

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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NARROMINE UPDATE

Once again the Narromine Fly-In was very successful in bringing together members of Australia's recreational flying community with an estimated one thousand aircraft flying in over the Easter weekend. Well known aviator and businessman Dick Smith also attended in his Citation private jet. Several QUA members flew down including Richard Faint who was awarded the Scott Winton Memorial Shield for The Most Innovative Ultralight Design for his Lil Tinny aircraft. Well done Richard . Several other members also drove down too.



Richard with the Scott Winton Memorial Shield and Lil Tinny at Narromine.

The Gatton South Brekkie Fly-in on April 29th was also well attended with many local fliers attending. There was a good variety of sport aircraft on the field, from colourful rag and tube ultralights to high performance homebuilt and factory aircraft. The Airpark community hosted a well prepared breakfast for everyone at a reasonable cost. The weather co-operated well with clear skies and a light wind



The top three pictures are from Narromine showing some of the aircraft in attendance. Top left is George and son who flew down in their Jabiru . Top view shows a couple of the rag and tube ultralights including a Thruster and a single seat Rans Coyote. On the left are a couple of metal aircraft including a Hummelbird and Lil Tinny from Watts Bridge. In the background are numerous other aircraft including various GA types and the more modern low wing aircraft.



Above two pictures and on the right show some of the activity at the Gatton South Fly-In with the breakfast tent and barbeque above. Some of the incoming aircraft are shown including Rob Thompson's Quicksilver ultralight. It was a good day for those who participated with more visitors and aircraft on the airfield than last year. Many people met together and inspected the flight line of aircraft during the morning.



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MINUTES OF APRIL 2007 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.00 pm
APOLOGIES	Robin/ Lloyd Salisbury, Col Thorpe, Danny Fowler, Roger Kelly
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	MOVED David Ratcliffe SECONDED Robert Cousins CARRIED
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	The hangar has been repaired. A working bee is planned after Easter to tidy up the hangar and dispose of any litter.
TREASURERS REPORT	Absent.
SECRETARIES REPORT	No incoming mail.
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	Leases are being registered. Anzac Day service on Tuesday 25 th of April. Hangar sites will have power available as cable and poles have been erected . Grader to level the gravel Easter Monday. Maintenance Responsibilities. Most has been done by Rod Mills with help from a few others. The Board of Management has asked that Home Base Groups be prepared to share in the maintenance tasks to share the load. It has been suggested that each group take on one area of responsibility as allotted. A working bee / fly-in day by the Watts Home Base Groups is to be organized at the end of May.
GENERAL BUSINESS	None.
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	The Poker Run 07 is set for Saturday 14 th of July to coincide with the Watts Bridge "Christmas in July" function being organized by Liz Cook and the WBMA Roger Kelly is to organize the BBQ . Richard Faint to distribute the envelope cards at the various airfields.
TRAINING / OPERATIONS	Mal expressed the need to do a pre-flight before each flight, after taking off on the second flight of the day and finding no reading on the Airspeed Indicator. A quick check revealed that the pitot cover was still in place.
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS	RAAus are sending out letters requesting current photos be submitted when renewing the registration of 95.10 aircraft. Richard spoke about setting up an adjustable pitch Bolly propeller using a steel rule, plumb bob and a string line.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Glenda Faint for preparing the supper this month.
MEETING CLOSED	08.35pm

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- May 12 – 13 Narrabri Aero Club presents “ All Things Aviation “
All welcome to stay Saturday evening for a BBQ dinner. Camping available
Contact Des Barton 02 6794 4531 OR 0429 664 969
- May 14 QUA General Meeting from 07.30pm at Richard Sweetapple’s residence.
- May 19 Sports Aircraft Operations Group (SAOG) is organizing a lunchtime BBQ
at Kingaroy Airport starting at 10.30 am. BBQ is free with a charge for drinks
All members, guests and PILOTS are welcome to attend.
Contact Kevin khaase@bigpond.net.au or 0404 489 694 for details
- May 26 BBQ Lunch / Beef and Prawns and Salad Fly-In at Heckfield, Jacobs Well.
BYOG - soft drinks available; camping available; BYO sleeping bag
All single engine ultralight and GA aircraft most welcome
Bring your bits to buy, swap or sell. For catering purposes
Contact rayjeanm@bigpond.com or janmalaldred@optusnet.com.au or
07 - 33906832 / 07 – 55461813
- May 27 QVAG Breakfast Fly-In Sausage Sizzle and Lunch from 10.00am
At Redcliffe Airport. Contact Shane Winter on 07-33003357 / 0407122219
- June 09 – 11 Queens Birthday Fly-In and Airshow at Raglan Central Queensland
Old Station Flying Club is hosting the annual Fly-in and Airshow.
Everybody welcome, camping, hot showers and toilets available on site
For much more information call George or Leonie on 07 4934 6562
- June 16 – 18 Oakey Army Aviation Fly In Join the “ Possums “ Squadron 161
Celebrate Australian Army Aviation History , the fly-in is open to the public
Contact Steve Kohler on 0428105228 if you are flying in.
- June 30 – July 01 Fitzzy’s Fly-In just north of Biloela towards Smoky Creek
BYO Swag and camping gear, BBQ, refreshments on sale
Contact Tony on fitzycon@tpg.com.au
- July 14 QUA Poker Run at Watts Bridge. Competition to start from 09.00am with
a BBQ / Sausage Sizzle / Soup / Drinks available during the day.
- July 14 The Watts Bridge “ Christmas in July “ Dinner in Town is being organized
by Liz Cook, phone 07 32345056. More information will be supplied later.
- July 29 QVAG Breakfast Fly-in at Watts Bridge, starting from 08.00am.
Contact Shane Winter on 07-33003357 or 0407122219.
- August 26 – 27 QVAG Festival of Flight Vintage Fly-in at Watts Bridge.
“ The Vintage Experience “ Camping and food available on site.
Contact Shane Winter on 07-33003357 or 0407122219

QUA FINANCIAL REPORT

The April financials up to the 23rd March, as the April statements are not to hand.

Maximiser Account: \$16,188.44 General Account: \$ 6,479.67

All payments are up to date apart from the March payment for the SAAA clubhouse rent of \$30.00.

As you will probably read elsewhere in the news letter, the repairs to the hangar are complete, several inspections made & President Pete plus a few others did a clean up of the hangar so more aircraft can be accepted if you know of someone wishing to make use of the available space.

The account from Chris Gratton Sheds was discounted for us so that no excess was needed to be paid by the Association. In addition, when the invoice was received they had also deducted the monies held by them for some three odd years for the clubhouse deposit. This means that all QUA funds are held in the Association's accounts.

Roger Kelly

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE !!!

Once again another year has passed and it's that time again to pay the annual \$40.00 QUA subscription fee. Treasurer Roger Kelly is happy to accept cash or a cheque in the mail if you can't make the next meeting. Contact Roger on 07-32799710 to arrange payment. A tear off slip is included for your convenience.

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE



ALL METAL ULTRALIGHT

This 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. This is a very docile machine to fly. Offers invited. Contact Richard on 07 3245 2579 or via email on rsweetapple@optusnet.com.au.

FOR SALE --- Drifter two seat aircraft with a recently rebuilt electric start Rotax 503 engine fitted. This Drifter is currently located at Clifton Airfield. Please contact Jim Ben on 07-46971152. Asking price is \$17,000.00 .

FOR SALE

Pee-Wee II with fully enclosed (Registered) trailer. Wings and elevator just recovered and refurbishment almost complete. New paint. Excellent aircraft. Hours of trouble-free operation.

Located in Lowood.



Asking \$11,000.

Call Gavin 5426 2118 (after hours)
or on mobile 0409 265 343

NEXT QUA MEETING
IS AT RICHARD SWEETAPPLE'S
MONDAY 14th MAY 2007

Starting from 07.30 pm at the home and workshop of Richard and Mary Sweetapple in 56 Howlett Road, Capalaba. Come and join us. A light supper with coffee / tea will be provided after the meeting too. Richard is planning to share his experiences in designing and manufacturing timber propellers and doing light engineering. Everyone is welcome to make it a great night and share Richard and Mary's hospitality. Note that the Sweetapple residence is on the left side at the top of the hill approximately 500 metres from the Mount Cotton Road intersection. Ample off street parking is available in the front yard and driveway areas. For further directions please call Richard on 07 32452579 or 0427002043

Richard Faint has requested that members who wish to receive their QUA newsletters via email please send him an email to update his address list as some members may not be receiving their newsletters each month. Sending out the newsletters via email helps save postage, paper and time. Richard's email address is as follows rlfaint@auav.org

PRESIDENT Peter Ratcliffe 07 33413077 TREASURER Roger Kelly 07 32799710

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FUN FLYING POKER RUN

The Fun Poker Run will be held on Saturday the 14th July 2007 commencing at 9:00am and finishing at 2:00pm.

It doesn't matter what you fly, be it an ultralight, gyro, trike, fantastic plastic, GA Tinny, F-111, whatever..... If it flies - we'd love you to join in the fun !!

Here's what you have to do:

Fly to *the THREE (3)* participating airfields - Bradfield, Kilcoy, and McCarrons's Field and collect an envelope which contains a Playing Card from under the Primary Windsock.

DO NOT OPEN THE ENVELOPE at this stage.

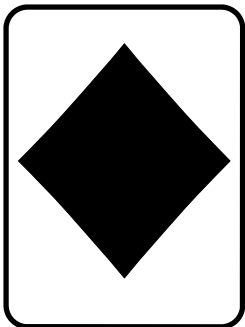
You can start anywhere you like and go to the airfields of your choice in any order that suits you.

Plan your trip so that you end up at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield. Pay your entrance fee of \$5.00 and collect a further *TWO (2)* Cards to complete your Five Card Poker Hand.



Have a quick snack at the QUA Saturday BAR-B-QUE at the QUA HANGAR—WATTS BRIDGE.

THIS IS A FUN FLYING EVENT SO COME ON AND GIVE IT A GO !!



If you have any questions please contact:

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**BRADFIELD
KILCOY
Mc CARRON'S
STRIP
WATTS BRIDGE**

S 26° 58.2'
E 152° 34.0'

KILCOY

**GIVE IT A GO—IT'S A GREAT
EXCUSE TO GET AND GO
FLYING !!!**

S 27° 25.1'
E 152° 24.1'

BRADFIELD

S 27° 05.9'
E 152° 36.2'

Mc CARRON'S

**AIRFIELD
LOCATIONS**