, fact wrong etc, please let us know so we can fix them.