
Still Flying

Sir, - Random Notes -
RAAF News May 1976 under
the heading "STILL FLYING"
referred to Vampire A79-62
with 2925 hours in 10 years of
service. Also Macchi A7-109
having logged 2997 hours since
June 1968.

Here are some interesting facts
which might constitute some
kind of record and which you
might publish. I'm sure they will
be of interest to ex-air crew of No.
86T Wing who will remember
Dakota A65-72 which belonged to
37 Squadron for some time.

The original Air Frame Log
Book of this aircraft - A65-72 -
is in the possession of No. 10
Flight ATC, Tamworth. This
document shows that the aircraft,
a C47-B, was delivered to the
RAAF on 3.3.'45 having been
taken over from the USAAC and
flown out from America. At the
time of take over it had flown
66¼ hours.

The aircraft did sterling service
with No. 86T Wing and was final-
ly sold to A. D. ASTRA
AIRWAYS on 12.2.'59, having
flown 5433 hours.

Several years ago, East-West
Airways, of Tamworth, took over
A. D. ASTRA and the original
A65-72 came into the possession
of that airline. It is not known
how many hours the aircraft flew
with A. D. ASTRA, nor how
many hours it has flown since
coming to East-West. However, it
is still serviceable and at present
is in Victoria where it is testing a
new landing aid developed by
the CSIRO for the Department of
Transport.

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