

# QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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## RAAus Tent At Narromine

Once again the big one at Narromine over the Easter break has seen a diverse collection of aircraft and people descend on this country town to share in the joy of being part of the RAAus flying community. Trade exhibits and forums were well attended too.

An estimated 500 plus aircraft flew in over the weekend. The aircraft in attendance reflected the growing popularity in the higher performance experimental aircraft people are building and flying now. Except for a sole 2 seat Thruster and the Magpie from Jacobs Well, most of the others were fast plastic or metal aircraft. VH registered aircraft were well represented too as well as some vintage aircraft.

In walking around and meeting people, there were many folk from the various airfields in South East Queensland who had flown in. People from as far afield as South Africa and Canada had travelled for the event as well. It was worth attending to see people, aircraft, company representatives and their products at one location

# AIRCRAFT OF THE MONTH

## The Cheetah

two seater



The details of this unique aeroplane

### **CHEETAH**

2 SEAT SPORT AIRCRAFT

THIS KIT IS AUSTRALIAN MADE, the construction is mainly alloy and stits covering. It has been designed for large baggage space (.95cubic meter) 3 compartments, 1 is forward of the rudder pedals to balance a big load.

Large 42" cabin for long range comfort..  
110kts cruise speed, on a Jabiru 85hp motor

The main fuel tank is 70lts, and other wing or fuse tanks can be fitted.  
Rigging out of a trailer in 5 min.

Empty weight 279kg  
MTOW 544kg  
Payload 265kg  
110kts cruise on 85hp  
VNE 125kts

50-85hp engines can be used.

Stall 40kts  
Wing span 24' 8"  
Tail 7' 6" 2 piece removable

Fuselage length 19 feet  
Take off and land 100m  
Nose wheel or tail wheel

**COST IS ONLY \$ 22,500.00 + GST.  
THE CHEETAH IS THE CHEAPEST  
PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT ON  
THE MARKET ANYWHERE**

Your editor had the opportunity to have a brief fly in the Cheetah at Narromine. First impression is of a good handling, well mannered aircraft with responsive controls. Turns are well balanced due

to differential ailerons. Wing wash out gave very docile stalls with plenty of warning. In short a nice plane to fly.



The kit is of very simple and quick construction, fuselage has a welded steel frame that holds wing u/c and pilot, and the rest is riveted tubes, top decks are sheet metal.

Wing is a double taper, all ribs are molded fibreglass ,to speed construction main spar is a top and bottom angle using solid rivets. Spars attach. in fuselage by double overlap , to each side of fuselage and 2 bolts holding it in place.

Kit comes with all metal, rivets, tubes, sheet, dope, glue and covering ,wheels, breaks, spats, harness, molded wing tips, ribs, cowling, u/c, and bolts. You need to buy your engine, instruments, and paint. Full builder support, and help line is available for all builders.

We also have a single seat model.( Same aircraft)  
(SUPER DIAMOND) \$12,500.00 AUD

If you have the need for speed our Joey 2 120hp, 150kts glass aircraft may be what you are looking for, check out the web site [www.homepages.ihug.com.au/~gkmorgan](http://www.homepages.ihug.com.au/~gkmorgan)

Or ring Garry Morgan, at MORGAN AERO WORKS +61 2 95348776 or 0418253466 mobile Australia.



Cheetah prototype uncovered showing construction details..

**29APRIL - 01 MAY 2006**

**INGLEWOOD INTERNATIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**"THE GATHERING OF THE TRIBES"**

Tried n true country hospitality on the outer downs; just north of TEXAS Qld 4385

Small country town, small country airfield, BIG country hospitality

**GYROS/ HANG GLIDERS AND AEROTUGS/ TRIKES/ ULTRALIGHTS/ HOMEBUILTS/  
EXPERIMENTAL/ GENERAL AVIATION/ AEROBATICS/ PARAGLIDERS**

The annual gathering of the 'Aviating Tribes' on the edge of the great beyond

Camp out under the stars next to the airfield/ stay in a local motel or hotel OR fly in for just the day;

BUT if you haven't recently experienced Inglewood; then you may not be a charter member of the  
Australian Aviating Tribe

SPECIAL NOTE: as Inglewood hasn't been allotted a discrete frequency for its council owned  
airfield, use the default 126.7 mhz if you must;

BUT don't be surprised if most of the traffic is not radio equipped; of course, keep your ears open;

BUT most importantly "KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN"

**SEE YOU THERE**



# QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF APRIL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	07.56 pm
APOLOGIES	Bryan Schollum, Glenda Faint Danny Fowler, Peter Ratcliffe
VISITORS	Robyn Salisbury, Juan Francis Alan Broughton
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	MOVED Gavin McGrath SECONDED Colin Thorpe CARRIED
TREASURERS REPORT	\$6,188 / \$15,000 invested + interest MOVED Richard Faint Some interest from people for hangar .
SECRETARIES REPORT	Four items of mail received
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	No business outstanding.
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	Aerobatic Club house ready to go. Their building kit has been delivered. Power and sewerage to club house sites still waiting for costs and funding to be decided. Surveyers have visited to check site alignments for chalet site boundaries
RAAUS REPORT	New operations manual in process. Two and a half months left to apply for your ASSIC Security Card.. CFI/PI meeting planned for Narromine
GENERAL BUSINESS / SOCIAL	Inglewood Fly-in and a fly-in also at Gympie is planned for the last week- end of April 2006. QUA Poker Run is being planned for the second or third weekend of July.
A SPECIAL THANKYOU	to Robyn for preparing the supper.
MEETING CLOSED	08.29 pm

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

- April 29 – May 1                      Inglewood Fly-in. Gathering of the Tribes  
Good opportunity to fly there, meet and  
join in with the local community.  
All fliers welcome.
- April 29 – 30                              Fly-in planned for Gympie Airfield.
- May 8                                        QUA General Meeting  
Venue is at Amalgamated Pest Control  
Boundary Road, Archerfield  
All members and friends welcome  
Commencing 07.30pm
- June 10 – 12                              Heckfield, Jacobs Well Fly-in  
Open invitation to all aviators to attend  
Contact Jan Aldred on 07 55461813
- July                                         Poker Run at Watts Bridge is being  
planned again. More details coming.  
Prop clock raffles to be drawn at this  
Weekend in July.

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## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE !!!

Another year has come and gone.. It has been a great year for most of us. Older , wiser and hopefully richer in wisdom and experience. It is time to send our treasurer Richard \$40.00 again to cover the annual fee. Richard is happy to accept cash or a cheque in the mail if you can't make the next meeting.

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## NEXT QUA MEETING

### MONDAY 8 th MAY 2006

Starting from 07.30 pm at the office of Amalgamated Pest Control in Boundary Road, Archerfield, courtesy of John and Tanys McCarron. Come and join us. A light supper with coffee/tea is provided after the meeting too.

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PRESIDENT Gavin McGrath 07 54262118    TREASURER Richard Faint 07  
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# FUN FLYING POKER RUN

The Fun Poker Run will be held on Saturday the 15th July 2006 commencing at 9:00am and finishing at 2:00pm.

It doesn't matter what you fly, be it an ultralight, gyro, trike, fantastic plastic, GA Tinny, F-111, whatever..... If it flies - we'd love you to join in the fun !!

Here's what you have to do:

Fly to **ANY THREE (3)** of the participating airfields - Bradfield, Kilcoy, Gatton Ag College or McCarrons's Field and collect an envelope which contains a Playing Card from under the Primary Windsock.

**DO NOT OPEN THE ENVELOPE** at this stage.

You can start anywhere you like and go to the airfields of your choice in any order that suits you.

Plan your trip so that you end up at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield. Pay your entrance fee of \$5.00 and collect a further **TWO (2)** Cards to complete your Five Card Poker Hand.



Have a quick snack at the QUA Saturday BAR-B-QUE at the QUA HANGAR—WATTS BRIDGE.

**THIS IS A FUN FLYING EVENT SO COME ON AND GIVE IT A GO !!**

If you have any questions please contact:

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**BRADFIELD  
GATTON COLLEGE  
KILCOY  
Mc CARRON'S STRIP  
WATTS BRIDGE**

S 26° 58.2'  
E 152° 34.0'

KILCOY

S 27° 05.9'  
E 152° 36.2'

Mc CARRON'S

S 27° 25.1'  
E 152° 24.1'

BRADFIELD

S 27° 33.6'  
E 152° 20.5'

GATTON AG. COLLEGE

**AIRFIELD LOCATIONS**



# **QUA BAR B QUE**

**15th July 2006**

**10:00am - 2:00pm**

**QUA Hangar**

**Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield**

**Sausage Sizzle**

**Yummy Hot Soup**

**Tea & Coffee**

**For more information contact:**

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# **QUA BAR B QUE**