

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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Glenda Faint's Tinnie 2 in the paint shop as work progresses.

WORK CONTINUES ON THE QUA CLUBHOUSE



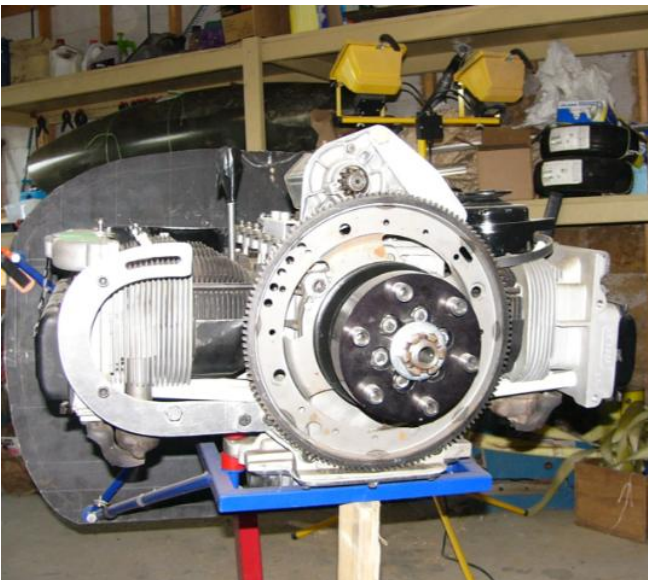
On Friday the 9th of May, work on the clubhouse fit out started with Peter, Ian and David Ratcliffe working to fit battens in the toilet area in preparation for the wall lining, power and plumbing of the area. We see Ian on the left screwing in place a batten to the ceiling. Other work done was the cleaning of the windows and doors by Neil Bowden. A bookcase has been provided by Mal to house a collection of aircraft magazines donated by Liz Cook of the Aerobatic Club. We also need to thank Liz for the provision of many items of furniture such as tables, chairs, lounges, a water urn and stove top that are now in the clubhouse. QUA member Sandy Walker has offered to provide a bar fridge stocked with drinks that will be for sale to thirsty visitors. It will then be up to the QUA Inc to keep it stocked. A key safe has been purchased to allow clubhouse access.

**THE NEXT QUA MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 18th May AT 10.00 AM
AT WATTS BRIDGE WITH A BBQ LUNCH AFTER THE MEETING
ALL MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME**

QUA MEMBERS PROJECTS



In this series of photos we see the progress that has been made on the Zenair CH 601 kit that belongs to David, Ian and Peter Ratcliffe. Assembly of the airframe has been rapidly progressing in the past couple of months. In the bottom left we see the Corvair engine that is waiting to be fitted to the firewall. Once again this is a real group effort with Ian working on the tail feathers and wing panels while Peter and David concentrate on the fuselage assembly. Assistance is also being given to the other CH 601 projects of Vern Grayson and Ivor Parsons when time permits.



On the right we see Glenda Faint applying the registration numbers to a completed wing panel of her Tinnie 2. Work continues to have this project completed very soon and in the air at Watts Bridge before Richard and Glenda embark on a new project in the coming months. We wish them well as they progress to that goal and their first flight in a few weeks time.



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MINUTES OF APRIL 2008 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.04 pm
APOLOGIES	Dan Fowler, Robin and Lloyd Salisbury, Mal McKenzie.
VISITORS	Allen Mellow, Don Mellow (both are now members)
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	The new clubhouse has been built to the lock up stage. Work is to continue at the clubhouse as we can afford. The May meeting has been changed to Sunday the 18 th May to be held in the new QUA clubhouse at Watts Bridge. The QUA logo is to be looked at.
TREASURERS REPORT	Opening Balance \$ 3,311.59 Investment Accounts.....\$ 0.00 Plus Deposits.....\$ 24,088.74 Closing Balance.....\$ 3,708.33 Plus Unpresented Cheques...\$ 23,692.00 Total Funds in Bank.....\$ 27,400.33 All clubhouse costs to date have been paid in full. The term deposits have been closed. A tax form is to be sent in to retrieve the tax paid on the term deposit's terminations.
SECRETARIES REPORT	Absent.
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	Rates to increase ? Amount not known yet. The Watts Board of Management is to absorb the initial increase until the new amalgamated Somerset Council can be approached on the subject.
GENERAL BUSINESS	Nil.
SOCIAL DIRECTOR	The Poker Run 08 is set for Saturday 12 th of July to coincide with the Watts Bridge "Christmas in July" dinner being organized by Liz Cook and the WBMA. Richard Faint is to distribute the envelope cards.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Glenda for preparing the supper this month
MEETING CLOSED	08.30pm

QUA POKER RUN 2008

The QUA Poker Run and BBQ will be held at Watts Bridge on Saturday the 12th July. This year the BBQ will be held at the QUA Clubhouse. Richard will 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.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- May 18th QUA Inc. General Meeting at **Watts Bridge** in the new QUA Clubhouse. Meeting to start at 10.00 am followed by a BBQ.
- June 1st **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
- June 7-9th 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 or please contact Col Vendon on 0407015320 for airfield information, or Ian Leishman at ian@ajvelde.com
- June 21 **Dunwich** on **Stradbroke Island**. Breakfast Get Together at 09.00am. Cost \$10.00 Contact Hugh Ragg on 0412299403 for more information.
- July 12th The annual QUA Poker Run at **Watts Bridge**. More details next month. Contact Richard Faint on 07 38181988 for more information.
- July 12th The Christmas in July Dinner and Party at **Watts Bridge**. Venue is the AAC Clubhouse. Contact Liz Cook on 0419369963
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QUA MEMBER OF THE MONTH



This month's member is Bill Oates. Bill is an RAA Level 4 Aircraft Inspector and a L.A.M.E with extensive experience in maintaining G.A. aircraft from the De Havilland Leopard Moth to the Swearingen Metro turbo props. Bill has also been a commercial pilot with 500 hours flying experience including a twin engine endorsement. In the past, Bill has owned a DH82 Tiger Moth, Auster J5a and a Piper PA11 Cub Special. Since moving to Esk, Bill is available to help QUA members with aircraft maintenance issues and inspections of new aircraft. Bill is often at Watts Bridge to help out when needed. To contact Bill, please phone 07 54242381 or 0418779560

PRESIDENT Peter Ratcliffe 0418159429 TREASURER Mike Smith 0418735785

SECRETARY/ EDITOR Mal McKenzie 07 33415348 Email mmc80789@bigpond.net.au

QUA Inc TECHNICAL DIRECTOR George Perez

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

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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 & 9th 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

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 **30th 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.

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