

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

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Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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Richard Faint Landing Lil' Tinny After A Successful First Flight

On Friday, 22nd of September 2006 in the late afternoon Richard lined up on runway 12 at Watts Bridge in Lil' Tinny, advanced the throttle and was soon airborne for the aircraft's first flight. Fifteen minutes later Lil' Tinny returned to earth, giving Richard his second landing with a nose dragger. In the next two days, 8.3 hours of flying were logged with twenty three landings done as part of the testing sequence. Reports are favorable for a well behaved and performing aircraft with a cruise speed in excess of 80 knots .

Congratulations to Richard and Glenda for the successful design, completion and first flights of Lil' Tinny One. In the next few weeks more performance data will be collected , especially as the Bolly Prop and spinner on order are received and fitted. For initial testing a timber propellor with a fine pitch was used to give good takeoff and climb performance. We can also look forward to the completion of Glenda's Tinny Too as well in the coming year.

FIRST FLIGHTS



Some more photos of Richard and Glenda's Rotax 503 powered Lil Tinny One at Watts Bridge. Middle left shows the aircraft in the hangar being weighed for the weight and balance calculations with help from Don Mellow. Below is the aircraft on late final, landing in a slight cross wind, one wheel low, near the end of the successful first flight on the Friday afternoon. Well done Richard



It is with regret we learn of the planned closure of the Gatton College airstrip from the first day of December 2006. Airfield owners, the University of Queensland have made this decision for reasons only known to themselves, forcing the Lockyer Valley Aero Club to vacate the airfield after thirty three years of operation . The Club has been ordered to remove all evidence of their occupation including the windsocks, markers, hangars and their foundations by the due date. It is hoped that an alternative site can be found so the club members and their eighteen aircraft can continue to operate in the locality .

MORE FIRST FLIGHTS



At 06.00 am on Saturday, 2nd of September 2006, Tony Wright made the first flight in his blue and yellow JDT Himax kit plane at Caboolture Aerodrome. After building for three years this was a great achievement for Tony. In the weeks since then, Tony has logged ten hours of flight time with no major problems. He reports a cruise speed of 60 knots with the Rotax 447 powered aircraft. Well done Tony also.



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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2006 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.25 pm
APOLOGIES	Keith Broughton, Robert Cousins, Bryan Schollum Danny Fowler, Brian Gardner,
VISITORS	Paul Blackmore, Neil Bowden, Robin Salisbury
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	MOVED Peter Ratcliffe SECONDED Gavin McGrath, Mike Smith CARRIED
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Introduction by new president and a request for support in running the QUA following future planning
TREASURERS REPORT	Bank account \$ 8,299.54 Investment account \$15,599.00 Loss experienced on the Poker Run due to the rain.
SECRETARIES REPORT	.One advertisement and an email from Gordon Clarke.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	No answer from the Queensland Times regarding their request for an article/ paid advertisement on ultralight flying.
RAAus REPORT	None
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	The Festival of Flight was very successful on both days. The main runway extension was open for the heavier and faster aircraft to operate on with Silverleaves Road closed. Hangar sale of Brian Pettigrew's aircraft components/spares was conducted by Miles Pettigrew on the Saturday. Plastic bases for the runway markers now in place. Some of the termite mounds have been leveled.
GENERAL BUSINESS / SOCIAL	Gordon Clarke has expressed interest in forming an Ultralight Syndicate to purchase and operate an aircraft.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Robin for preparing the supper. Good on you Robin.
MEETING CLOSED	08.39 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM came and went at last months meeting. Attendance of members was by those most interested. Outgoing president and chairman, Gavin McGrath, expressed his thanks to the members for their support over the past two years. Treasurer, Richard Faint, spoke about the financial progress made over the past year and the income derived by the investment account. Currently the QUA has 35 financial members. All positions were declared vacant with the following people elected for duties.

PRESIDENT	Peter Ratcliffe	07 33413077
TREASURER	Roger Kelly	07 32789899
SECRETARY	Mal McKenzie	07 33415348
EDITOR	Mal McKenzie	07 33415348
WATTS BRIDGE REP	Richard Faint	07 38181988
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	No interested party to drive this	
TRAINING OFFICER	Vacant / Open Forum	
TECHNICAL OFFICER	Vacant / Open Forum	

QUA member Gordon Clarke is interested to speak to any members interested in establishing an aircraft owners syndicate to purchase and operate a suitable enclosed one or two seat aircraft to be based at Caboolture Airfield. Gordon estimates that for a syndicate of three or four people, the initial costs to be \$7,000 to \$9,000 to cover the aircraft purchase with ongoing costs to cover hangarage , insurance and maintenance. A minimum 'wet' hourly rate for flying operations would be determined to suit the aircraft purchased. Interested persons can contact Gordon Clarke on 0437878375 or 07 34252551(h) or via email gordon@adf-serials.com to discuss further details.

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE



ALL METAL ULTRALIGHT

The above R.A.Aus registered 95.10 all metal fun machine is powered by Fuji Robin 440 cc dual ignition engine with a 2.55/1 belt reduction drive. Instruments fitted – Digital Tacho, CHT, EGT. Skid/Slip Indicator, ASI, VSI, Compass, Sensitive Altimeter. Optional UHF & VHF radios. Complete spare engine and propeller. Includes a Panel Rib covered trailer for transport to the airfield and storage. Floats included .Fly at 45 knots @ 5 litres p/h or 60 knots @ 10 litres p/h. Very docile machine to fly. Offers invited. Contact Richard on 07 3245 2579 or via email on rsweetapple@optusnet.com.au.



TEAM HIMAX

Timber and fabric 95.10 ultralight
Powered by Rotax 447 – 42 hp, B Gearbox,
with timber propellor and pull starter.
Instruments include ASI, Alt, Slip/Skid, Compass
and GPS.

An open trailer is included for transport.
Engine and airframe is in excellent condition with
low hours flown. Current owner is unable to
continue flying so is keen to find a new owner for
this great little 95.10 aircraft.

Price is very reasonable at \$6,000.
Contact Les on (07) 55377743 if interested



TYRO MK2

A single seat, open, taildragger (on left). Fitted with a Rotax 377 engine, Sweetapple propellor, 40L wing tanks, usual array of instruments . Always been hangared at Watts Bridge since completion four years back. Flies very well with great visibility for sightseeing at an easy 45 knots cruise. Easy to land with 150 hours total time. Flown regularly. Owner has some new projects that need completing. Some spare parts and logbook included. Contact Mal McKenzie on 0414723049 or 07 33415348 or via email mmc80789@bigpond.net.au Asking price is \$5,500 for a classic airworthy 95.10 ultralight.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- September 30 Aircraft Radio Operators Course to be conducted by Kevin Walters.
Starts 11.00 am sharp. If interested contact Kevin on 07 54658888.
- October 1 Gatton South Airfield "Breakfast at the Park"
Everyone welcome. Come and check out the progress at the Airpark.
\$3.00 covers all you-can-eat BBQ Brekkie, tea and coffee
Contact Beven Dryden airbolt@bigpond.net.au 07 54624174 OR
Martin Hone av.8@bigpond.com 0419368696
- October 2 QUA General Meeting at the SAAA Clubroom at Archerfield Airfield.
Starting from 07.30 pm with supper provided after the meeting.
- October 15 Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield (WBMA) Annual General Meeting from
10.00am in Jeff and Gerry Underhill's Air Chalet at Watts Bridge.
A morning tea is planned after the meeting by the committee.
Contact Liz Cook if attending on 07 32345056.
- October 28 – 29 QVAG October Club Weekend and Sunday Morning Breakfast Fly-in
Contact Craig Justo on 07 33496006 or 0407740734
- November 6 QUA General meeting at the SAAA Clubrooms at Archerfield Airfield.
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NEXT QUA MEETING

MONDAY 2nd , OCTOBER 2006

Starting from 07.30 pm at the SAAA clubroom near the main airfield gate on
Beatty Road , Archerfield. Same time , Same place.

Everyone is welcome to make it a great night and share the supper.

Robert Cousins has offered to take people for a night flight from Archerfield over the city
after the QUA meeting in a Cessna 172. Costs involved are on a share basis of \$40.00 for
a thirty minute flight. This a good opportunity to see the sights and lights from a different
angle. Contact Robert on 07-38901133.

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AIRCRAFT RADIO OPERATORS COURSE

Saturday 30th September 2006 at 11.00 am

The following may be useful to anyone who may not yet have their RAAus radio endorsement or who wish to update their skills with all the new regulations relating to aircraft radio operations at non controlled airfields, other airspace including military, and towered aerodromes.

This course is to be held at Kevin Walters' airfield, Lynfields on Saturday 30th September 2006 at 11am. sharp at the hanger. Costs are a very generous \$20.00 for the course.

For those who are familiar with the area, Kev's strip is 4 Miles South of Bradfield for fliers.

Or for those coming by car please follow these directions and you should arrive ok.

Travel from Brisbane via the Warrego Highway heading west towards Gatton, Three kilometers past the Plainlands Pub / new overpass, turn right at the next intersection. You will see the "Meaning to Stop, Second-hand Shop" on the left side of the highway at the intersection.

At the 8.3Klm mark, turn left. Travel another 3Klms and you will see #30 Kentville Road, Kentville on your right. Please note: You cannot see the Strip, Windsocks or Hangars from the road.

There is a green letterbox and a sign reading LYNFIELDS at the gate.

Subjects include :-

- (a) Non towered aerodromes, the new procedures covered in detail.
- (b) Class G Airspace procedures.
- (c) Examples of radio calls in above airspace and flights through Military CTRs and into D Class Towers (Maroochydore)
- (c) Using the Transponder and obtaining Airways Clearances.
- (d) The mandatory radio theory.
- (f) A talk by an RAAF ATC Controller on Military Controlled Airspace and Civil aircraft.

Bring a chair, pencil, writing paper, ruler, VTC, and ERSA.

Contact Kevin Walters at Walters Flying School on 07 54658888 or lyn@uq.net.au

COURSE COSTS ARE \$20