

GAFFA

The Modern Aerophilatelic challenge

**Are you up to the Challenge in Modern
Aerophilately**

from 1945 - 20??

Join Now - Enter Now before it is too late.

January 2012 Coordinator and Editor Ross Wood

Ninth Edition

How the Challenge is going

I believe the challenge is going very well and I have the following exhibits making a total of 14 entries making up 61 frames. If your name is not on the list below you still have time.

Sanford	Kendall	Air Crash Mail of Pan American Airways & Affiliated Airlines
Bromser	Charles	From Rocket Plane to Space Shuttle
Lucaci	John	The Evolution of French Airlines and Postal Aviation Post World War II - 1945-1970
Genge	Erica	The Untold Story - The Qantas Coronation Day Flight Transcontinental Flights between Russia and Antarctica
Marshall	Ross	Antarctica McMurdo-Vostok Flights
Marshall	Ross	Kenya, Uganda Tanganyika Airmails 1945-1970
Vernall	Sue	The World's First Jet Airliner, the De Havilland Comet 106
Graber Wood	Michael Ross	Czechoslovakia from 1945 Indian Ocean Islands 1945- 1974
Haynes	Bruce	Qantas International competitors during Hudson Fysh's tenure
Wolf	Ed	Australian Balloon Mail 1966- 2004
Sadler Smith McMahon	John Dingle Ian	Post 1945 Jamaican Airmail Canada Airmails from 1945

As you can see the subjects are diverse without any duplication. There is still time to enter as the closing of entries has been extended to 31st January 2012.

Attached is a copy of the prospectus and entry form for the Centennial Exhibition or are available on the web-site www.p-s-w-a.com and a copy of this newsletter will also be available on the websites www.apf.org.au and www.fisa-web.com as are all the previous newsletters. If you receive this newsletter and are not on the list it is for your information as well as passing it on to whoever you think may be interested. The more entries we received the greater the challenge will become.

This is a repeat of the update of the exhibition.. There will be a welcome evening on Thursday 17th at the Claremont Yacht Club from 6pm, with busses leaving the Robinson Pavilion at 5.45pm for the Yacht Club and picking people up at 9pm approximately to return them to the Claremont Station or back to the City to the "official hotel".

The official is the Ibis Hotel in Murray Street Perth where we have negotiated a rate of \$230 per double/twin room. All of the Commissioners/Jury will be staying there and on the Saturday night the Palmares will be held in the Salt Room at that hotel. I have tried to negotiate other deals but it is impossible to beat some of the online resellers such as the one that I use all the time around the world "Hotels.com". Normally they will require full payment up front but if you book early you may be able to get a better deal than the Ibis. However, the Ibis may have rooms when the others run out at the rate negotiated.

Hotels within a five minute walk of the Ibis and the Perth railway station are Seasons of Perth Hotel Pier Street, Comfort Inn Wentworth Plaza, Miss Maudes Hotel, Aarons Hotel and Parmelia Hotel. There are other hotels a further distance (about 10 minutes from the Ibis and the railway station namely All Seasons Perth, Murray Hotel Perth, Ambassadors Hotel, Mercure Hotel, Travelodge, Novatel Langley and Comfort Inn. These are all listed on the Hotels.com website at prices less than the Ibis, but dates are not given for the rates shown. You must remember that Perth is the gateway to the mining area of WA and at times hotels can be difficult to obtain at a reasonable price. There are also hotels in Fremantle but be sure to book those near the railway station if you wish to stay there around the "Capuccino strip". There are also cheaper Motels on the way into the city from the airport but as that road is being upgraded and widened during the next year, though you might find something cheaper it may not be a bargain. On the other hand you could stay there and hire a car for the same amount as staying in the city or Fremantle.

Now for what is going on at the exhibition. The exhibition will be officially opened on Thursday 17th May at 10am. On Thursday it will remain open until 5.30pm, and the drinks and nibblies will be available for those that are invited or have purchased a ticket, with a bus leaving from outside the Robinson Pavilion. At around 3pm there will be a meeting of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria for members, guests and potential members

Friday the exhibition will open at 10am with there being two things on that day though not all at the exhibition. There will be a trip to the Aviation Heritage Museum Bullcreek for GAFFA exhibitors and others at a cost yet to be determined etc. There will very likely an onsite Auction commencing at 5.30pm (the closing time of the exhibition). The auction house to run the auction is yet to be determined. Otherwise it is free evening if you do not wish to go to GAFFA or the Auction.

Ken Sanford has advised that he has found accommodation and will be arriving in Perth/Fremantle as follows:

" I am going to arrive on 12 May. I plan to rent a car for three days, probably the 13th, 14th & 15th, and go to The Pinnacles one day, Wave Rock another day, and possibly the wine district south of Perth another day. Anyone attending the Gaffa

Challenge is welcome to join me and share the car expense. If anyone is interested, they should email me.”

Ken’s email is kareophil@gmail.com

The list of challengers is as follows:

CURRENT CHALLENGERS

Bernard Beston	British Guiana
Bruce Haynes	Indian Ocean Airmails– Already Entered
Boon Swee Yen	Malaysian 1945-65
Colin Riddell	Cocos Island 1945-1957
David Figg	Polar Flights
Dingle Smith	Jamaica– Already Entered
Erica Genge	Coronation Flights– Already Entered
Gary Brown	Aden 1945-1965
Ian McMahan	Canada– Already Entered
John Lucaci	France– Already Entered
John Sadler	Australian Balloon Mail 1966 ...– Already Entered
Ken Sanford	Air Crash Mail of Pan Am and Affiliated Airlines 1945 to 1988 – Already Entered
Phillip Levine	Gold Coast
Torsten Weller	Re-Opening Australian Airmails 1945-60
Charles Bromser	From Rocket Plane to Space Shuttle – already entered
Ross Wood	Czechoslovakia 1945 to 1970– Already Entered
John Tollan	Burma Airmails 1945-1988
Yvette and Jeff Trinidad	TBA
Chris Lloyd	TBA
Michael Graber	De Havilland Comet – First Jet Airliner– Already Entered
Ed Wolf	Qantas International Competition during the reign of Hudson Fysh– Already Entered
Wes Jones	TBA
Michael Dodd	TBA
Ross Marshall	Soviet Antarctic Flights– Already Entered

The simple rules are as follows:

RULES OF THE CHALLENGE

I see the challenge as governed by the following (minimal) rules and guidelines

- Study of mail carried by air from 1945 until today.
- Based on Aerophilately exhibiting rules
- Single frame or 3 to 8 frames
- Anyone can enter
- The Challenge will be held as part of the National Exhibition Perth(Claremont) in Western Australia in 17-20 May 2012
- Does NOT have to be a new exhibit
- Novice (first time National) exhibitors will get special recognition at the formal challenge dinner.

Ross Wood