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AVIATION AND TRAVEL PUBLICATION



Merry

Christmas



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EDITORIAL APOLOGY

SKYLAND NEWS editorial staff, sincerely, extend their apologies for the late publication date of this magazine.

For some time, industrial problems have, like the 'Times' in London, plagued your editors. Coupled with this, it was necessary for our top literary hacks to attend an advanced training seminar.

They have returned from this with their minds fresh, washed and polished!

We hope, now, that all things are back to normal, but who's to say what is normal? (Don't answer that!)

However, this issue, number 34 replaces issue number 33 which should now be destroyed. This amendment was caused by the fact that we had not taken into account the moonrise in Madagascar, and therefore all previous issues should be disregarded.

This issue will now be our Christmas issue, and this saves us having to do another one this year, though we will have to get our digits out to get our New Year issue ready by April at the latest.

Our astrologist advises us that next year is the Year of the Clown. That's strange, we thought we'd already been through all that!

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If you think you're the answer to aviation,
What was the question?

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THREAT TO AMERICA CUP ?
LOCAL YACHTSMEN SAY NO !

Local yachtsmen, interviewed by our marine reporter, scoffed at reports that aviation personality Peter Sharpe and his recently acquired yacht would be any threat to the America Cup. Sun bronzed, keen eyed veterans of the world's oceans predicted the reverse in that the only threat would be Sharpie himself.

A spokesman for the official body, the Marine Stubby Openers Association, likened it to the recent disaster that befell the "Torrey Channel" in the English Channel. This vessel had to be bombed to clear the wreckage for navigation, whereas Sharpie and his crew were all that time and bother by being bombed before they go out.

In another local disaster, heroes Wyche and Stero confounded all sceptics in their successful attempt at sinking the good ship "Ramona".

This is to be considered a commendable achievement in that the "Ramona" is considered to be unsinkable!

When we consider the record of Unterseeboot Kapitaine Admiral Otto Kretschmer, the most successful U-Boat Commander of the Second World War, who sank 226,629 tons of shipping within an eighteen month period, the achievement of our erstwhile sailors to sink half a ton in 20 seconds is, in itself, quite outstanding.

Our happy sailor boys spent many happy hours clinging to the upturned keel before being rescued by a passing lakatoi.

What memorable conversation passed between these two has not yet been revealed. Let us hope it is locked forever in the labyrinth of their memories.

AVIATION TECHNOLOGY MADE EASY
A GUIDE FOR THE LAYMAN

As always, SKYLAND NEWS is anxious to simplify the approach to aviation, and in order to assist in this respect, we, once again, publish a selection of aviation terms clearly explained.....

ALTIMETER SETTING: The place where the altimeter sets, usually hidden behind the control column during tight instrument approaches.

BANK: The people who hold the mortgage over the airline.

CARBURETTOR ICE: Phrase used by pilots when explaining an accident caused by fuel starvation.

DEAD RECKONING: You reckon correctly or you are.

ENGINE FAILURE: A condition that occurs when your fuel tanks are full of air.

FIREWALL: A section of the aircraft specially designed to allow all engine heat and smoke to enter the cockpit.

I.F.R. Flying by needle ball and ripcord.

LANDING FLAP: A 6,000ft landing roll on a 5,000ft runway.

OVERHAUL: Cleaning the front plugs and adding a tin of upper lube.

MAJOR OVERHAUL: Cleaning all the plugs, and painting the crankcase.

RICH MIXTUR: 7 parts Gin
1 part Vermouth

STABLE AIR: An atmosphere tinged with the aroma of fertiliser, as in the vicinity of Tangfu Towers.

WHICH DECK ?

With so many old families claiming to have come out on the First Fleet, one tends to wonder which deck they travelled on. This is just a nautical thought, as our literary staff are now very naughty minded.

Suppose some of those people did come out on the First Fleet, and we can only presume that some of them must have travelled on the poop deck, and some on the main deck etc etc etc.....

Is it because of this ingrained heritage that it is becoming fashionable to travel, or at least want to travel on the General Deck ?????

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HIGH MORALE

Pilot morale with Air Yugimi appears to be at its highest for some time an airline member reported recently.

This is a follow on of good aircraft types to fly, though this is often negated by the high unserviceability factor, good salaries, though as salaries are a major talking point with pilots, it is necessary to claim to be underpaid. Improved housing, though the tediousness of having to bid has been withdrawn, and a genuine love and faith with the management has all done wonders to improve pilot morale.

In fact, it has been reported, at least two pilots were seen recently smiling!

Later reports show that these two pilots were smiling because they had just resigned!

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SPIV: Person living by petty exploitation of the community!

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CARNEGIE'S THEORUM ?



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A recent air disaster caused the manufacturer to telex all operators requesting that they "ground" the dc10 due to a structural problem.

One operator we heard of replied that as they did not operate the dc10 but to comply with the directive they would ground two dc3's and one dc4!

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The best Xmas Spirit is in a bottle!

GOLD PRICES SOAR

Gold prices reached an all time high on the stock exchanges of the world recently when Air Yugimi announced several new promotions to Captain. The extra gold braid required for these commands, coupled with the extra braid required to complete the summer ensemble designed by Hardy & Sons has resulted in a shortage of gold on the world markets, hence the inflationary price.

A secondary result of this gold braid shortage has been to limit the promotions of other airlines, and in some case prevent the further recruitment of pilots. The ability to mix a colour in with the gold has not precluded Flight Engineer employment prospects with other airlines.

Another 'fringe' benefit has been the advice recieved from the suppliers that there is, at this moment, no shortage of stars, moons, planets etc for astronauts and other high fliers!

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OVERHEARD IN THE GATEWAY.

"It would have to be one of the worst run airlines in the world! The only time it ran on time was when I wan't to travel on it, and I missed it

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ENGINEERING INGENUITY

Our congratulations to the ingenuity shown by one of Air Niugini's engineering fraternity, who, after having his little sleep in his car outside the 'Ettamogah', awoke to find himself locked in! A trusty pair of side cutters solved the problem.
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OUR HEROES OF THE

CAPTAIN THUNDER &

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ARE ON LEAVE VISITING
CENTRES IN MANILA -
BANGKOK - PATTAYA - B
HONOLULU - WAIKIKI - L
TIMES SQUARE - FISHERMAN'S
SOHO - KARANGHAPE ROAD
AND WILL BRING YOU THE

BOTTLE AND BOTTLE

F/O RETCH



MAY YOUR NEW
YEAR BE FULL OF
CHEER & BEER!

CULTURAL

ANGELES CITY -

GI ST. - BLOOM BAR.

- SAN FRANCISCO

HARF - HOLLYWOOD & VINE

AN CHAI - LES GIRLS

SORDID DETAILS IN JAN!

CHEAP FARE SCANDAL LOOMS

A spokesman for the Interline Air Travellers Association (IATA) said today, that some airlines have been making direct approaches to airline staff, offering cheap fares, and in some cases completely free travel. Interliners have been refusing these offers with a strong sense of righteousness.

"Just because we are thousands of miles away from home, and no chance of getting through the correct channels to get rebated tickets, there is no way we can accept these airlines offering us special fares or any other inducement to travel." He added, "Any further instances of this kind of behaviour being reported to us will result in that airline being struck off our list of Christmas cards."

It is believed that such strong threats, unparalleled in the history of aviation, will soon bring these unscrupulous airlines to their senses.

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POINT TO PONDER

If, as we are told, concessional air travel is not a right but a privilege, why then is it advertised as an employment perquisite?

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NEW LEVEL AIRLINE

With so much increased activity happening on the top floor of Tangfu Towers, would we be right in referring to it as a 'Fourth Level Airline'?

BANNS

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Our Social Reporter sent us a cutting from a leading Southern competitor, announcing that a well known athletic Femme is retiring from the sport to settle down as a wife and Mother!

It is further believed that when the TV news crew arrived for the interview, the prospective hubby hid inelegantly under the bed. Camera shy?

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Another well known aviator recently stated that he was seriously considering posting the Banns, but due to the high cost of stamps these days, he may have to delay the event somewhat!

We here at Skyland News have full rights to this coming event which we believe will displace Ranier' caroline from the annuls of social granduer and opulence. Monaco will have nothing on downtown POM when Mal does the deed-so watch these pages for full details of the coming event

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Rumour has it that dear Uncle Crissy is seriously considering purchasing a mode of water transport, (not Buffulo!) to deliver "speedy memos" to vessels around the harbour!

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LIFE SUBSCRIPTION

Our Accounts division recently received the first life membership subscription from no other than Arthur Johnson, who retired from PNG aviation to take delivery of his personal yacht, built for a undisclosed sum in the southern states of US of A!

No! He did not pay in dubloons or silver from far lost Spanish Galleons, but he did proffer the pricely sum of 1\$ in East Caribbean Currency. Possibly found in the pocket of some second hand clothes he purchased!

His Address! 9 - 420 Madeira Ave, Orlando,
Florida 32807
US of A

HAPPY SAILING!

FORWARD THINKING 5½

At a recent managerial conference it was decided that, in future, more time was to be spent in planning ahead. Bringing SKYLAND NEWS into line with some of the other big businesses around wasn't easy, but we are now up to the stage that we can plan as far forward into the future as to where we are going to have lunch today!

Managerial conferences are to be limited to not more than three questions about crossword clues, and more time is to be allocated to actually running the business.

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FREE BOOZE

We notice, with interest, the policy of some air carriers, to supply free drinks to their passengers whenever they are placed in the embarrassing position of running late. This embarrassment can be overcome to some degree by operating at a re-scheduled time, which, of course is just a euphemism for running late, but it obviates the need to come up with the free booze.

If it wasn't for this, plus the fact that you know who doesn't have firewater on its domestic services any more, wonder who would be the first airline to go broke just through supplying free drinks to its passengers every time the flight ran late?

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WHEEL O' FORTUNE!

Some sage once said, "When the wheel of fortune revolves, make sure that you are not caught underneath!"

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IRISH CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. Vegetable(pl)
2. Sheep(fem.pl)
3. Female Poultry(pl)
4. Oceans.
5. Letters often dropped.

DOWN

1. To hit with fist.
2. For making holes in leather.
3. Centre....(tool)
4. You hurt your knuckles when you do this.
5. A mixed drink.

ANSWERS ON PAGE 37.

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TO SMUGGLE: The operation of bringing goods into a Country clandestinely to avoid the payment of duty!

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JOE'S JOLLY

The Boeing looked magnificent.
A sight for all to see
And by this time tomorrow
She would be in Waikiki.

Festivities were under way
The conversation loud
And no-one saw the small and furtive figure
In the crowd.

And who could have suspected
As they tossed the bubbly down
He soon would have the title
"The Most Famous Man in Town".

For this was Joe Arazi
Known from Wewak to Manumu
The man who would make history
On the flight to Honolulu.

The terminal was brightly lit
With posters it was plastered
A desperate plan formed in his mind
"I'll get on board this bastard".

Bert Wickham with his gun and club
Looked like a former Nazi
Our hero muttered to himself
"He won't stop Joe Arazi".

As Joe munched on his chicken wings
And drained glass after glass
He mingled with the revellers
And pinched a boarding pass.

Now Joe had long desired this trip
And didn't wish to spoil it
To guarantee his privacy
He'd travel in the toilet.

JOE'S cont.

Perhaps he would have pulled it off
And nothing found amiss
Except for people screaming
"Christ! I'm busting for a piss!"

Now Garry when he heard the news
He nearly had a chunder
For he was horror stricken
At Bert Wickham's latest blunder.

"A stowaway" he cried in rage
"This surely is a stunt"
"Here take the stick, I'm going back"
"To kill the little ".

So Joe was frog-marched down the aisle
His face a mask of bliss
"You really must forgive me Sir -
You see I'm full of piss".

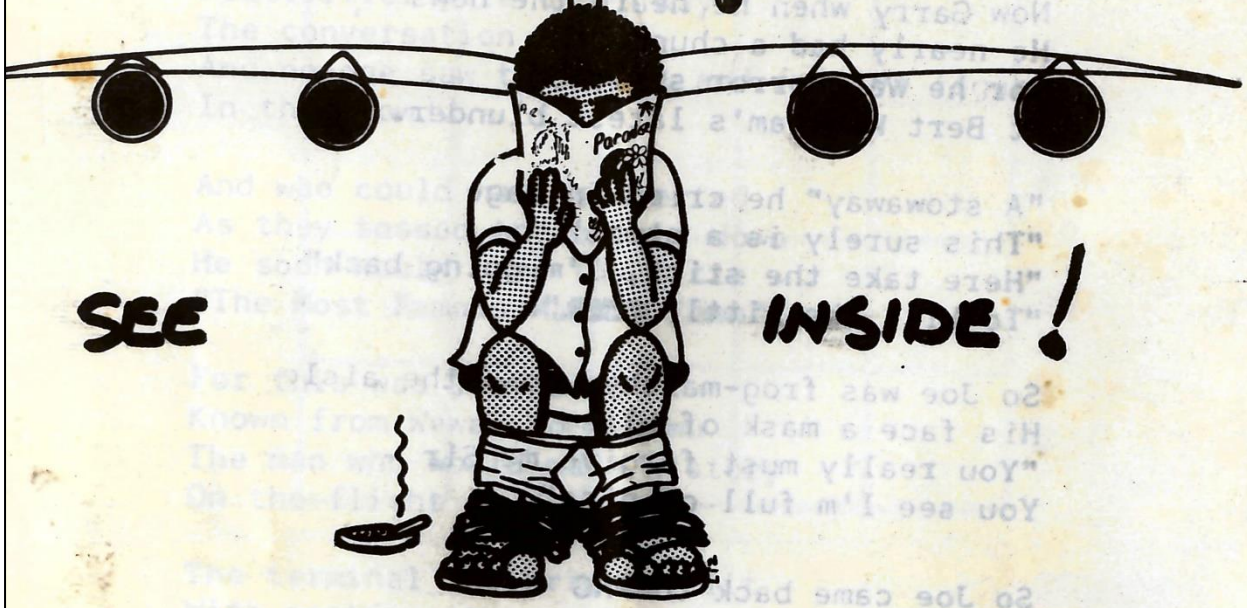
So Joe came back to PNG
His character with stains
He said "Don't go economy
You do the trip in chains".

So Joe was marched in under guard
To face the great Joe Wal
Said Joe "I'll go with Qantas next
Your rooms are much too small".

So tourists all, when next you fly
No matter where you go
Don't stuff around with airline staff
Be sure to book through Joe.

hawaii
or BUST!

... **JOE'S** **JOLLY** ...



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INSIDE!

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4	C	C	C	C	C
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