

magazine, Malcolm Liston described his family's pleasant stay at Adels Grove. This reawakened our long held interest to visit the fossil site at Riversleigh, which is close to Adels Grove and one of the worlds most prolific palaeontologic fields. Also close by is Lawn Hill Gorge which is every bit as spectacular as the more publicised gorges in the Top End.

Our stay proved to be a delight. Sleeping in safari tents with the rapid flowing Lawn Hill Creek only metres away was a complete contrast to the five star accommodation of the Cable Beach Club, but every bit as enjoyable. To walk through the grove for a few hundred metres and come upon an 8 foot freshwater crocodile asleep on a log was far more fascinating to us than it clearly was to the crocodile. He completely ignored us – having no doubt had his post-prandial snooze regularly interrupted by irritating and inedible tourists

The strip is excellent and close to the resort with fuel available by prior arrangement. The owners and staff are great people and are aviation savvy, surprisingly not as common an experience as would be expected in a country so dependent on aviation, **Trip Home** - Once we departed from Adels Grove we were going back into familiar territory. The return legs were into a head wind as expected but smooth conditions above 5000 feet allowed us to relish the wonderful vistas of grass plains stretching to the horizon and the increasingly green and colourful terrain closer to the coast. An overnight stay at the **North Gregory Hotel** in Winton was as pleasant as always.

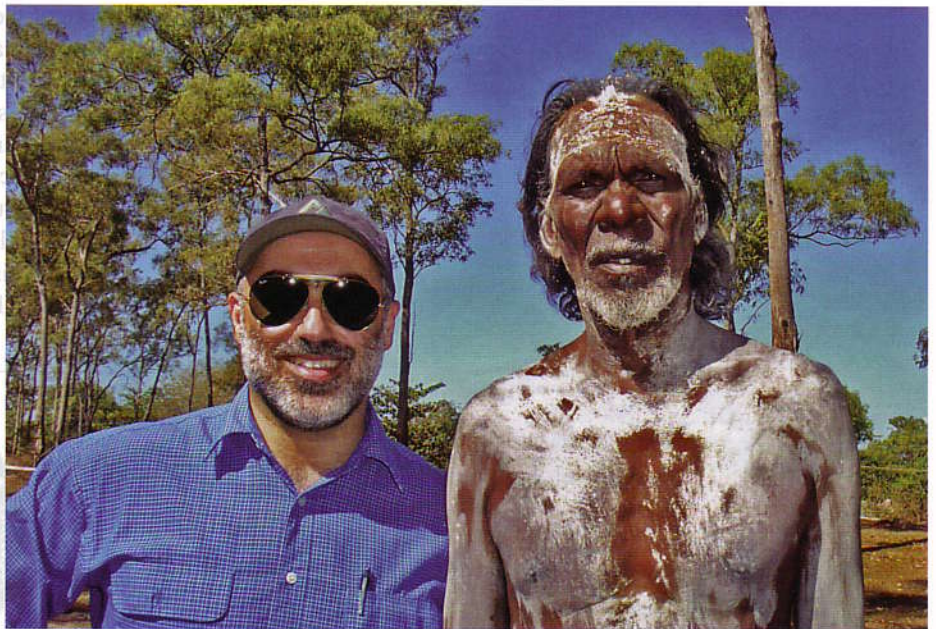
We sighted the Pacific Ocean from overhead Biloela and experienced a moment of joy as we realised that we had indeed flown twice across the continent - and a feeling of affection for the sturdy little aircraft that had performed so faultlessly throughout.

Never before has that quaint phrase so loved by our regulators of "exercising the privilege of a licence" so completely summed up our feelings

Route - Archerfield, Roma, Longreach, Mt Isa, Barkly Roadhouse, Tennant Creek, Victoria River Downs, Kununurra, Halls Creek, Broome, Derby, Drysdale River Station, Emma Gorge, Kununurra, Darwin, Tindal, Borroloola, Adels Grove, Mt Isa, Winton, Longreach, Emerald, Bundaberg, Archerfield.

Duration	18 days
Distance flown	4500 NM
Flight Time	62 hours
Cost	About \$6500

If anyone is interested, more details of the tank can be obtained by contacting the author on email at j.hornibrook@qut.edu.au.



AOPA AFFILIATE PROFILE - The Bible Society

Delivering the word - by Cessna 206

By AOPA director Bob Nash

The hum of an aeroplane's engine is a sound that excites us all, it is a sound that brings joy anticipation, fun and excitement to people all around the world. In the top end of our great country, it also brings good news, in the form of bibles.

Your AOPA has a myriad of members, each of whom play out differing roles in aviation. One of these is the Bible Society Northern Territory. This aerial patrol was begun in 1968 by Trevor Booth, operating initially from Perth, then later moving to Carnarvon in WA. It was not until 1977, that the Australian Council for the Bible Society felt that it would be more strategically located if it were based in Darwin.

A feature of life in the north is long distances between small and remote communities. The ministry of the Bible Society provides support and assistance to all peo-

ple, both black and white as they seek to serve in isolated and difficult situations, in some of our country's most remote areas.

The Bible Society is committed to supplying scriptures in appropriate languages for all, and in formats that will assist them to really hear the Christian message. Recently, there has been increased demand for large print scriptures, as many indigenous people need these because of poor lighting in their homes, and poor eyesight.

Phil Zamagias is the current Flying Bible Man, and his travels put him in touch with indigenous people from Broome to Alice Springs and north to the Torres Strait. Phil travels across 40% of Australia in his Cessna 206 VH-BXT. He has almost three million square kilometres of land to cover that has a population density of one person per 8.2sq.km. The only way to achieve this is by aeroplane.

Phil began as an apprentice engineer