QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Glenda Faint's Toucan above, now with custom graphics and Toucan Bird

With the recent completion of Glenda's Toucan, now decorated and trimmed, Richard and Glenda are busy again with assembly of their new Waivex kit. Richard continues with the story below.

Our YX kit # 119 arrived from Sonex on September 6th in good order - no parts missing - nothing damaged in transit. In hindsight we got lucky with the \$\$ exchange rate didn't we !! We purchased the Factory Built Spars. One look inside the packing crate and the extra money is justified. It's a work of art and in our opinion worth every cent. We also purchased the preformed extrusions part kit. There's about 200 pieces of pre-made labour saving in that box. Having previously scratch built (no kit, no plans) two all metal aircraft, this time we went for the "let some one else do the work" option. Construction got underway a few days later with the Rudder followed by the Ruddervators and Stabilators. Gotta love the names for those parts. A tragic bending mistake on one of the "Hockey Sticks" temporarily suspended building one Stabilator while a replacement part came out from the US. During that delay the rear fuselage vertical stiffeners, pulley blocks etc were manufactured. With the replacement Hockey Stick in hand the second Stabilator was finished last weekend. (October 18th) Of course we took the obligatory tail feathers photo, which for a "Y" tail is a bit harder to set up than a conventional tail. So now we are onto the rear fuselage. Previous experience has shown that most of the real work is in the fuselage, so we are leaving the wings till much later down the track. Project time so far is 85 Hours.

THE NEXT QUA MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER AT THE QUA CLUBHOUSE AT WATTS BRIDGE FROM 10.00AM WITH A BBQ. ALL QUA MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME.

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2008 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED 08.10 pm

APOLOGIES Steve Cavanaugh, Richard & Glenda Faint, Danny Fowler,

Bob Mellow.

VISITORS Arthur Marcel, Bert Purcell.

MEMBERS PRESENT Thirteen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Power is now on at the clubhouse. The fridge is working and

stocked with soft drinks. Thanks to Sandy Walker's donation. The cans are for sale for \$1.50 each. Money is to put in the tin. More electrical work is planned in the next few weeks including

connection of the pump to the toilet and kitchen.

Thanks to Roger for arranging the QUA badges. Last months raffle prize has been donated again so a new raffle can be drawn at next month's meeting. This will be at Watts in our clubhouse.

TREASURERS REPORT Opening Balance \$2,139.64

Closing Balance \$3,366.70

SECRETARIES REPORT Some emails, mostly from WBMA.

Invitation to attend the Angel Flight Support Day at Caboolture.

Mentioned fitting a sign and QUA logo on the clubhouse.

WBMA REPORT The BOM has taken over the management of the fuel depot.

A credit card system is being considered for use by customers. The new main toilet block is in the planning and development planning stage with Queensland Bulk Water. Application for funding is being considered. With the recent rain, the airfield is now very green. More fuel is required for the tractor and mower. Kevin Werner is to run a pipe to the new toilet block tanks.

The recent glider accident at WBMA was discussed.

TECHNICAL / FLYING Recent development at Kilcoy airfield has seen the addition of

many more hangars and a new boundary fence. This fence is close to the eastern threshold. When landing from this end it is best to be aware and allow for any strong sink or wind gradient

to prevent under shooting the threshold.

SOCIAL REPORT The QUA Inc Christmas Party will be held in December at the

SAAA Clubhouse once again. Robin will co-ordinate with help. A Watts Bridge open day and fly in is being considered. This would be in addition to other activities and organized by all the flying groups at WBMA to promote interest in Watts and flying.

THANKS To Robin for supplying supper again

MEETING CLOSED 08.45 pm.

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED 07.50 pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year we built the clubhouse.

Thanks to the members for your support in the past year. We need to continue with fitting out the clubhouse and look at extending the hangar in the future to fit more planes I would like to thank Mal, Mike and Robin for your help in running the QUA Inc this year. I look forward to all your

help and support in the next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT Opening Balance @ 29/05/08 \$22,739.01

 Income
 \$15,672.31

 Expenditure
 \$32,216.86

 Closing Balance @ 30/06/08
 \$ 6,194.46

 Current Balance @ 06/10/08
 \$ 3,366.70

The QUA Inc has kept things above water in the past year with help from the donations and loans from our members.

SECRETARIES REPORT Good communication with WBMA and QUA members.

Most correspondence is via email.

ALL POSITIONS DECLARED VACANT

Motion put forward to continue with existing position holders.

Moved Robert Cousins

Seconded Ian Ratcliffe Vote Carried

Accepted by the current position holders.

MEETING CLOSED 08.09pm

FOR SALE

VW Components QVAG member John Innes has the following VW engine components for sale.

Magnetos---Slick and Scintilla, Complete induction system including clamps and side draught carburetor,

Complete exhaust system for the Type One engine, and a Propeller and Hub. All ready to fit to your VW.

For more information John can be contacted on 041764310 or email jbinnes@bigpond.com

NEW QUA SEW ON BADGE

The new QUA cloth logo badge is available for sale to members for \$10.00 each. An initial run of one hundred badges was made. Thanks to Peter and Roger for organizing this with the supplier. The badges will be available at the QUA Inc meeting in November. This will be a good item to decorate your flying cap or coat to promote the QUA.



SOCIAL CALENDAR

November 2nd QUA Inc General Meeting at the QUA's own Clubhouse at Watts Bridge

We will be meeting at 10.00am with a BBQ planned after the meeting. Camping on the airfield is available for those who arrive on Saturday.

November 9th Rockhampton Fun Flight organized by the Rockhampton Aero Club.

Fun Flight is in collaboration with Starlight Children's Foundation and local aero clubs. Check out www.funflight.org for additional information. Our vision is to have at least 350 volunteer pilots around Australia taking

these children and their families on the 'Ride of their Life'!!

Contact Michael Verheem on 0404 729-939

November 15th Dunwich on Stradbroke Island Breakfast Get Together.

09.00am Breakfast \$10.00 per head. Contact Hugh Ragg 0412 299 403

November 30th Angel Flight Support Day Fly In (formerly Annual Toy Flyin)

At Caboolture Airfield and hosted by the Antique Aeroplane Association

of Australia. Starting from 09.00 am with Angel Flight on hand. Contact Ray Vuillermin rayvuill@bigpond.net.au 0409 584 574

December 1st **QUA Inc Christmas Party** starting from 07.00pm at the SAAA Clubhouse

on Beatty Road at Archerfield Aerodrome.

December 20th Dunwich on Stradbroke Island Breakfast Get Together.

09.00am Breakfast \$10.00 per head. Contact Hugh Ragg 0412 299 403

January 02 – 05 Evans Head Annual Great Eastern Fly In New Year Celebration

Bring the family, bring your friends, a holiday adventure, Food, On-Site Camping, Shuttle Bus, Great Air Displays, Joy Flights, Market Day, Film night, Aerodrome Heritage Tours BBQ Dinner SATURDAY NIGHT

Contact Gai Taylor 02 6621 5592 gaitaylor@exemail.com.au

OR 0427 825 202 go to www.greateasternflyin.com

March 15th Annual Clifton Fly In hosted by the Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assoc.

This fly in is becoming a premier event on the flying calendar in SE Qld. Fly or drive in, on field camping and a BBQ Saturday evening. Bring your swag. Contact Trevor Bange on 07 46958541 or trevorbange@bigpond.com

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