

Queensland Ultralight Association

JUNE 2004 NEWSLETTER

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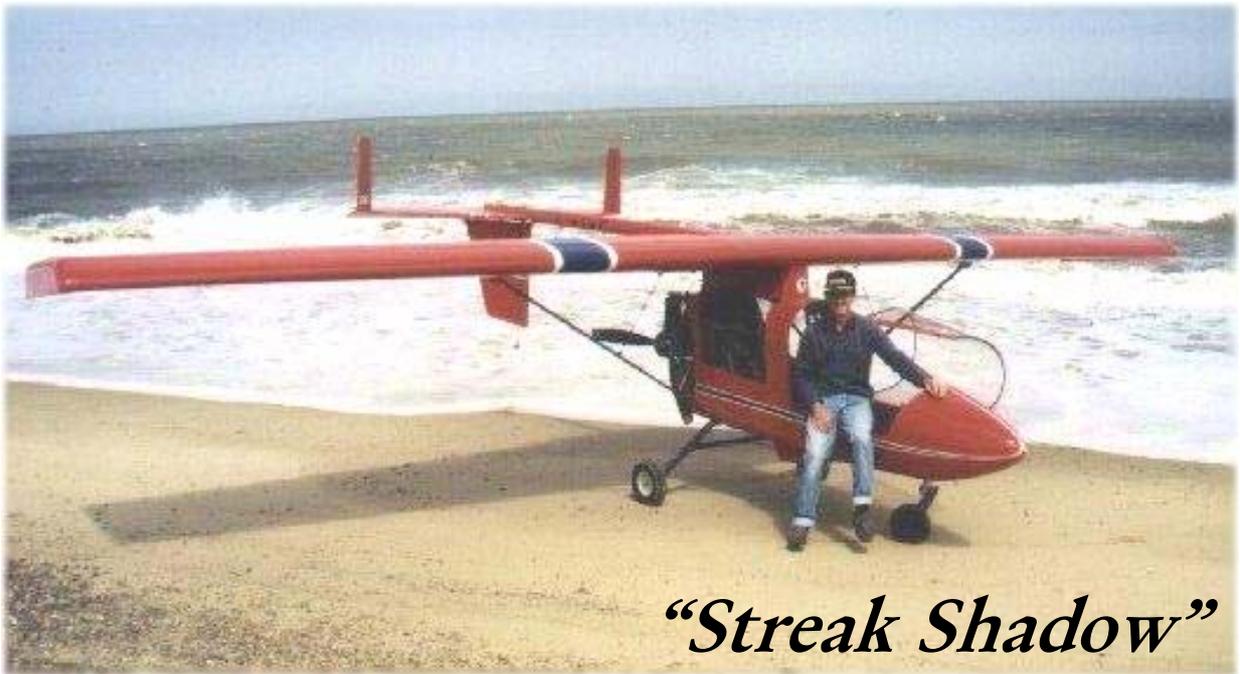
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FLYING EVENTS CALENDAR

Safety Seminar - Sunday 06th June 2004 - Heck Field Jacob's Well

The guest speaker will be Wayne Handley, a very experienced US Ag pilot with a wealth of knowledge on Stall-Spins . Mr Handley will arrive at Heck Field at approximately 10:45am and will conduct a presentation on Stall-Spins, Slow Turns and Safety Buffers. The presentation lasts about an hour followed by questions.

The Gold Coast Sports Flying Club will provide a BBQ Lunch after the presentation.

Q'ld Aerobatics Championships - Watts Bridge - 12th-13th June 2004

If you want to see some great flying action come along and watch the Queensland Aerobatics Championships at Watts Bridge. In addition to the non-stop aerobatics, the Caboolture Gliding Club and the South East Queensland Gyroplane Club are also having a weekend at Watts. Lots to see and do !!!

QUA XMAS in July and Fun Fly Poker Run - 3rd July 2004

Last year the QUA Fun Flying Poker Run was highly successful with more than 20 “flying poker players” out and about collecting cards with 80 something people celebrating XMAS in July at the Exchange Hotel. So it's on again !!! See the included promo for all the details and mark it down on your “must do” list.

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INGLEWOOD HISTORY

I was talking to one of our newer club members who got a blank look on their face when I mentioned Inglewood, so here's a little background. Inglewood is a small town about a third of the way between Warwick and Goondiwindi (about 120 nm south west of Watts Bridge) and we go there for the simple reason that way back in 1987 the town, via the Lions Club, invited us. In those days people, let alone towns, didn't invite ultralights anywhere (except to leave!)



That first year all those who attended could stand under the wing of a trike, with plenty of room to spare. The Lions club put on a BBQ on the Sunday night, didn't charge us, so we passed around the hat and I think our donation was in the vicinity of fifty dollars. This year we would have been flat out having enough room under a 747 wing and the Lions BBQ, still free, saw us collect \$1440.



But wait - there's more!

The local Historical Society provide lunches and breakfasts at the airfield (about a mile east of town). They also do fuel runs throughout the whole weekend. They put in toilets and a bush shower with abundant hot water via a chip heater. No charge for camping at the airfield. Over the years the Council have eradicated the prickles which are so prolific in

the west. When the accommodation houses are full, the locals will offer you a bed in their homes and if you decide to walk into or out of town, and you actually want to walk, then be prepared to knock back at least three offers of a lift. To top it off, at the end of the weekend there are always anxious inquiries about what they can do to improve the event!

Answer: Nothing.

The other reason we go there is for the flying. It is one of the few occasions where we have mixed operations.



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Tinnies are common these days and the hang gliders turn up en masse (about 50 this year) for towing operations. They use Trikes and a purpose built ultralight, the Dragonfly, to get up there, and then they usually see how far they can get. They have been known to get well west of Goondiwindi. Of course they don't always get away so you will often see hang gliders on the way up and on the way down while the ultralights and Tinnies are going round and around. There is one runway and everybody uses it. It's a busy circuit and very interesting.

There are no trade shows or forums just a lot of people eager to talk aviation. This year saw a self propelled hang glider as the smallest and Big Bird the Antonov as the largest with all sorts in between. If you haven't been before or not been there for a while, then stick it on the calendar for next year. Labour day weekend at Inglewood - you can't do any better.

by Tanys Mc Carron

Aerial Facts and Truisms

- Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club.
- Weather forecasts are horoscopes with numbers.
- Airspeed, altitude, and brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.
- Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.
- Advice given to RAF pilots during W. W. II. When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavour to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slowly and gently as possible.
- The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.
(Max Stanley, Northrop Test Pilot)
- If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.
(Bob Hoover, Aerobatic and Test Pilot)
- What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; If ATC screws up, the pilot dies.
- Never trade luck for skill
- Never fly in the same cockpit with someone braver than yourself.

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MINUTES OF MEETING

10th May 2004

Meeting opened 8.00 pm

APOLOGIES

George Edwards

VISITORS

Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted: Beven Dryden Seconded: John McCarron.

TREASURER REPORT

Account Balance: \$17477.01

SECRETARY REPORT

Nil.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil In and Nil Out

PRESIDENT REPORT

Nil.

AUF REPORT

CASA is bringing out an international expert on stall/spins.

He will be speaking at Jacobs Well on 6th June 2004 at approximately midday. Beven Dryden to confirm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There is a fly in at Gatton on 20th June 2004 as a fund raiser for the Royal Flying Doctors.

Donation is a gold coin

A new aircraft rotary engine will be run on a test stand at the June meeting.

It is a 10 cylinder radial (2 banks of 5), 48Kg, 80HP @ 3000RPM.

Inglewood was a great success with 50 aircraft, 50 hang gliders, a gyrocopter & the Antinov.

This was the 18th year that it has been held with \$440 raised. AVGAS will be available next year.

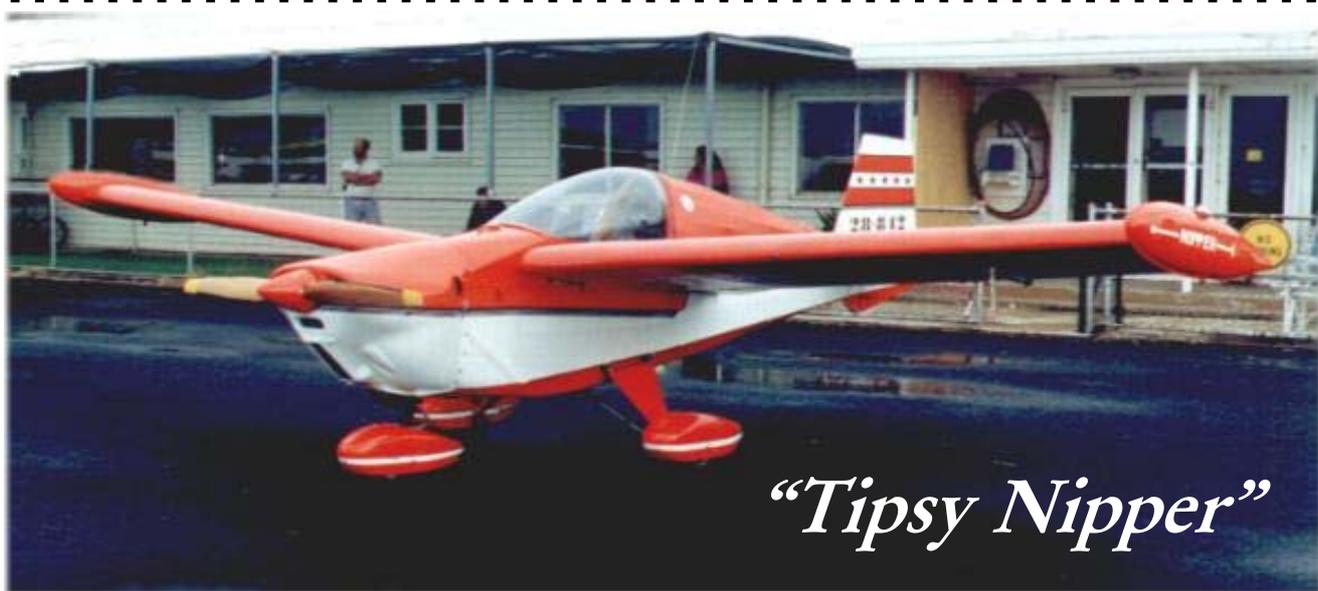
Narromine was also successful with 200 aircraft attending.

Apparently only 21 aircraft attended the SAAA fly-in at Wagga.

Thank you to Robin Salisbury for preparing the supper.

MEETING CLOSED

9.00 pm.



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