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# The Beacon



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## *Laurelle's (Ian's) Musings*

What does EMO stand for? What does OMG mean? Name 4 current music genres that the youth of today would listen to. What were the youth issues in your day?

These and other questions were included in a quick written survey conducted at last week's meeting on the occasion of National Youth Week.

Our guest speakers, courtesy of Kim Bush in her capacity as Eurobodalla Shire Youth Co-ordinator, were Mitchell Shaw from Carroll College and Shelby Fitzhardinge from Narooma High School.

(Shelby is the sister of Nick Fitzhardinge who was a winner of our Tertiary Scholarship about 4 years ago.)

Both these fine young people represented the Shire Youth Council which is organising the Youth Week activities at Moruya, with special emphasis on 'Amplify, Battle of the Bands' which last year was so successful.

We were very pleased to see Kevin back with us with the great news that son Mick is now home after a life threatening brain bleed a week ago. We believe the ambulance both road and chopper did an outstanding job in getting Mick to Canberra for emergency attention and it confirms that our continuing support for these medical services is vital for the wellbeing of all in the community.

The club's very best wishes go to Mick for a full recovery.

No guest speaker tonight, but I suspect that President Laurelle will make up for that with tales from her motorcycling experience over the past 2 weeks.

VP Ian (now retired from the chair)

**APRIL IS ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH**

## *Program*

**Tonight:** Board meeting

<b>TASK</b>	<b>17 April</b>	<b>24 April</b>	<b>31 April</b>
<b>Greet /welcome/wheel</b>	Bob Aston	Jack Wightman	Kevin Young
<b>Cashier</b>	Jack Wightman	Kevin Young	Lin Morey
<b>Toast / thanks</b>	Bill Hardie	Lin Morey	Angie Urichsen
<b>4-way test</b>	Lin Morey	Angie Urichsen	Phil Gaffney
<b>3-minute talk</b>	Angie Urichsen	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey
<b>FINES</b>	Phil Gaffney	Tony Fahey	Chris O'Brien
<b>Introduction</b>	Tony Fahey	Chris O'Brien	Ian Thomlinson

*If you can't make it to the next Rotary meeting, please ring our attendance officer Ted Bladwell the day before on 4476 4676 or you will be charged for your meal. (R) signifies a Rotary talk, if you can.*

**COMING EVENTS: Next Week – TBC**

27 April	<b>Narooma Rotary Markets at NATA Oval</b>
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### *From the international Service Director*

#### **Key Indian state turns the tide against polio**

Last year, Uttar Pradesh not only accounted for nearly 40% of India's 864 polio cases but more than a quarter of those worldwide. If current trends continue, however, India's most populous state will no longer qualify as the "poliovirus capital of the world" as some health experts have called it.

80% of Uttar Pradesh's 339 polio cases occurred in the Muslim community in 2007. A Rotary-led initiative helped to drop that rate to 30% of 20 cases during the first three months of 2008.

Overseeing the state's effort to end polio is the Ulema Committee for Polio Eradication, established by RI in July 2007. (Ulemas are leading Muslim experts in Islamic law.) Nearly 200 Muslim clerics and school representatives were given a booklet published by India's National PolioPlus Committee which linked polio immunisation to the duties of parents as explained in the Quran.

Ulema Committee members have visited districts in Uttar Pradesh that reported large numbers of polio cases and convinced parents that the polio vaccine was safe and not contrary to Islam.

In February, The Rotary Foundation awarded US\$5.65 million to the World Health Organisation and UNICEF for social activities and operational support focussed on more than 4,300 high-risk communities in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The Foundation disbursed the funds from the \$100 million challenge grant it had received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

### *Rotary magazines: Getting the word out*

April is Magazine Month, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians.

The Rotary World Magazine Press consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to *The Rotarian*, Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as *Vida Rotaria* (Argentina), *Rotary in Bulgaria*, and *The Rotary-no-Tomo* (Japan).

The RI Bylaws require all club members to subscribe to *The Rotarian* or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, district governors, and club presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or region by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts.

Look for a new international supplement edition in the pages of *The Rotarian* early in the 2008-09 Rotary year. The eight-page supplement, to be produced for all official Rotary magazines, will highlight Rotary's work on the global stage. Ahmet Tükel, editor of *Rotary Dergisi*, the Turkish magazine, says the special edition represents a step forward. "The supplement will help promote a unified and global image of the organization," he notes, "and show how collaboration of editors from different parts of the world can help put together a tool for communicating the strength and appeal of Rotary International."

## *Funny Side*

### **INERTIAL GUIDANCE SYSTEM SIMPLIFIED**

We are not sure who the author of the following article is, however we feel that the article is one of the best, clearly defined descriptions of the magic that resides within the aircraft's black boxes.

The aircraft knows where it is at all times. It knows this because it knows where it isn't. By subtracting where it is from where it isn't, or where it isn't from where it is (whichever is the greater), it obtains a difference, or deviation.

The Inertial Guidance System uses deviations to generate error signal commands which instruct the aircraft to move from a position where it is to a position where it isn't, arriving at a position where it wasn't, or now is. Consequently, the position where it is, is now the position where it wasn't; thus, it follows logically that the position where it was is the position where it isn't.

In the event that the position where the aircraft now is, is not the position where it wasn't, the Inertial Guidance System has acquired a variation. Variations are caused by external factors, the discussions of which are beyond the scope of this report.

A variation is the difference between where the aircraft is and where the aircraft wasn't. If the variation is considered to be a factor of significant magnitude, a correction may be applied by the use of the autopilot system. However, use of this correction requires that the aircraft now knows where it was because the variation has modified some of the information which the aircraft has, so it is sure where it isn't.

Nevertheless, the aircraft is sure where it isn't (within reason) and it knows where it was. It now subtracts where it should be from where it isn't, where it ought to be from where it wasn't (or vice versa) and integrates the difference with the product of where it shouldn't be and where it was; thus obtaining the difference between its deviation and its variation, which is variable constant called "error".

### **Air Force maintenance**

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

Problem: "Left inside main tire almost needs replacement."

Solution: "Almost replaced left inside main tire."

Problem: "Test flight OK, except autoland very rough."

Solution: "Autoland not installed on this aircraft."

Problem: "The autopilot doesn't."

Signed off: "IT DOES NOW."

Problem: "Something loose in cockpit."

Solution: "Something tightened in cockpit."

Problem: "Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear."

Solution: "Evidence removed."

Problem: "DME volume unbelievably loud."  
Solution: "Volume set to more believable level."

Problem: "Dead bugs on windshield."  
Solution: "Live bugs on order."

Problem: "Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent."  
Solution: "Cannot reproduce problem on ground."

Problem: "IFF inoperative."  
Solution: "IFF inoperative in OFF mode."

Problem: "Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick."  
Solution: "That's what they're there for."

Problem: "Number three engine missing."  
Solution: "Engine found on right wing after brief search."



**And these ones are reputed to be from QANTAS.**

Problem: "The problem logged by the pilot."  
Solution: "The solution and action taken by the engineers."

Problem: "No.2 propeller seeping prop fluid."  
Solution: "No. 2 propeller seepage normal. No 1, 3 & 4 propellers lack normal seepage."

Problem: "Suspected crack in windscreen."  
Solution: "Suspect you're right."

Problem: "Aircraft handles funny."  
Solution: "Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious."

Problem: "Target radar hums."  
Solution: "Reprogrammed target radar with words."

Problem: "Mouse in cockpit."  
Solution: "Cat installed"

### *International Toast*

Going across to the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador we fly in to the Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay. This establishment is the successor to RCAF activity in World War II and subsequent USAF involvement in its expansion. The nearby town of Happy Valley merged with the military community of Goose Bay in 1974 to form the town after which the Rotary club is named.

The Rotary Club of Happy Valley - Goose Bay, NL in District 7820 was chartered in 1989 and has 36 members