



Aviation Historical Society of Australia (NSW) inc Airmail Centenary Commemoration Group

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A one-page summary of the re-enactment flight as at 10/07/2014 7:35 AM

1. Two mail-carrying aircraft and an escort aircraft form the nucleus of the flight:
 - a. An Australian-made, Australian-designed Jabiru light aircraft carrying a similar load to that carried by Guillaux, flown by Owen Zupp (John Fowles of Albury has had to withdraw for family reasons).
 - b. A relay of other aircraft, generally of historic interest, carrying the Australia Post philatelic material.
 - c. Other philatelic material may be carried in either aircraft or in the escort aircraft. Details of this are still being planned and input regarding possibilities is welcome.
2. The route will be Essendon / Mangalore / Benalla / Wangaratta / Albury (overnight, dinner and accommodation at Thurgoona Country Club), Wagga Wagga, Temora, Harden (overnight dinner and accommodation at Carrington Hotel – Guillaux stayed here 2 nights in 1914 – then Goulburn, Mittagong, Bankstown (lunch at Australian Aviation Museum) then final destination to be arranged in central Sydney. The idea of landing in Centennial Park, even by helicopter, has proven to be far too costly even if CASA / Airservices permission is obtained. Final reception will be at Bastille Day celebration, organised by French Consulate, Powerhouse Museum, Sydney.
3. A fly-over of Sydney Harbour is being planned for lunchtime / early afternoon of Monday 14 July. Contact for this Judy Rainsford, judy rainsford@hotmail.com.
4. All the above is subject to minor change depending on emerging circumstances.
5. Times stated etc are subject to change if weather is below VFR, and contingency plans are being made accordingly. There may have to be improvisation on the day.
6. There have already been some very successful commemorative events
 - a. The centenary flypast over Newcastle by the Luskintyre Aero Museum on 25 April
 - b. The Seaplane day conducted by SPAA on 8 May to commemorate the first seaplane flight in Australia
 - c. Powerhouse PDC open weekend, Castle Hill, 14 and 15 June
 - d. Sydney launch of the Guillaux stamps, Australian Aviation Museum Bankstown 5pm-7pm Wednesday 2 July.

For full information on the airmail re-enactment go to

<http://lockoweb.com/08%20the%20event/index.htm>

From Friday morning this website will be streaming information about the flight giving the latest position of aircraft and news of en-route activities.