

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE



WARNING !!! SANTA HAZARD ON DECEMBER 24 – 25th
Be on the lookout for odd flying objects including reindeers and sleighs.

**QUA Inc CHRISTMAS PARTY ON MONDAY 3rd DEC.
STARTING AT 07.00 pm. BBQ and SALAD. \$15.00 EACH.
ALL MEMBERS and FAMILY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

QUA BUILDER'S PROJECTS



These photos show the progress of the Zenair CH701 STOL plane being built by QUA president Peter Ratcliffe, with Ian and David Ratcliffe and Danny Fowler. Danny and Peter are with the fuselage in the top left photo. Work continues with the engine installation. The Suzuki engine has been test run to check the systems. The radiator has been fitted under the fuselage for better cooling. After Christmas it is planned to complete the painting process before final assembly and test flying. This is planned to occur before the Zenair 601 kits arrive at the workshop in early 2008.

Above photos are courtesy of our Technical Director, George Perez who was impressed with the workmanship done so far and with the wing design and geometry of the Zenair 701 setup.

The QUA Inc Clubhouse Project soil test has now been completed, thanks to Col Thorpe and Peter Ratcliffe in locating the right person to do the test. By the time you are reading this newsletter, the soil test report will have been passed onto the Esk Shire Council to complete the building application. Once the building application is approved, construction of the clubhouse can proceed to the lockup stage. This will now happen in early 2008 so that QUA Inc members can complete the fitting out process of the plumbing, water tanks, toilet, and kitchen areas etc.

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MINUTES OF 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.00 pm
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	The past year has gone well. Thanks for your support. The clubhouse project is moving ahead. QUA Inc membership is about the same with 45 members.
TREASURER'S REPORT	The AGM at last. The audit was slow to resolve as the new accountant requested a copy of all receipts and invoices, including the SAAA clubhouse receipts. In the end it was discovered that a full audit was not required as the Office of Fair Trading had changed the regulations for the end of year reports for associations. There are now three levels according to an association's income and financial assets. A financial statement, including a spreadsheet showing hangar rent, annual subscriptions and expenses was prepared and signed. General Account -- \$ 3,555.26 Term Deposit (1) -- \$ 7,000.00 Term Deposit (2) -- \$16,543.00 Moved -- Roger Kelly Seconded -- Mike Smith Motion -- Carried
ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS ARE DECLARED VACANT, NOMINATIONS ARE CALLED	
PRESIDENT	Peter Ratcliffe Nominated by Vern Grayson Seconded by Ian Ratcliffe Vote -- Carried
SECRETARY	Mal McKenzie Nominated by Bryan Schollum Seconded by Ian Ratcliffe Vote -- Carried
TREASURER	No nominations. Mike Smith volunteered. Vote -- Carried
EDITOR	No nominations Mal McKenzie volunteered Vote -- Carried
TECHNICAL OFFICER	No nominations George Perez volunteered Vote -- Carried
TRAINING OFFICER	No nominations Position Vacant Open Forum
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	No nominations Position Vacant Open Forum
WATTS BRIDGE REP	Richard Faint to continue in this position.
RAAus REPRESENTATIVE	No nominations Position Vacant
AGM CLOSED	08.34pm

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2007 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.35 pm
APOLOGIES	Glenda & Richard Faint, Danny Fowler, Richard Sweetapple. Darrell Daniels
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Moved – Neil Bowden Seconded -- Ian Ratcliffe Accepted / Passed.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	The clubhouse council applications are moving ahead. The Drainage Plan and Energy Efficiency Reports need to be submitted to the council. \$110.00 paid for the BIRS Report. A special thanks to Ian Ratcliffe for organizing these reports. A site soil test is also required by the Esk Shire Council. A brekkie fly-in is planned at December 15 at North Stradbroke The Great Eastern Fly-In at Evans Head is also scheduled again for the 28 th to the 31 st of January , 2008. All welcome.
TREASURER'S REPORT	General Account -- \$ 3,555.26 Westpac Account (1) -- \$ 7,000.00 Westpac Account (2) -- \$16,543.00
SECRETARIES REPORT	Four letters received..
GENERAL BUSINESS	A suggestion to increase the hangar rent was raised for discussion. Main reasons were to help cover the ongoing costs including rents, insurances, and other fees. A motion was put forward for voting. Moved -- Ian Ratcliffe Seconded – David Ratcliffe Vote -- Motion Carried The QUA hangar rent will be increased by \$5.00 per week to \$100.00 per month, commencing from the first of January , 2008 Vern asked if a Member of the Month type article with a photo be included in future newsletters to help members get to know other members. A form for members to send in with their details can be included in future newsletters. The editor is to prepare this. New member, Mervyn Ward gave a brief outline of his aviation background and his experiences building a KR2 and Smith Termite aircraft in Rhodesia and South Africa. Meryn expressed his desire to assemble and fly his Termite in Australia at Watts Bridge.
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	QUA Christmas Party on 3 rd of December starting at 06.30pm. BBQ, Salad and Coleslaw. Peter Ratcliffe to organize the BBQ. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Robin and Lloyd Salisbury to organize the rest plus the tables. Contact Robin on 07 55372165 for details.
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR	Use of foam to prevent deflated tyres. Several brands available Concern is that their use may make the wheel go out of balance.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Robin Salisbury for preparing the supper this month.
MEETING CLOSED	09.14 pm

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- December 3rd QUA Christmas Party at the SAAA Clubrooms, Archerfield, starting 07.00pm BBQ, Coleslaw, Salad and Dessert. BYO drinks and glasses. \$15.00 per person. Any profits generated will contribute to the clubhouse building project. Contact Robin Salisbury on 07 55372165 or email lloydrobin@bigpond.com for more details or if you have not been already contacted by Robin.
- December 15th Dunwich on Straddie Breakfast Get-Together. 9.00am Breakfast at \$10.00 each. Contact Hugh Ragg on 0412299403 for more information.
- December 15th QVAG Christmas Party at Watts Bridge. Commencing at Sundown. Contact Shane Winter on 0409252252 or blackmoth@bigpond.com Or Craig Justo on 0407740734 or craig@aeroaspects.com.au
- Dec 28 -- Jan 01 2008 Great Eastern Fly-in at Evans Head Memorial Airfield. OH YES; IT'S ON AGAIN (many thanks to Gai Taylor) Flying Fun Sun and Surf / join us at this year's Great Eastern / your flying Holiday. Underwing/overwing camping / caravan area / catering (yes, Great Coffee and Food) / all amenities / shuttle bus.
NO LANDING FEES
Great Flying / Air Displays / Classic Flying Film Night / Sunday Market Aviation Business / Adventure Flights / Models Ultralights / GA/ Gliders Vintage/ Warbirds / Mustang / Trojan / Beech 18 / Spitfires / Yak 52's Nanchangs and more. Anything that flies / Museum display / fun for all the family and lots more / Watch this space !
Extra! Extra! A Great Eastern Special, do we have a deal for you !
If you'd like to come earlier, volunteers can join us from the 26th Dec until Tuesday the 2nd January to help us out with all those little jobs.
We'd love to see you and remember the beach is only a stones throw away
Contact Gai Taylor gaitaylor@exemail.com.au OR 0427 825 202 and 02 6621 5592. Check out the website www.greasternflyin.com
- January 12 – 13th Ashford Fly-In and Music Weekend
Fly-In and music weekend to raise funds for New England Volunteer Air Transport (NEVAT) We are inviting Aviators from all over Australia.
Contact David Roach on davidroach56@hotmail.com OR 0428 254 448
- March 9th The Annual Clifton Fly-in is again hosted by the Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Association Inc. at Bange's Airfield at Clifton. On field camping , bring your swag, BBQ on the Saturday evening. Drive, fly or walk in.
Contact Trevor Bange 07 46958541 or email trevorbange@bigpond.com
- March 21 – 23rd Natfly 2008 at Narromine. Come for the eleventh anniversary of Natfly
For more information contact the RAAus office on 02 62804700.

QUA Inc CHRISTMAS PARTY ON MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER
HOT BBQ, SALAD, COLESLAW & DESSERT, BYO DRINKS
VENUE IS THE SAAA CLUBHOUSE AT ARCHERFIELD
BBQ STARTING AT 07.00 PM. COST IS \$15.00 EACH

FOR SALE

Pee-Wee II with fully enclosed (Registered) trailer. Wings and elevator have just been recovered and refurbishment is complete. New paint. Excellent aircraft. Many hours of trouble-free operation.

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or on mobile 0409 265 343

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For Sale Tyro Two, 95.10 single seat ultralight aircraft, flies well. Fitted with a Rotax 377 and a Sweetapple propeller. TTIS 160 hours. Hangared at Watts Bridge. Just add petrol / oil and go flying. Give away price at \$4,500.00. Contact Mal on 07 33415348 for more details.

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