



News from the Uiver Memorial DC-2 Restoration Project.

A vital piece for the cockpit

As the restoration of the fuselage of the memorial DC-2 reaches the pointy end, efforts are turning to the cockpit with the completion of a vital component. The cockpit-wide mounting that will eventually carry the dual control yokes has been totally rebuilt, a task that took five weeks. Although it will be mostly hidden behind the instrument panel, the mounting is an integral part of the cockpit rebuild and represents another step towards the restoration of the DC-2 as the centrepiece of the Uiver museum.



The damaged yoke mounting that was taken out of the aircraft...



...and the rebuilt mounting ready to be returned to the cockpit.

The refurbishment of the fuselage's outer skin is almost complete and will literally be shining brightly by the hangar's annual open day in October. Meanwhile, work dismantling the wing centre section is continuing as almost every aluminium stringer will have to be replaced, so corroded were the components after so many years exposed to the elements.



Most of the stringers in the wing centre section have to be replaced.

The wing centre section is a key part of the aircraft. Housing the landing gear and carrying the engines, it bears most of the weight even before the outer wing sections are bolted on.

Join the crew with our kids' quiz

A quiz that will take the kids on an exploration around the hangar is just one of the activities to amuse the young enthusiasts at the Uiver open day on Saturday, October 28. The answers to the 10 questions can all be found in the hangar and whoever completes the quiz will be made an Uiver crew

member – with a badge to prove it.

The open day is an opportunity to tell the Uiver story and show the progress that has been made on the restoration of the memorial DC-2 but this year the activities have been expanded to offer something for the whole family.

For the younger children, there will be a colouring contest and for Lego fans, the Bricks on the Border Lego group will be back, with Geoff Reid planning a surprise creation after his scene of the Uiver landing at the racecourse was such a big hit last year.

The Murray Railway Modellers will mount a model railway display, which draws as many adults as it does kids, and for even more serious modellers, the Twin Cities Aero Modellers will show some of their remote-control aircraft.

A new audio-visual display featuring the 1934 air race, the Uiver's landing at the racecourse and the restoration of the memorial DC-2 will also be given its first airing and also on display will be some of the more than 200 Uiver artefacts, now being catalogued at the hangar and which will feature in the museum being developed alongside the DC-2.

Aviation enthusiasts will be able to add to their library with a sale of 2500 books, all of which are just \$5. The books come from the estate of Keith Meggs, a former fighter pilot, charter pilot, historian and author, who died in March last year at 94.

As well as hot food, tea, coffee and drinks, also on sale will be a range of Uiver merchandise, such as coffee mugs, drink holders, caps, beanies and postcards which, with the Give A Rivet campaign, is a key fundraiser for the restoration project which is dependent on community support. Cash is

preferred.

The open day will run from 10am to 2pm, with admission by gold coin donation. The hangar is in Bristol Court at the south-western edge of the Albury airport.



A pennant from the 1934 air race from Rob Paul's collection.

Cataloguing our rare collection begins

A collection of Uiver souvenirs is now being catalogued as part of the museum that will be housed in the restoration hangar. There are between 200 and 250 items in the collection, including photographs, books, postcards and letters.

As well featuring the London to Melbourne air race that brought the KLM DC-2 to Albury – for instance, a book on the race written by Uiver pilot Koehne Dirk Parmentier – the collection also includes rare links to our DC-2's commercial airline career, such as a blanket from its days with Eastern Airlines in the US. Eastern Airline operated the DC-2 until 1941 when it was one of 10 bought by Australia for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Many air race items were collected by Uiver enthusiast Rob Paul, a Dutchman now living in Spain, who has taken a keen interest in the Albury restoration and museum project. The Eastern Airlines memorabilia was collected by Miami high school teacher Alan Crockwell and brought to Albury by Albury and District Historical Society member Claire Doolan. Our DC-2 regularly flew the Miami to New York route.



Coins, badges, medals and lapel pins depict the Uiver's achievement.

Vale: Bob van der Weyde

A long-time volunteer on the restoration of the memorial DC-2, Bob van der Weyde, passed away on Saturday, August 19. Although he had retired from the hangar, he occasionally paid us a visit for a chat and a cuppa.

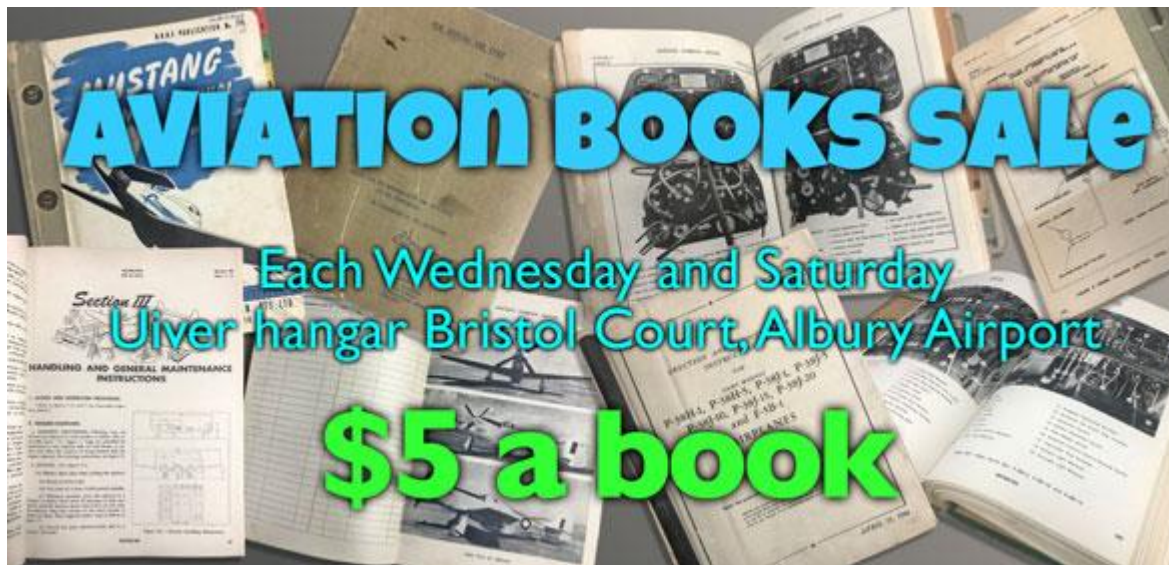
He last visited about five weeks ago, a gentleman with a cheeky grin who will be missed. Bob was admitted to hospital and passed away soon after. Our condolences to his family.

Most important part of the plane

Just like the fuselage, which is almost complete, the next step in restoring the memorial DC-2, the centre wing section, will need every rivet we can get. Already, thousands of rivets have been donated but more are needed. This is why the Give A Rivet fundraiser never loses its importance. It is a simple way to support the project, each rivet is worth \$2 and every dollar will find its way into the DC-2 that will become the centrepiece of the Uiver museum.

You can use the QR code below or the [Give A Rivet button on our website](#).





Help us spread the word

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A small effort could have a big impact.



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