

AACQLD iLOOP Newsletter

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Australian Aerobatic Club Qld Chapter

Newsletter



AGM & New Committee 2011/12

The AGM has come and gone once again with nominations submitted for the honour of being on the AACQLD Committee.

The committee consists of the following personal

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| → Stephen Hudson - President | → Ian Bent |
| → Brendan Scilini - Vice President | → Liz Cook |
| → Mal Beard - Captain of Flying | → Mary Foy |
| → Merryn Scilini - Secretary | → Mark Galletly |
| → Tracy Hearne - Treasurer | → Chris Taylor |
| | → Martyn Woodhouse |

AACQLD Clubhouse is Completed and Council Approved

Article by Brendan Scilini

On the twenty- ninth of April, I met with Jeff Brompton from the Somerset Regional Council. After a walk through of the building, and around the outside, I handed over the termite and waterproof certificates, along with the glass certificate. The only outstanding item, form 16 for the smoke and exist lights, which council now have. The boxes where ticked and approval given, just the paper work to formalize.



Tracy Hearne was also present at the time and gave her a chance to see the new carpets and vinyl flooring, which went down the week before. Tracy applied and managed to get the grant from the gambling fund for the floor coverings. The final cladding and ceiling works were also completed before Easter. Apart from some cosmetic touch-ups, and normal ongoing

maintenance, we now have a completed, fully functional clubhouse.

We started the clubhouse in June 2006, and in future newsletters I would like to share with you the short history leading up to the proposal of building our clubhouse, construction, and the completed project. There are too many people to thank in this article, so I will leave it till next time.

In the mean time, enjoy your clubhouse, a few words of warning, if you don't want the wrath of Liz, Merryn and Tracy to come down on you, leave the clubhouse as you found it, clean.

NOTE: The Certification of completion was received from the council on 20/05/2011



Who is CHRIS TAYLOR?

Chris Taylor is a new face on the committee so welcome, and for us to get to know him a bit better we asked him a few questions.

How did you find out about the AACQ

I've always loved flying but never had the funds to finish my PPL (A) and do aerobatics, mainly due to buying houses or cars (women), so while I was deployed or at home in my down time I used to just watch aerobatics videos on YouTube wishing one day that I'd be able to do that. So one day sitting in my wooden chateau in lonely old Afghanistan I was stuck inside due to a bombing, seeing we couldn't do anything I cracked out the YouTube to watch some more aerobatic vid's and found a link to the AAC. I was talking to one of my bosses earlier that week and he said we might be moving our training facilities out to Watts Bridge so I put 2 and 2 together and went out and introduced myself, since then I haven't looked back. I also spotted a yellow "banana" (Pitts) at Redcliff one day and asked around about it, so I ended up meeting Mark Galletly who really helped me to get off the ground in the sport and introduced me to everyone, cheers Mark.

How Long have you been a member of the AACQ

I have been a member of the AAC for almost 12 months now, but wish I had found it sooner

What do you do to help obtain the funds to facilitate your habit of AIF (aviation induced fun)

Until now my deployment money had payed for my flight training, but now I'm working as a UAV flight instructor the funds have dropped somewhat as I wont be deploying anymore. It still funds my flying quite well I just have to be a bit more conservative with what I do. Being single again really helps to free up some funds.

What would be the ultimate aircraft for you own and why

I think for myself now would be the One Design or a Laser, mainly because it gives me a means to fly at higher levels as I get better and at a reasonable cost. But if I had the means to fund it, I would definitely go one of the new SBach Aircraft, they look like they are a pretty slick machine with awesome potential.

Why did you stand for the AACQ committee

Well, I'm out at Watts Bridge fairly regularly and I think we have a fantastic club with great people. I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn more about the sport, help contribute and keep the vibe up, and by vibe I mean my snoring. It's nice to be apart of something were everyone shares the same passion.

Anything else you can think of or want to add

I don't want to harp on but the people in the AAC Qld really make this club what it is, you couldn't ask for a better bunch of people. Everybody is very helpful and has helped me out on many occasions which I'm thankful for, I would definitely recommend it for any one who wants to do aerobatics or is just interested in aviation.

Cheers Chris



AACQLD State Titles

Article by Stephen Hudson

The June Long weekend at Watts Bridge is always active with aviators flying north for the winter, but this year it was especially so with one of the largest Queensland State Aerobatics Championships in several years. It was also the first major competition since the official completion of the AAC Queensland Chapter Clubhouse. Eighteen pilots from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia competed in Unlimited, Advanced, Intermediate and Sportsman. A diverse range of judges and officials from all states, lead by experienced judges Phil "The Bomber" Unicomb and David Pilkington joined in to see the comp go off with very few noticeable hitches.

Though what would a major competition be without the commensurate level of stress and drama for officials and competitors? And we had our share. The weather forecast for the long weekend was not the best so the Contest Director and all competitors were keen to get rolling. Interstate competitors had arrived early so official practice was kicked off on Friday morning. The competition was started Friday afternoon to ensure that all classes got the best shot at completing their programs.



The Engine Room

Stephen & Liz

Day 1 started with the Unlimited 'Q', where Paul "The Bag" Bennet and Glen "Papa Maitland" Graham of NSW set the benchmark for the comp in the MaxxG Aerobatics Pitts Super S1. Next was the Intermediate Known where Ben "The Boy" Brazier of Queensland continued his success from the Nationals at Easter in his Pitts S1-S.

With cloud looming, flying continued until last light when pilots, support teams and officials adjourned to the Clubhouse for the posting of the day's results, the first of Merryn Scilini's unbelievably good meals, the appropriate amount of beer and the ponderings of some evil Unknown sequences.

Day 2 dawned and the sky over Watts was relatively clear but phone calls from Brisbane and the very poorly named 'Sunshine Coast' mentioned low cloud and impending rain coming in from the coast. So flying commenced for the day's program of the Advanced 'Q', Unlimited Free, Sportsman Known #1 and Intermediate Free. In the Advanced 'Q', Rob "Nancy" Noonan of Victoria showed the comp how to do it in Colin Appleton's Extra 300 with Queensland's Mark "Gecko" Galletly in his Pitts S1-E close behind. The Unlimited Free saw the tables turned on the previous day with Glen Graham just pipping Paul Bennet at the post in a very close battle.

A field of 7 pilots contested Sportsman. The Sportsman Known #1 had Stephen "Alligator" Hudson and Danny Robinson, both in the Queensland Pitts S2-A leading after the first flight with Ian Close of Victoria in Mark Foy's Pitts S1-D and Cassandra Moller of NSW in her's and Pete Townsend's stunning Pitts S2-C close behind. The Intermediate Free again saw Ben Brazier in the S1 narrowly ahead of Colin Appleton, who recently moved up to the Sunshine Coast from Sydney, in this Extra 300.



Pete Townsends' Pitts S2C

Then the much-expected rain arrived. About 15:00 local time, aircraft were rushed to the shelter of hangars and officials and spectators rushed to the shelter of the bar. Another beautiful dinner, more wine and lots of weather forecasting saw the day out.

Day 3 Sunday was a right off. It was one of those days that Contest Directors dream of when "Friday the 13th" just isn't scary enough. Competitors and officials sat around the Clubhouse reading every tattered aerobatics magazine printed since when Mal Beard was a pup. The turning of pages only interrupted by the occasional "Is that a bit of blue out there?..... I'm not sure, I can't see it clearly through the horizontal rain". The day finished without a prop turning, for some at the Club Hotel in Esk. If we got a good shot at it tomorrow, we could still complete the comp.



Day 4 was Monday, the last day we could compete. The rain had cleared overnight but the humidity ensured that thick fog was the first sight of the day. It was clear above that and we got flying about 10:00.

By again flying right up to last light, all the remaining flights were completed in Unlimited, Advanced, Intermediate and Sportsman with the exception of the Unlimited Unknown due to the MaxxG Pitts have to start back to Maitland and the Advanced 2nd Unknown due time.

When the final results were declared, Paul Bennet made it across the line in Unlimited, just ahead of his Maitland hangar mate Glen Graham. In Advanced, Rob Noonan of Victoria maintained his lead to win from Queensland's Mark Galletly and Brendan "Reverend" Scilini in 3rd place. Intermediate saw Ben Brazier of Queensland ahead of Colin Appleton of NSW and David Brown from Western Australia in 3rd. Sportsman finished with Stephen Hudson making it just ahead of Danny Robinson both from Queensland with Ian Close of Victoria in 3rd place.

The event was a real experience for all concerned. With many of our 'usual suspect' officials away for work, the first time Contest Director Stephen Hudson, very well supported by Liz Cook and Chief Judge Brendan Scilini, got his baptism of fire (and rain) and swore never to think anything but the best of contest organisers again. It is not easy, and we all owe a huge amount of respect to all those people who back up again and again to organise and execute all of the AAC State and National Championships each year.

Watts Bridge will again host the Queensland State Championships for 2012 next year on the June Long Weekend. See you there!



Russell Sneyd
Pre-fighting the YAK54



Unlimited and Advanced
Chief Judge Phil Unicomb,
Dr Larry and Sarin



Grant Piper
in Starter's Hands

The overall results for the Queensland State Titles 2011 were:

Unlimited

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Reg'n	'Q'	Unk'n#1	Unk'n#2	Totals	O/all %
1	Paul Bennet	Pitts S1-S	VH-IPB	2640.80	3617.10		6257.90	74.94
2	Glen Graham	Pitts S1-S	VH-IPB	2516.10	3624.70		6140.80	73.54

Advanced

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Reg'n	Free	Unk'n#1	Unk'n#2	Totals	O/all %
1	Rob NOONAN	Extra 300	VH-EXR	2546.85	2597.25		5144.09	73.59
2	Mark GALLETLY	Pitts S-1E	VH-SIE	2597.67	2499.37		5097.05	72.92
3	Brendan SCILINI	Pitts S-1S	VH-CEX	2474.80	2252.32		4727.12	67.63
4	Peter TOWNSEND	Pitts S-2C	VH-ZCP	2358.54	2129.43		4487.97	64.21
5	Grant PIPER	Giles G-200	VH-OVR	2525.34			2525.34	36.13
6	Russell SNEYD	Yak 54	VH-YAQ	1129.47	1097.34		2226.81	31.86

Intermediate

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Reg'n	Known	Free	Unknown	Totals	O/all %
1	Ben BRAZIER	Pitts S-1S	VH-ABT	1708.06	1793.92	1269.14	4771.12	77.83
2	Colin APPLETON	Extra 300	VH-EXR	1510.24	1738.59	1086.48	4335.30	70.72
3	David BROWN	Pitts S-2A	VH-MKE	1159.38	1426.26	1074.69	3660.33	59.71

Sportsman

Rank	Pilot	Aeroplane	Reg'n	Known#1	Known#2	Totals	O/all%
1	Stephen HUDSON	Pitts S-2A	VH-MKE	1201.64	1224.00	2425.64	79.27
2	Danny ROBINSON	Pitts S-2A	VH-MKE	1149.92	1214.10	2364.01	77.26
3	Ian CLOSE	Pitts S-1	VH-FOY	1144.37	1167.09	2311.46	75.54
4	Cassandra MOLLER	Pitts S-2C	VH-ZCP	1114.70	1141.84	2256.54	73.74
5	Tony CHAPMAN	Acroduster	VH-YEL	1062.43	1133.01	2195.44	71.75
6	Martyn WOODHOUSE	Pitts S-1D	VH-OBB	1088.67	986.52	2075.20	67.82
7	Tony HALL	Decathlon	VH-CWU	857.18		857.18	28.01

Tony Gordon Memorial Trophy for Highest Overall Score

Stephen Hudson Pitts S2-A VH-MKE 79.27%

A Message from Watts Bridge re the Fuel Depot

Hi Everyone

We have changed the authorization process for the purchase of aviation fuel.

Effective Friday 19 August you will need to input the amount (dollar only) of the fuel you wish to purchase and not the pre-
authorisation amounts of \$50, \$200 or \$500.

A copy of the amended instructions is attached for your information. .. (See last page of the newsletter)

Regards, Liz Cook Secretary



Congratulations to some of our Members

Duncan & Dominique Greer

Married in July, congratulations



Alan & Carley Kilpatrick

A new arrival to add to the aerobatic line up for future world teams watch for this name at future events

DANIEL KILPATRICK

Tony & Gayle Chapman

Congratulations on the arrival of *JAMES JAGGER CHAPMAN*, another member for the AACQ, who could also be a future unlimited champion.



Coming Events for your DIARY!!

SAT 24th & SUN 25th Sept

AACQ practice weekend...

Time to once again practice the manoeuvres in the “box” and to let the judges practise their critiquing.

Don't forget to let us know you are coming so there is enough catering etc to accommodate click on the link below

<http://www.aacqld.com.au/CateringPractice.html>

SAT 27th & SUN 28th Oct

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SAT 12th Nov

CASA Ageing Aircraft Seminar

CASA will be utilising the AACQ club house at Watts Bridge to hold a seminar on Ageing Aircraft.

The Seminar will start at 9am and finish at 12pm with a sausage sizzle held at the end for anyone who wishes to stay on.

Subjects that will be covered are

- Your aircraft is aging – find out why and how
- You alone as the owner, is responsible for its maintenance and airworthiness
- Find out how to operate it safely, to protect you and your passengers

For the seminar to go ahead a min of 30 people are required, if you wish to come along (why not use it as an excuse to fly in or go for a country drive)

Please confirm your attendance and anyone else that you might bring to Liz Cook watts.secretary@bigpond.com as soon as possible

SAT 19th Nov

AACQ Christmas Party – The most important event of the year!!!!!!!

***As catering is ONLY supplied for those that advise they will be attending the events
Don't forget to go to the website www.aacqld.com.au and fill in the form.***

What have they been up to?



Editors Note

This is your newsletter so please submit any articles, ideas to tracy@aeros.com.au
I hope you enjoy this edition.
Till Next Time.....Tracy



WATTS BRIDGE MEMORIAL AIRFIELD – FUEL DEPOT

HOW TO USE YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD

IF THE DISPLAY ON THE CARD READER AND/OR FUEL BOWSER IS BLANK:

- CHECK TO ENSURE THAT THE EMERGENCY STOP BUTTONS HAVE BEEN RELEASED (TWIST TO RELEASE).
 - THESE ARE LOCATED ON THE YELLOW BOLLARDS AT EACH END IN FRONT OF THE FACILITY
 - ENSURE SWITCH ON RHS OF BOWSER IS IN THE “OFF” POSITION.
- A. Swipe your Master or Visa credit card and follow instructions on the screen.
(DO NOT INPUT YOUR PIN NUMBER).
Screen will indicate the following.
- B. Enter pump no. 1.
- C. Enter Authorization amount (dollars only).
- D. When “take fuel” is displayed, turn switch on RHS of bowser to the “ON” position. The pump will start.

When refuelling is complete, turn switch on RHS of bowser to the “OFF” position to finalise the transaction.

Notes:

Bowser will shut down automatically after 3 minutes of non-supply of fuel.

The pump will also stop automatically once the maximum requested credit amount is reached.

The switch on the RHS of the bowser needs to be turned to the “OFF” position to finalise the transaction even if the pump has timed out or shut down because the requested credit limit has been reached.

A receipt can then be obtained by re-swiping your credit card. The receipt will be printed and automatically cut off. DO NOT pull.

DO NOT use the emergency stop button to stop the system under normal conditions.

- E. Wind up refuelling hose and earth cable back into cabinet and close shutter.
Replace ladder if used and secure.

**THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING YOUR AVGAS
FROM WATTS BRIDGE AIRFIELD.**