

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

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QUA POKER RUN 2009

This years Poker Run was one of the best yet as far as people participating. By midday nearly all of the cards had been collected at the various airfields. On the day the weather was perfect, with clear skies and light winds.

Thirty five plus aircraft landed back at Watts Bridge so the pilots and crew were able to drop off their cards and enjoy the BBQ, stew and soup put on by Richard, Glenda and John.

At the Christmas in July Dinner sixty plus people had a good meal with some light entertainment. The Poker Run winner was finalized with Clive Tudge winning with a hand of three two's. The tool roll raffle was also

drawn with the prize going to a delighted Barry Evans. The day's events saw at least \$500.00 added to the QUA Inc funds.

We need to especially thank Richard and Glenda for their work in planning and running the Poker Run again this year to achieve a great result. As the main event run by the QUA in 2009, it was good to see the participation by a wider selection of pilots and aircraft of the South East Queensland flying community.

A suggestion has been made to have several short flying trips together to suitable airfields during the year. Idea is to fly, have lunch and fly home.



SAAA CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

The SAAA Clubhouse will soon be demolished as part of a revamp and update of the main entrance to Archerfield Airport. Having served the local flying community for over thirty years as a meeting place for various groups, this building will be surely missed. The QUA Inc will now have to find an alternative venue for our Brisbane meetings each month.

Several venues have been suggested so far. Mike Smith has been investigating the use of the conference room in the old terminal building at Archerfield Aerodrome. This may be available for the meetings in October and November at no cost. More will be known of this development by the next QUA Inc meeting at Manly.

QUA Inc AGM

The next QUA meeting will be preceded by the AGM for 2009. We need to thank the current members who have held the positions of office bearers for several years. As all positions will be declared open, nominations by other members are invited to fill them. This is a good opportunity to show leadership in working together to run the QUA Inc over the next twelve months.

Positions to consider are the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Peter Ratcliffe will be continuing on as President for another twelve months to manage the ongoing fit out of the QUA's clubhouse. Let us not rely on the same three or four people each year to do all the work that is involved.

THE NEXT QUA MEETING & AGM IS ON MONDAY 10th AUGUST AT THE QUEENSLAND COAST GUARD BUILDING AT TRAFALGAR STREET, MANLY NEAR THE MANLY BOAT HARBOUR AT 07.30pm WITH SUPPER AFTER. ALL QUA MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME.

SPECIAL GUEST PROJECT



QUA Guest, Ralph Cuzak with Beaufort Nose Section.

At last month's QUA Meeting special guest, Ralph Cuzak came to talk about the Bristol Beaufort bomber restoration project at Caboolture Airfield. To help fund the project Ralph has also established an aircraft spares supply company called ASAP Aircraft Spares. The goal is to provide aircraft hardware and spares quickly at the right price.

The Beaufort restoration commenced in 1982 when the airframe was picked up from Mildura. Initially the goal was to do a static restoration, then in 1997 the decision was made to restore the aircraft to flying status. This has been a very costly exercise to date as much work was re-done to satisfy all current AD's for this aircraft. Three wives later, the work is continuing. To complete to flying status will require another anticipated million dollars expenditure.

This particular Beaufort A9-141 was built in Australia in 1942 .It saw service in 14th Squadron at Pearce, returned to the factory, then to Horn Island, returned to the factory again, then to 1 OUT at Sale. The aircraft was ground looped at Tocumwal in 1944, which finished its flying career.

After WW2 aircraft stored at Tocumwal were melted down for scrap with the steel components sold to local farmers as a source of various hardware. This Beaufort survived scrapping and spent some time at Pearce Dunn's aircraft museum in Mildura before being collected by Ralph.

Since then Ralph has acquired the large hangar at Caboolture, plus many pieces of suitable equipment and a sizable inventory of vintage aircraft components that are available for purchase. With fifty volunteers working on this project, the team also take in other restoration jobs to help fund the Beaufort. These include other military equipment such as artillery pieces, naval anchors and aircraft engines that may be on display at local RSL clubs.

The Beaufort has been listed as a National Heritage item due to its rarity and historical value.

Ralph also sold some tickets at \$5.00 each, after the meeting, for a Mustang joy flight. The Beaufort restoration can be viewed or inspected at Hangar 106, McNaught Road plus there is the opportunity for interested people to help with the on going work



The Beaufort Bomber rear fuselage and other components are shown here.

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MINUTES OF JULY 2009 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.00 pm
APOLOGIES	Richard & Glenda Faint, Bryan Schollum, Rod Ward, Vern Grayson, Richard Sweetapple
VISITORS	Russell Ashton, Neil Bowden, Ralph Cuzack
ATTENDENCE	. Fifteen.
ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES	Motion Moved Ian Ratcliffe Seconded Neil McNamara Motion Carried
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Last meeting at Watts Bridge with a working bee as well. The clubhouse toilet is now working, more bottom wall sheets installed. Sealing of the clubhouse wall panels is now complete. Leaks in the sewerage line were repaired by the plumber. The Caboolture Open Day Fly in is on in August.
TREASURERS REPORT	Opening Balance \$4,785.08 Plus Deposits \$ 679.00 Less Withdrawals \$ 417.23 Closing Balance \$5,046.85
SECRETARIES REPORT	Three items of mail this month.
WBMA REPORT	The fuel depot has now been upgraded and is functional. The credit card facility debits \$200.00 then finalizes the total cost of fuel bought. The customer's bank will automatically debit the credit payments. The fuel pump will run for three minutes after the nozzle is shut off. One will need to wait for this. Fuel cost at Watts is \$1.72 per litre for AV gas. Christmas in July fees need to be paid now.
SOCIAL REPORT	Poker Run & Christmas in July Dinner on 25 th July, 2009. A cook for the BBQ is required. The Caboolture Open Day Fly In is on 2 nd August, 2009. This includes an aircraft flypast and QUA display.
GENERAL BUSINESS	Col related the effects of landing an aircraft with an aft C of G on the flight to the Bundaberg Airshow. Came in hot because of the gusts and wind. Bounced on landing, stall on landing, landed long, then the nose wheel broke on the fourth bounce. The aft C of G caused a problem with insufficient elevator authority. Mike O'Sullivan now has a 90% Spitfire with an 430 hp engine.
SPECIAL GUEST	Ralph Cuzak talked about the Beaufort Bomber restoration.
THANKS	To Robin for providing the supper. .
MEETING CLOSED	09.05 pm.

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE 2009

INCOME			
\$6,280.00	Hangar Rent	Cash	\$4,825.00
		Loan reductin M.Mc	\$1,400.00
\$4,070.00	Membership Subscriptions		\$1,890.00
\$489.36	Interest Recieved		\$0.28
\$698.75	Social Functions		\$1,000.50
	Drinks		\$100.25
	Badges		\$170.00
	Raffle		\$285.00
	Pokerrun		\$272.00
<u>\$44.20</u>	Other		\$350.00
\$11,582.31	Total Income		\$10,293.03
EXPENDITURE			
\$330.00	Room hire SAAA		\$180.00
\$90.00	Membership RAAus		\$90.00
\$753.26	Insurance		\$944.34
\$81.40	Postage and Stationary		\$0.00
	Clubhouse general expenditure		\$480.33
\$2,478.30	Sub Lease Watts Bridge (rent & mship)		\$2,472.31
\$38.10	Fees Annual Return		\$38.10
\$3.00	Bank Charges		\$0.00
	Drinks		\$39.00
\$359.90	Accountancy and Legals		\$0.00
	Electricity		\$230.05
\$317.90	Contributions WBMA	Power	
\$795.00		Sewerage	
	Sundry Expenses		\$50.00
<u>\$581.50</u>	Depreciation		<u>\$1,232.41</u>
\$5,828.36	Total Expenditure		\$5,756.54
<u><u>\$5,753.95</u></u>	SURPLUS		<u><u>\$4,536.49</u></u>

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- August 10th** **QUA Inc General Meeting & Annual General Meeting.** At 07.30 pm.
The meeting venue this time is at the **Brisbane Coast Guard** facility on Trafalgar Street, Manly. This is on the north break wall of the Manly Boat Harbor.
After the meeting a tour of this facility will be conducted with supper provided.
Contact **Peter** on **0418159428** or **Mal** on **0414723049** for details or directions.
- August 22nd** **Straddie Breakfast Fly In** from 08.30 to 10.30am. All flyers are welcome.
Cost is \$15 per person for a sumptuous all-you-can-eat breakfast.
Please R.S.V.P. to Pat on 0410 558334 or the crew at Straddie, caretakers Lance or Billy by phoning: (07)3409 9727
- August 29/30th** **QVAG Festival of Flight Vintage Fly-In** at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield.
Contact John Innes on 0417643610 for more details.
- September 04 / 05th** **Birdsville Races** with an auction on Saturday to raise funds for the RFDS.
Fly in & camp under the wing. **Birdsville Races** is an event that you'll be talking about for years to come! Contact **Wirrarri Information Centre** 02 4656 3300
- September 19th** **Warwick Aviators Breakfast** hosted by the WACI (Warwick Aero Club Inc) at YWCK 0700 start BREAKFAST/ ALL WELCOME fly, drive or cycle in and enjoy a social morning with fellow aviation enthusiasts/ AVGAS AVBL proceeds from raffles and donations to CareFlight.
Contact Phil Goyne 07 4666 1676 or phil.goyne@bigpond.com
- September 27th** **Drifter Breakfast at Boonah** Breakfast will be available until midday.
All aircraft are welcome. For more details contact Dave Tonks on **0438 463 601** or email davidtonks@bigpond.com

ANNUAL DRIFTER BREAKFAST

SUNDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2009

TO BE HELD AT THE HOME OF THE FLYING TIGERS - BOONAH AIRFIELD

ALL AIRCRAFT WELCOME

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(PLEASE CONTACT DAVE WITH APPROXIMATE NUMBERS A WEEK BEFORE THE EVENT)

AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE TO ATTEND THIS FANTASTIC EVENT, A FREE

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STICKER WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH PILOT ATTENDING

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SEE YOU THERE

(BRING YOUR SENSE OF HUMOUR)

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.

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FINAL NOTICE !!!

Once again another year has flown by and it's that time to pay the annual \$50.00 QUA subscription fee. Treasurer Mike Smith is happy to accept cash or a cheque in the mail if you can't make the next meeting. Contact Mike on 0418735785 to arrange payment by bank transfer. A tear off slip is included for your convenience. Return slips and a cheque can be mailed to the QUA Secretary at the following address

QUA Secretary, 16 London Street, Eight Mile Plains, Queensland, 4113.

Please include your current email address if you wish Richard to continue sending the newsletter via email.

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