

## PROMISING START

An Australian aviation company is about to mark a minor but significant milestone. Sometime during the currency of this issue the first commercially-operated Whitney Boomerang will mark its first 1000 hours of operation – not bad going for just over two years of service. Dean Wilson Aviation managing director, Gary Dean, says the aircraft has performed impeccably for the first 1000 hours of its 22,000 hour design life. ‘All we’ve had to do is recalibrate a fuel sender reader: there have been no issues with airframe, avionics or engine,’ he said.

During the aircraft’s first two years in service with a West Australian flying school maximum take-off weight for the type was able to be increased from 825 to 850kg.

The Boomerang is designed as a primary flight trainer, similar in many respects to the respected, but ageing Piper Tomahawk, but with innovations including a steel tube safety cage for the side-by-side cockpit. This was tested for a 12g impact at the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority’s Rosebery crash laboratory in Sydney.

The aircraft uses tried and true aviation technology. Airframe construction is conventional stressed skin aluminium, primary instruments are mechanical, and power comes from the venerable Lycoming IO-235 engine that has been around in one form or another since 1949. Dean Wilson Aviation plans to build a more powerful IO-320- engine model with a constant speed propeller for use as an IFR and navigation trainer.



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