



# Australian Aerobatic Club

## QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

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### AAC QLD CHAPTER NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2008

#### Message from the President

2008 has proven to be another busy year so far, with the near completion of our clubhouse. We have managed to finish off the plastering, painting, electrical, kitchen and bathrooms. For those who have had the pleasure of staying overnight you would agree that we have all the comforts of home. It has been a long hard haul for those involved but I would have to say our clubhouse is something we can all be extremely proud of. A big thank you goes to Tony & Sandy Bansemer for supplying and fitting the curtains. We are taking a break from building for a while, enjoying the great facility and are back, full swing flying.

We were fortunate enough to be able to hold our 2008 State Titles this year even though Mother Nature tried her hardest to put a stop to it. Many thanks go to all those that competed, especially those who travelled a great distance to be part of the action. Thank you also to all the workers who made the competition possible, particularly our Contest Director Tracy Hearne and our Chief Judge Ian Bent.



Chief Judge Ian Bent presents Danny Robinson with the Tony Gordon Perennial Trophy for the highest percentage of the Competition.

We also hosted the Watts Bridge Christmas In July Dinner which was a great success with 42 of the Watts Bridge community attending and enjoying another wonderful Christmas dinner prepared by Merryn Scilini and the team.

It was just wonderful to see the line up of planes in front of the clubhouse this past week. So its back to some serious flying and judging practice so our Qld boys will be in fine form for the Nationals next year.

I hope to see you at Watts Bridge soon.

Safe Flying

Stephen Hudson

#### Queensland Aerobatics State Championships 2008

On the June long weekend the Queensland State Championships were held at Watts Bridge. We had 14 pilots competing including 2 from the Victorian Chapter and a WA Chapter pilot all the way from Singapore.



The Winners and Placegetters Queensland 2008

Back Row: Denzil Brunner (1<sup>st</sup> Entry Qld) Brendan Scilini (1<sup>st</sup> Intermediate Qld) Danny Robinson (1<sup>st</sup> Graduate Qld) Clive Tudge (1<sup>st</sup> Sportsman Qld) Mark Galletly (2<sup>nd</sup> Graduate Qld) Scott Patterson (3<sup>rd</sup> Graduate Vic) Front Row Stephen Hudson (2<sup>nd</sup> Sportsman Qld) David Pilkington (3<sup>rd</sup> Sportsman Vic)

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind to us and despite the sunshine the previous week, the cloud was low and rain was intermittent. Such was the poor weather that our colleagues from the NSW Chapter were unable to leave home to make it to our comp. The competition was planned for the Saturday and Sunday but flying was cancelled on the Saturday, as the cloud was too low.

Sunday morning was better and the pilots were all eager to get the comp. under way. With just 10 minute slots allocated in the box it was straight into the routine in an effort to get in two flights each during the day. However, despite everybody's best efforts the time ran out and only 1 flight per pilot was possible. Nevertheless, the competition was declared valid and so the results were based on just the 1 flight.

Brendan Scilini was the only pilot in Intermediate this year flying his beautiful Pitts Special and so he had to race against himself in the box, and won.



**Brendan Scilini taxis in VH-CEX before one of his Intermediate flights**

Clive Tudge won the Sportsman trophy, with Stephen Hudson 2nd, just 2% behind. Clive reversed the results of last year. Both flew Gerry Dick's near new Decathlon VH-NEL. David Pilkington of Victoria finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kerry's Citabria, Russell Sneyd in a Yak 52 flew very well to take 4th place followed by Justin Lean of Singapore 5th and Gerry Dick in 6<sup>th</sup> position.



**Russell Sneyd (Yak-Boy) competed this year in a YAK-52**

Graduate was won by Danny Robinson flying in his 1st competition, with a great score of 78%. This score meant that Danny took home the Tony Gordon Trophy for the highest overall score in the competition. 2nd was Scott Patterson of Victoria flying the ex-Maroochydore CT4. 3rd was Mark Galletly in his Andreasson BA6B imported from Sweden. Michael Hayes 4th, Mark Foy 5th followed by Tony Hall in his Cessna 150 aerobat. Tony flies from Rockhampton to attend Club practice days.



**Mark Galletly waves from his Andreasson BA6B**



**Mark Foy in his new Pitts S1-D VH-FOY**

Denzil Brunner flew very nicely in Entry level, also his first competition.



**Denzil Brunner in his first comp flew Gerry Dick's Citabria**

So despite all that the weather threw at the competitors it was a very enjoyable and successful weekend.



**Being able to point in unison, Tracy and Stephen pass the entry exam for "Watts Advisory"**

## Upcoming Events

27 & 28 September 2008

Practice Weekend - Watts Bridge

Contact: Steven Hudson 0432 822 182  
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4, 5 & 6 October 2008

NSW State Titles - Temora, NSW

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25 & 26 October 2008

Mini Comp and Practice Weekend - Watts Bridge

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Don't forget watch out for the date of the AAC Qld Chapter Christmas Party to be held at the Clubhouse at Watts Bridge in November 2008

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**The Engine Room, Liz Cook, Tracy Hearne and Merryn Scilini administer yet another successful State Titles.**