

Wings Over Illawarra - May 5

Wings Over Illawarra is certainly a must-see for all you aircraft enthusiasts. There is more than enough time to see all the exhibits (8.30am arrival and 5.00pm departure) and the aerial displays are excellent.

If you love the sound of a V12 Merlin-engined Spitfire, Hurricane or Mustang roaring past (hey, who doesn't?) then WOI is for you!

There's others - RAAF C-17 Glodemaster III, Paul Bennett in his Wolf Pitts Pro, Russian Roolettes, the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation (aka F 86 with improvements) Sabre - the list was (almost) endless.

Bob Gilliland, Scott Barraclough, Jeff Burchell, Les Whale and Ray Davies (in his Chev) from the club were there, not as many as in previous years but there was a reason for that.

The organisers moved the 'classic cars' section of WOI from its fairly prominent position in past years to well behind other exhibits. The 'old' location was left as vacant land (difficult to comprehend the change). This resulted in a number of owners deciding not to attend - why show your car when few people will view it?

Two periods of rain and high crosswinds at times played havoc with the flying display. The organisers did well to get so many aircraft into the air throughout the day to do their displays. In all, a good day for aircraft enthusiasts.

Photos: Les Whale



**Above: our club line-up at WOI
Below: Hercules transport plane in a (very) low pass...**



**Old and new: C-47 (DC3) with the
BAE Systems Hawk 127**

Paul Bennett in his Wolf Pitts Pro - stunning!

