

Contributions for the mag are always welcomed, although insertion cannot always be guaranteed. Copy may also have to be edited prior to publication for the usual reasons. Here's a piece from Malcolm Jones of Falcon Overseas Ltd in Bristol. You can tell that Malcolm is a regular visitor to Saudi since he truly believes that a box of Kleenex belongs on the dinner table!

These apparently are extracts from the Maintenance Logs for Qantas. Pilots leave a note of their problem (P) and the engineers leave their remedy or reply (R)

(P) Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement
(R) Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

(P) Test flight OK, except autoland very rough.
(R) Autoland not installed on this aircraft.

(P) Something loose in cockpit.
(R) Something tightened in cockpit.

(P) Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.
(R) Evidence removed.

(P) Dead bugs on windshield.
(R) Live bugs on back order.

(P) IFF inoperative.
(R) IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

(P) Number three engine missing.
(R) Number three engine found on right wing after brief search

(P) Aircraft handles funny.
(R) Aircraft warned to straighten up, "fly right" and be serious.

(P) Friction Lock causes throttle levers to stick
(R) That's what they're there for !!!

(P) DME volume unbelievably loud.
(R) Volume set to be more believable.

(P) Number 2 propeller seeping fluid.
(R) Number 2 propeller seepage normal
Numbers 1, 3 & 4 lack normal seepage.

(P) Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.
(R) Cannot reproduce problem on the ground.

Thanks for the contribution Malcolm...
Keep taking the tablets and don't give up the day job just yet!

New York is America's first city to immediately seize the cars of those suspected of drunken driving. As part of the crackdown, cops pledge to pull over any vehicle exhibiting such bizarre behaviour as weaving through lanes, running red lights and jamming on the brakes in the middle of the road... Unless of course the vehicle is yellow, in which case it's just a taxi.

Have you ever wondered....?
Why don't they just make mouse-flavored cat food?
Whatever happened to preparations A through G?
Why abbreviated is such a long word?

I recently came by a copy of a document issued in about 1943/4 by an American Company entitled "Instructions to Employees Proceeding to Saudi Arabia". The whole makes some fascinating reading but at 12 pages it's a bit much to print here. Here are a few quotes from those pages:

DONT BE A SUCKER ON TIPPING

The following tips are ample:

- Cab Fare : 10c for fares up to 75c
 20c for fares above 75c
- Hat Check Stands: This is usually a racket.
 Hat & Coat 15c Hat only 10c
- Hotel : Luggage to and fro rooms,
 25c minimum 2 bags 35c
 Valet Service (laundry) 20c



These men are not as strong, physically, as you are. With a little experience you can tell how much an Arab should put out and which ones are the loafers.

Another condition that you must fully recognize is the weather. You are going to have a lot of it and about one third is going to be very bad.

LIVING CONDITIONS

Living quarters will be equipped for forced draft ventilation and air circulation. If you arrive during the summer months of 1944 don't count on air cooling. It may not be available until late summer or early fall in which case it won't do you much good until the following summer season.

A FEW HINTS ON TRAVEL

Don't discuss the terms of your employment or travel with people you don't know. Discussion of places and dates of embarkation and destinations not only endanger your own life, but that of others. These matters are secret, keep them that way!

CONDITIONS OF WORK

It is absolutely essential that large numbers of Arabs be employed. In working these Arabs remember these few simple instructions

A recreational center will be provided with ample facilities for cards, radio, phonograph and all indoor activities with one exception - there will be no hard liquor. Facilities will also be provided for various outdoor sports such as fishing!

Never make a pass at a Moslem woman in the streets or other public places. Any advance on your part will mean trouble and plenty of it and if you get out of the town or village where the incident occurs with a whole skin you can consider yourself very fortunate.

(Does anyone have copies of other old publications?)