

# QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

## MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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### **SOME OF THE QUA MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO ATTENDED THE MAY MEETING**

The May QUA Inc General Meeting was the first formal QUA activity to be held in the new QUA clubhouse at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield. Close to thirty members, guests and visitors attended the meeting and joined in the BBQ afterwards. Due to the strong winds present on Sunday only one aircraft was flown in for the meeting. Several visitors who attended also filled out membership forms to become QUA members. Over the past months several new members have been joining each month. As more work is done the building will become more comfortable and usable for visiting QUA members and their families. Last weekend Rod Mill and Peter Freeman started preparing the area adjacent to the building for the fitting of a water tank and laying of a paved BBQ area. In the coming weeks this work will continue with the help of any volunteers who have time on a Saturday to help. This will be discussed further at the next QUA meeting. Further work on the plumbing and fitting of the key safe is also planned in the coming months.

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## **QUA POKER RUN 2008 FUN FLY**

The QUA Poker Run and BBQ will be held at Watts Bridge on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> July. This year the BBQ will be held at the QUA Clubhouse. Richard may be distributing the playing cards to the various airfields for pilots to collect and hand in on their return to Watts Bridge. The winner will be announced at the Christmas in July Dinner later on Saturday evening. All pilots and crew willing to participate are welcome to join us in making the day successful. Contact Richard on 07 38181988.

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**THE NEXT QUA MEETING IS ON MONDAY 2nd JUNE AT 07.30 PM  
AT THE SAAA CLUBHOUSE, ARCHERFIELD, SUPPER AFTER THE MEETING  
ALL MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME**

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# DAVID HACK FLY-IN REPORT



At the recent David Hack Classic Meet in May at Toowoomba, many of the local vintage and recreational aircraft flew in for the day plus a good collection of vintage and classic motor vehicles were also present. On the left we see the well presented DH Dragon, Piper Cub and Fw 190 replica below with the Nanching or Yak aerobic trainer to the right. This successful event was organized by the Toowoomba North Rotary Club in conjunction with Aerotec Queensland. We need to thank Tony Wright for supplying the photos shown here.



## SATURDAY AT WATTS



**Several of the aircraft that flew into Watts last Saturday from CAB and Bradfield**



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## MINUTES OF MAY 2008 GENERAL MEETING

- MEETING OPENED 10.15 am
- APOLOGIES Neil Bowden, Allan Mellow, Bryan Schollum, Sandy Walker.
- VISITORS Anna Perez, Shirley Goodall, Paul & Leo Mylonas, Carmel Ratcliffe, John Warmsley.
- PRESIDENT'S REPORT Welcome to our first meeting in our new clubhouse. More work needs to be done to complete the fit out. A working bee is to be called to fit the interior battens. A key safe is to be fitted to the outside front wall.
- TREASURERS REPORT
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| Opening Balance ..... | \$ 3,258.33 |
| Plus Deposits.....    | \$ 1,237.00 |
| Less SAAA Rent.....   | \$ 60.00    |
| Closing Balance.....  | \$ 4,435.33 |
- Next major expenses will be for one 21,000 liter water tank and the backhoe costs when completing the drainage and plumbing .
- SECRETARIES REPORT A few club membership fees received. An email received from the WBMA regarding not using the QUA Inc Clubhouse for commercial purposes. A reply was sent.
- WATTS BRIDGE REPORT New prefab toilet block to be installed in early June. This will make the airfield compliant as it will be connected to the sewerage system. Another new toilet / shower building is also being planned later.
- SOCIAL DIRECTOR The Poker Run 08 is set for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of July to coincide with the Watts Bridge "Christmas in July" dinner being organized by Liz Cook and the WBMA. Richard Faint may be in NZ at this date so an alternative person will need to run the event and distribute the card envelopes to the various airfields. Details to be worked out.
- GENERAL BUSINESS The old QUA badges may have been organized by Barry Hughes. Others may be in the Secretaries box. ( None located yet ) Peter Ratcliffe to look at having more copies made. George Perez has relocated his Jabiru to Karralbin. There is an invitation from the hangar owner at Karralbin for QUA members to visit when passing the area. It is planned to hold every third QUA General Meeting on a Sunday morning at the QUA clubhouse followed by a BBQ. Next QUA meeting at Watts will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2008. A Fly to Maree Tour is being organized for the Camel Races. More information was included in a recent copy of Pacific Flyer. A vote of thanks was given to Roger Kelly, the Ratcliffes and Mal McKenzie for their role in making the clubhouse a reality.
- SPECIAL THANKS to Peter Ratcliffe for organising the BBQ this month
- MEETING CLOSED 10.55 am



# SOCIAL CALENDAR

- May 31<sup>st</sup> CASA safety seminar at **Heckfield** commencing at 11.30am, followed by a BBQ. For further details, please contact the club president, Peter Johnstone on 0430466288 or at [kityhawk@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kityhawk@iprimus.com.au).
- June 1<sup>st</sup> **Heckfield** Static Display and BBQ, From 09.00am to 03.00pm. Contact Peter Johnstone on 0430466288 for more information or check the webpage [www.gcsfc.org.au](http://www.gcsfc.org.au)
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> **QUA Inc. General Meeting** at **Archerfeld Aerodrome** in the SAAA Clubhouse. Meeting to start at 07.30 pm followed by a light supper.
- June 7-9<sup>th</sup> Goodwin Fly-in at **Goodwin Field** between Maryborough and Hervey Bay Sponsored by the local flying clubs as an alternative to Raglan. Camping facilities, food and other refreshments will be available over the weekend. For more information check out [www.goodwinfield.com](http://www.goodwinfield.com) or please contact Col Vendon on 0407015320 for airfield information. or Ian Leishman at [ian@ajvelde.com](mailto:ian@ajvelde.com)
- June 21<sup>st</sup> **Dunwich on Stradbroke Island.** Breakfast Get Together at 09.00am. Cost \$10.00 Contact Hugh Ragg on 0412299403 for more information.
- June 29<sup>th</sup> **QVAG Progressive Fly-in Flyaway.** Start at Watts Bridge at 08.00am for breakfast, fly to Caloundra for morning tea, then to Caboolture for lunch. Contact Craig Justo on 0407740734 for more details.
- July 5<sup>th</sup> **Maree Camel Cup**, camel races, live entertainment, novelty & fun events, Contact Rural Transaction Centre on 08 86758222 for more information
- July 12<sup>th</sup> The annual **QUA Poker Run at Watts Bridge.** More details next month. Contact Richard Faint on 07 38181988 for more information.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> The **Christmas in July Dinner and Party at Watts Bridge.** Venue is the AAC Clubhouse. Contact Liz Cook on 0419369963
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> **Dalby Wings & Wheels Spectacular** 2008. Gold coin entry Contact Peter on 0416198973 for more information..
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> **QUA Inc General Meeting** at the QUA Clubhouse, **Watts Bridge.** Commencing at 10.00am , followed by a Sausage Sizzle & BBQ. Fly in or drive to enjoy the open spaces and county air at Watts Bridge.
- August 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> **Festival of Flight** Vintage Fly-in and Annual Dinner at Watts Bridge. See [www.qvag.org.au](http://www.qvag.org.au) or contact Craig Justo on 0407740734

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**QUA Inc TECHNICAL DIRECTOR George Perez**

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**Gold Coast Sports Flying Club**

# **Heck Field Static Display & BBQ**

**Sunday June 1st, 2008**

**9am to 3pm**

Aircraft displays, demonstrations, BBQ and many other features.

For airfield information please refer to our club website at:

<http://www.gcscfc.org.au>

Contact Peter Johnstone for further information

0430466288



## GOODWIN FLY-IN Alternate Raglan Fly-In - June 7, 8 & 9 2008

The Hervey Bay and Maryborough Aero Clubs are combining to hold the "Goodwin Field Fly-In" over the long weekend, June 7, 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> 2008. It is intended to offer this as an alternative to the fly-in at Raglan on the off years now that Raglan is only held every second year.

It will be held at **Goodwin Field**, a private airstrip between Hervey Bay and Maryborough ( more details on the website ), so we will have no security issues to deal with. Funds raised will be split between the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Variety Club ( for kids ) and the 2 aero clubs involved. More info can be found at [www.goodwinfield.com](http://www.goodwinfield.com)

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## MEMBERS MARKET

### For Sale.....A single seat project.

Aircraft is a full metal wing variant of a "Tyro" with one wing almost finished, spar and ribs of the other complete. Fuselage complete. All metal sheet to finish wing covering, and ailerons. Other stuff includes wing struts, engine mount (503), joystick assembly etc. Lots of brackets and a fiberglass shell. The workmanship to date on all parts is exceptional. I purchased this project based on the quality of the work done by the previous builder / owner. I can send digital pictures if requested. Asking \$3000 (or sensible offer). Please contact me ( Ian Mitchell ) on 0409 764 477 if interested. I've bought an aircraft, so I have even more motivation to sell. Plus the wife wants her garage back!

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## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE !!!

Once again another year has passed and it's that time again to pay the annual **\$50.00** QUA subscription fee. The cut off date for payment is **August 2008** with payment due by **30<sup>th</sup> June, 2008**. Treasurer **Mike Smith** is happy to accept cash or bank transfer or a cheque in the mail if you can't make the next meeting. Contact Mike on 0418735785 to arrange payment. A tear off slip is included below for your convenience.

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### QUA SUBSCRIPTIONS 2008 TEAR OFF FORM

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

QUA SUBS \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Payment can be posted to, The Treasurer, QUA Inc, 88 Summit Drive, Sheldon, 4157