

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Hello everyone. Happy November to you all. Firstly, a few pix from Sandy and Scott, who went to Clifton earlier this month:



These pix are from the Oakey airshow:



And these were taken on a recent trip to the Temora Air Museum:



The Xmas Party (and BBQ) is on Sunday November 29th, a lunchtime affair, probably midday onwards. Robin and Peter Ratcliffe are planning the catering. Others will be asked to help as required.

By the way, Jim, Roger and Keith (& spouses), the BJC venue can also go ahead. The Brisbane Big Band are playing on Sunday 8th November and Sunday 13th December. I'm hoping to be there.

Now, photos of work in progress. Firstly, the Ratcliffe 701 project:

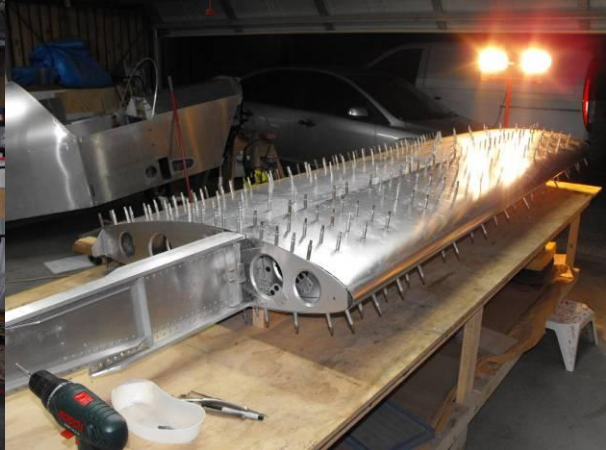


Definitely a top job, Ian!

Aged Fuel: The consensus – why take the risk? Put it in your car and put new stuff in your plane. My car burns oiled-up avgas no problems. Another recommendation – always store fuel in light-proof containers. Finally, stay well away from fuel with added ethanol.

Carriage of radios: CASA are proposing the mandatory carriage of radios into all licensed aerodromes. The RAA is opposed. They do, however, agree with all pilots using radio whenever possible. Did you have a say? Submissions closed on 23rd October.

Meanwhile, back at Redgum Court:



Another example of engineering excellence – what more can I say?

OUR NEW WEBSITE!

Many thanks to our newest member, Web guru Will Miller. Not only did Will do all that work in setting us up with such a smart website, he also donated our first annual copyright fee! That cost him \$30! A very sincere thankyou, Will, from all of us.

So we now have a wonderful start in cyberspace. But we don't want our site to become a fossil that never gets updated. We want to show the on-line world that there is life in our club. We can start by filling up the gallery folders with interesting pictures and captions. We should tell the story of what we fly, what we build and what we do.

Lukim yu from Vanuatu:

At our last meeting we all met Captain Bob Wyllie, an airline pilot from Vanuatu. He was here to see CASA, but to also look at ultralights. He wants to set up a strip near the main airport and give his pilots some real landing practice (as compared to the fully automated kind). I wrote to him and suggested we set up a sister club relationship. Here is his reply:

Hi Arthur, I have made it back to paradise OK and have also been to Auckland, Melbourne and Sydney as well. Thank you for allowing me to attend your meeting. It was great to be among happy, positive pilots as so many in commercial aviation are unhappy with their lot in life. I will get back to you with a few photos of aviation over here in Vanuatu. We are expecting a brand new ATR 72 from France tomorrow to join our domestic fleet. One of my sons is an F/O on this as well as being a Twin Otter and Islander captain. Now that we have made contact, I will try to write to you regularly. Once again, thanks for making me so welcome at your Archerfield meeting. Lukim yu. Bob Wyllie.

Date Clash (with Xmas party) – from the Caboolture Aero Club:

The Caboolture Aero Club, in conjunction with the Queensland Vintage Aircraft Group has selected Sunday November 29th for the annual Antique Aircraft Association of Australia Toy Run, at Caboolture Airport. Last year, we floated the idea of soliciting financial contributions, rather than toys, and for the raised funds to be devoted to Angel Flight. We saw this as being more achievable in terms of distribution and usefulness, and as being directly related to our activities. Many of our flying colleagues provide their aircraft and their time to Angel flight, and are only reimbursed for their fuel: provided, of course, that the Angel Flight Coffers have the funds to pay for the fuel, and this is where we can all help

In 2009. different to last year, we do not intend to invite the public – we will make it our own day - that is, a day for the aircraft and car owners to socialize together. The Aero Club will have morning teas and lunch available at a reasonable cost, part of which will go to Angel Flight. You are asked to participate and to take the opportunity of giving back by making a financial contribution equivalent to the amount you would have spent on a toy.

So, aircraft and car owners, vintage and otherwise, Angel Flight owners/pilots, please put Caboolture on your calendars for November 29th. The action starts any time after first light on the day. Parking assistance will be available. In the event of inclement weather which could render the runways boggy a go/no go decision will be made by noon of the day before, Sat 28th, and will be posted on the club's website www.cabaeroclub.org.au

Other Coming Aviation Events

Oct 30-Nov 1 Cherrabah Resort, QLD, ABS AGM and Fly-In weekend
Oct 31-Nov 1 Temora, NSW, RV Builders Workshop
Oct 31-Nov 1 Gloucester, NSW, 2nd Annual Gloucester Fly-In and Bonfire
Oct 31-Nov 2 Temora, NSW, NSW Aerobatic Championships
Nov 2-4 Hong Kong, Oth, Aircraft Financing and Leasing School Asia-Pacific
Nov 5-6 Hong Kong, Oth, 10th Annual Asia-Pacific Airfinance Conference
Nov 7 Luskintyre, NSW, LAFM Lunch with the Tiger Moths
Nov 7 Luskintyre, NSW, Nancy-Bird Walton Memorial Tower Official Opening
Nov 7 White Gum Farm, WA, A22 Foxbats arrival
Nov 7-8 Holbrook, NSW, Back to Holbrook Fly-In
Nov 8 Wedderburn YWBN, NSW, NSW Sport Aircraft Club Open Day
Nov 8 Rockhampton, QLD, FunFlight Rockhampton
Nov 10 Maitland, NSW, CASA AvSafety Seminar and BBQ ****Cancelled****
Nov 11 Gloucester, NSW, CASA AvSafety Seminar and BBQ ****Cancelled****
Nov 11 Goolwa, SA, CASA AvSafety Seminar and BBQ
Nov 12 Scone, NSW, CASA AvSafety Seminar and BBQ
Nov 14 Katanning, WA, CASA AvSafety Seminar and BBQ ****Cancelled****
Nov 14-15 Bankstown, NSW, Sydney Aviation Model Show
Nov 14-15 Watts Bridge, QLD, AAC Qld Chapter - Practice Weekend
Nov 15 Maitland, NSW, Club Flying Day and BBQ
Nov 15 Kyneton, VIC, BBQ
Nov 20-22 Tintalra-Walwa-Jingellic, VIC, WOW Weekend of Wonders
Nov 21 Maitland, NSW, Wings Night
Nov 21 Yarrawonga, VIC, YFT BBQ Lunch

STOP PRESS! Up, up and away! Good on you, Ian!!!



Next month the newsletter visits Richard Sweetapple's propeller factory and we get the spin on how he does it.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2009 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	07.54 pm on 5 th October, 2009.
APOLOGIES	Glenda Faint, Vern Grayson, Richard Sweetapple
VISITORS	Bob Wylie, Will Miller
ATTENDENCE	Nineteen.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Festival of Flight was ok. Clubhouse no developments in past few weeks. Christmas Party Robin has offered to organize the catering for a lunch time BBQ at the Clubhouse at Watts Bridge. Proposed date is 29 th November 2009. Cost at \$15.00 – 20.00
TREASURERS REPORT	Opening Balance \$ 6,023.77 Plus Deposits \$ 860.12 Less Withdrawals \$ 125.59 Closing Balance \$ 6,758.30 Outstanding receipt for BBQ \$ 699.00
SECRETARIES REPORT	Several receipts received. All hangar tenants are required to be financial members of Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield.
WBMA REPORT	The new Superior slasher is now working. Shale has been delivered to fill the wet areas of the roadways QVAG Clubhouse power line is to be re-run underground. Extra timer has now been fitted to the sewerage system. Insitu Pacific were present with flying drone. An Army helicopter and crew flew in to inspect the flying sequence.
SOCIAL REPORT	Fly-Aways. Planned trip to Kooralbyn was cancelled due to the strong winds and smoke on the day. Christmas Party planned for Sunday 29 th November at the QUA Inc Clubhouse at Watts Bridge.
GENERAL BUSINESS	Setting up an email list was suggested by Arthur. This would help members to communicate easier. An Aussie Ultralight Group was set up by Mal sometime back. This is still operating but not much action or interest was shown. A caravan has been offered to QUA for a bunk house.
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS	How to remove the backing paper off polycarbonate sheeting safely? Answers include using eucalyptus oil or a heat gun carefully. On landing, how many bounces are recommended? Suggestions given include one or two before applying power to go around to try again. Can a Jabiru run on unleaded fuel? The manual says to use Avgas but ok to use unleaded petrol
THANKS	To Robin for providing the supper.
MEETING CLOSED	09.00 pm.

MEMBERS' MARKET

VW Components QUA member John Innes has the following VW engine components for sale. **Magnetos**---Slick and Scintilla, **Complete induction system** including clamps, **Propeller** and **Hub**. All ready to fit to your VW.

For more information. **John** can be contacted on **0417643610** or email jbinnes@bigpond.com

HANGAR FOR RENT \$100.00 per month. All steel, single aircraft hangar available for long term rent at **Kilcoy**. The hangar is fully enclosed & secure with a concrete floor. **Kilcoy** is an all weather E/W grass strip, 800 metres long. You do not have to be a member to hangar there, but the Kilcoy club asks for a \$10.00 per month maintenance fee to help cover costs. Contact **Colin Thorpe** on **07 38060729** for more information.



For Sale is the **JDT Himax** as pictured on the left. This great little fully enclosed, single seat 95.10 recreational aircraft has only 150 hours recorded on the hour meter since completion in 2006. A **Rotax 447** engine, **Sweetapple** propeller, compass, ASI, altimeter, tachometer, dual CHT & EGT, hour meter, Vertex radio and Garmin GPS are fitted. Handling of this aircraft can be described as stable with a docile stall at 25 knots and very easy take off and landing characteristics. Cruise is 50 knots with a fuel flow of 12 litres per hour from the 40 litre dual wing tanks giving a range of over three hours. Price is a low **\$9,900.00** Contact Mal McKenzie on **07 33415348** or **04141723049** for more details.

Abandoned project (Gavin McGrath). Offers over \$5000.00

WS-202 Sprint Wings are all but complete. Spars are all done. Have all the hardware. All you need to add is the engine, prop, instruments, your time and skill. Bought a complete CH701 instead. I work full time and just don't have the time to build. I bought the partially completed Palani project from Malaysia <http://ipalani.tripod.com/> but just do not have the time – come and have a look in Lowood. Contact Gavin McGrath 5426 2118 after hours or e-mail on gavin57@bigpond.net.au

The next QUA meeting is on Monday 2nd November at the Terminal Building at Archerfield Aerodrome at 19.30.

Robyn will be providing supper (as usual)

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