

The Queensland Chapter Newsletter



August 2004

Next Practise Day

Next practise day is the first weekend in **September** on the **4th** and **5th**. Please let Tracy or Merryn know if you're going (for lunch numbers). This change of date is because the Queensland Vintage Aircraft Group has it's Annual "FESTIVAL of FLIGHT" fly in on the 27th to 29th August 2004; this should be worth going to as well!

NSW Aerobatics Competition

This is scheduled to take place on the 2nd to the 4th October 2004 at Temora in NSW. We are planning to send a team down so let us know if your interested and we'll see if we can get accommodation etc. organised.

Clubhouse

We are definitely now a lease owner at Watts Bridge with all the papers signed.

Brendan has suggested that we look at a building called the Old American Barn as we can buy this from the money that we already have. Then we supplement this

with lots of assistance from members to get our Clubhouse closer to reality.

This was very much favoured by the majority of members who saw the pictures of the proposed building and so we will be chasing this to see what the pricing for this might be.

Social Evening

The first of our new social evenings will be held on:

Friday 20th August 2004

at the Flying Fighters Hangar at Archerfield.

This will be a **film night** with a few drinks and nibblies thrown in (not literally). Please let us know if you are coming so that we can work out how many chairs etc. to get.

Cost will be \$5 plus the cost of the nibblies (i.e. no more than **\$10** for a whole evening of fun)

C'mon and meet your flying buddies in a relaxed environment.

2004 Presentation Night

The 2004 presentation night will be held on **30th October 2004** so **MARK THIS IN YOUR DIARIES:** –

“30TH OCTOBER 2004

MUST GO TO THE QUEENSLAND AEROBATIC CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT!!”

The presentation will take place at the **Coopers Colonial Motor Inn** on Beaudesert Road; Acacia Ridge.

The presentation will consist of a 3 course buffet dinner and drinks are available behind the bar. We're planning to start at 6.30pm and finish late (well not too late). Cost and details will be provided closer to the day.

Christmas Party

Yes, your committee is so advanced that we are planning Christmas already!! We are suggesting we join in with the Watts Bridge Christmas bash and have an Aerobatic Club 'love in' with them.

Their Christmas 'do' last year was excellent and they are planning an even better one this year. So it should be a great night.

Box Markers

Those of you who come to the practise days at Watts Bridge will have noticed the new box markers. This has been possible thanks to the co-operation and friendship of the local land-owners and we really do appreciate their support.

The box markers have been a great success and it's great to know where we are now.

We're planning an update to these to put out some more permanent markers that will not blow away (as one bit of the centre cross already has!). Boral has kindly given the club some old conveyor belts and these will be cleaned, painted and laid over the next few weeks. Any volunteers to assist with the laying out will be gratefully appreciated; just give Mal a call and let him know that you can help once the time comes.

DEC Pricing

Flying Fighters has advised that due to the rising costs at Archerfield and the increase in fuel pricing the cost of DEC hire has been increased to **\$159.50 per hour** (inc. GST) plus a **\$18.48** (inc. GST) **landing fee** at Archerfield. This increase will take effect from 1 August 2004.

This still represents good value for club members.

Super Cub

Mal advised that Flying Fighters has now offered their Super Cub for hire and it is now on line with Mal Beard Aviation. Why not give it a go and have some fun? This is apparently a really good tail wheel training aircraft so give it a go.

AAC Web Site

The Aerobatics Club now has a new Web Site moderator – Tracy Hearne!! Tracy has offered to take over the web site and to re-vamp it to add new spice. Any suggestions for the site pass them on to Tracy (pleasant suggestions only).

CT4 Raffle

Brendan and Merryn have kindly donated a flight in their CT4 for a club raffle to raise funds for the new club-house. We will also have 2nd and 3rd prizes (2nd prize – gift voucher/basket; 3rd prize – bottle of wine) and we are suggesting that the tickets be \$5 each.

We will be asking all members to sell a book of raffle tickets so get your friends and family ready. It's all in a good cause; our new Club House.

The draw will take place at Presentation Night on 30th October 2004.

Watts Bridge Membership

Now that we have leased a block of land at Watts we need to abide by the bye-laws and these require that people who use the airfield regularly become members of Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield. The funds are used mostly to cover the cost of running the airfield (e.g. mowing, signs, new mowers etc.) and at \$60 per year this represents really good value.

However, for those that only visit Watts on an irregular basis then it will only cost them \$10/visit which will be collected by the Aerobatic Club. The choice will therefore be with the individual on whether to pay the \$60 and become a member of WBMA for the year or just pay per visit.

For the use that we make of the airfield both of these represent really good value and becoming a WBMA member enables you to join in all they're social activities as well.

Well that's all for this month. It's taken so long to write that the July Newsletter has become the August Newsletter. I promise not to write so much next time.

Cheers,

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What a way to spend Easter!