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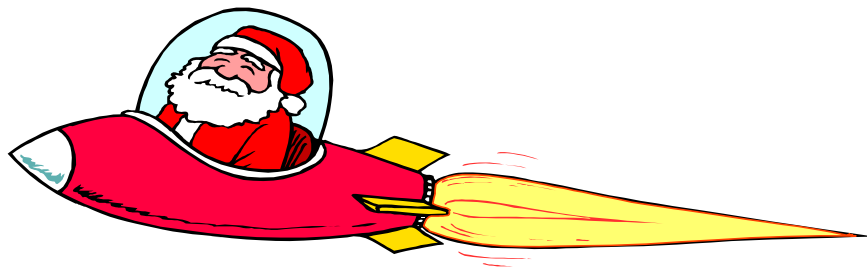
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May you all have a great Christmas
Season and a wonderful ,
prosperous New Year



HAPPY NEW YEAR



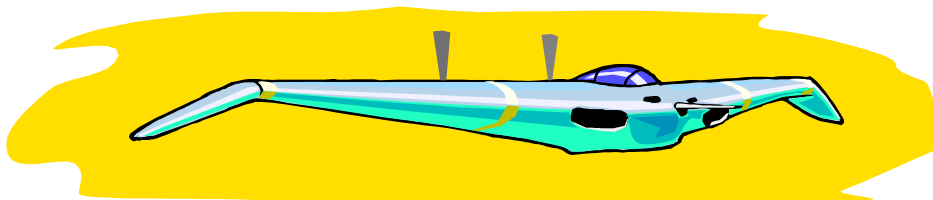


QUA CHRISTMAS PARTY
In lieu of a General Meeting on December 4th the party is planned at the SAAA Clubhouse. See below.

NEXT QUA MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY 4th , DECEMBER 2006

Starting from 07.00 pm at the SAAA clubroom near the main airfield gate on Beatty Road , Archerfield. Robin Salisbury is organizing a BBQ for all members and partners / friends. Bring your own drinks and glasses. To cover costs a charge of \$15.00 per person is being requested as any profits made will be put toward the clubhouse project being planned for next year. For the past couple of years the QUA covered most of the Christmas Party costs. With the clubhouse project coming up it has been asked that QUA members contribute to the costs of the Christmas Party. Your co-operation will be appreciated. Contact Robin on 07 55372165 or email lloyd robin@bigpond.com to check.



SOCIAL CALENDAR

- November 26 Annual "Greenfield" Toy Fly In Airfield is 2nm west of Boreen Point on Lake Cootharaba. A BBQ lunch is being provided amongst the Teerwah Bush by hosts Tony and Jane Green. Only request is to bring a gift wrapped Christmas Present to put under the Charity Christmas Tree. Contact Tony or Jane on 07 54853016 or email c165@tpg.com.au
- December 4 QUA Christmas Party at the SAAA Clubrooms at Archerfield Airfield. Robin is organizing a BBQ with members to bring their own drinks and glasses. To cover costs there will be a charge of \$15.00 per person. All members and partners, friends are welcome. More details on the next page
- December 16 QVAG Christmas Party at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield. For details Contact Shane Winter on 07 33003357 or 0407122219 or email winter@inet.net.au
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Work continues on Danny, Peter, David and Ian's Zenair CH701. On the left we see a nearly complete fuselage sitting on the undercarriage. Mid left is the Suzuki engine on the bench prior to being assembled with the engine mount, reduction drive and painting. Mid right we see that the wings and windscreen have been fitted along with struts, and ailerons. The group continues to do the work required to bring this plans built aircraft to completion in the New Year. Once again a fine effort with excellent workmanship being done.



Gavin McGrath is currently restoring his PeeWee ultralight back to flying condition after recovering the wings and tail section. It has given Gavin the opportunity to fully inspect and upgrade the condition of these surfaces prior to recovering. For Gavin it has been a real learning experience in handling new processes and materials with help from Arthur Anderson. On the left we see the uncovered all flying elevator and one of the wings at the bottom with new shrunk fabric applied. We hope to see the PeeWee flying again soon.





On the left we see Richard Faint landing his Tinny One once again at Watts Bridge. Richard has now flown off the test period and was returning from a short flight to Dalby on this Saturday morning. This 503 powered aircraft flies very well and is a credit to its builder. Construction of number two Tinny continues.

Rob Shaw taking off for another local flight at Watts Bridge after doing some maintenance. Rob is also building more flying hours every weekend as weather and time allows. Rob now has the 1600 VW running really sweetly with easy starting, often on the first swing of the propellor.



Slick looking gyro seen at Watts. This one is a two seater with a tall tail and a pre-rotator to spin up the main rotor to help the take off run. It is an impressive well built machine powered by a Rotax 912. The gyros are often seen at Watts Bridge with a small but very dedicated group who bring them out for some local flying and testing.

Another of the more traditional gyros that comes to Watts Bridge . This one has the lowered thrust line , seat tank, nose pod, tall tail and pre-rotator we see on the later gyros. Being a single seater, it is powered by a Rotax 503 with a composite , three bladed propellor.



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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2006 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.00 pm
APOLOGIES	Bryan Schollum, George Perez
VISITORS	Dave Donahue, Robin Salisbury
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	MOVED Robert Cousins SECONDED Ian Ratcliffe CARRIED
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Watts lease documents have been received for signing.
TREASURERS REPORT	Bank account \$ 8,523.33 Investment account \$15,887.75
SECRETARIES REPORT	.Lease documents received and one advertisement. QUA contact details with the RAAus have been updated for the RAAus magazine and web page.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	It was noted that at the last meeting no official vote was given for any proposed QUA name change . However the general attitude / comments given then, were for things to stay the same regarding a change of name.
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	Higher airfield maintenance required now due to recent rain with increased mowing needed by the crew. The new leases that are now registerable took ten years of hard work by the WMBA management committee to organize and work through. A big vote of thanks is given to the current committee who put in the effort on our behalf.
GENERAL BUSINESS / SOCIAL	Christmas Party. A BBQ is to be organized by Robin A BBQ and spare gas bottle is to be provided by Ivor. Tables arranged by Lloyd. Starting time to be 07.00 pm.
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS	Questions were asked regarding the new radio and circuit procedures. It is advisable for pilots to refer to the RAAus web pages where detailed information is given.
RAFFLE	Organised by Glenda, drawn by Peter Ratcliffe. Won by Lloyd with ticket #6, raised about \$80.00. Special thanks to Glenda for your efforts.
DVD PRESENTATION	Roger showed a DVD showing several suitable engines.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Robin Salisbury for preparing the supper.
MEETING CLOSED	09.00pm

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE



ALL METAL ULTRALIGHT

This R.A.Aus registered 95.10 all metal fun machine is powered by Fuji Robin 440 cc dual ignition engine with a 2.55/1 belt reduction drive. Instruments fitted – Digital Tacho, CHT, EGT. Skid/Slip Indicator, ASI, VSI, Compass, Sensitive Altimeter. Optional UHF & VHF radios. Complete spare engine and propeller. Includes a Panel Rib covered trailer for transport to the airfield and storage. Floats included .Fly at 45 knots @ 5 litres p/h or 60 knots @ 10 litres p/h. Very docile machine to fly. Offers invited. Contact Richard on 07 3245 2579 or via email on rsweetapple@optusnet.com.au.

QUA member Gordon Clarke is interested to speak to any members interested in establishing an aircraft owners syndicate to purchase and operate a suitable enclosed one or two seat aircraft to be based at Caboolture Airfield. Gordon estimates that for a syndicate of three or four people, the initial costs to be \$7,000 to \$9,000 to cover the aircraft purchase with ongoing costs to cover hangarage , insurance and maintenance. A minimum 'wet' hourly rate for flying operations would be determined to suit the aircraft purchased. Interested persons can contact Gordon Clarke on 0437878375 or 07 34252551(h) or via email gordon@adf-serials.com to discuss further details.

Gordon Clarke is also interested to talk to any QUA members who may be planning to attend Natfly in Narromine next Easter. Whether you are driving or flying, now is a good time to start planning. Natfly is always good to visit to meet other flyers. Contact details for Gordon are as above.

As has been usual practice, there is no newsletter or general meeting in January, 2007. The newsletter will be sent out prior to the general meeting in February, 2007. Any relevant material or photos about builder's projects, flying , aircraft or what, where people may fly to are required for the newsletter. Your participation is required to make it relevant and interesting.

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