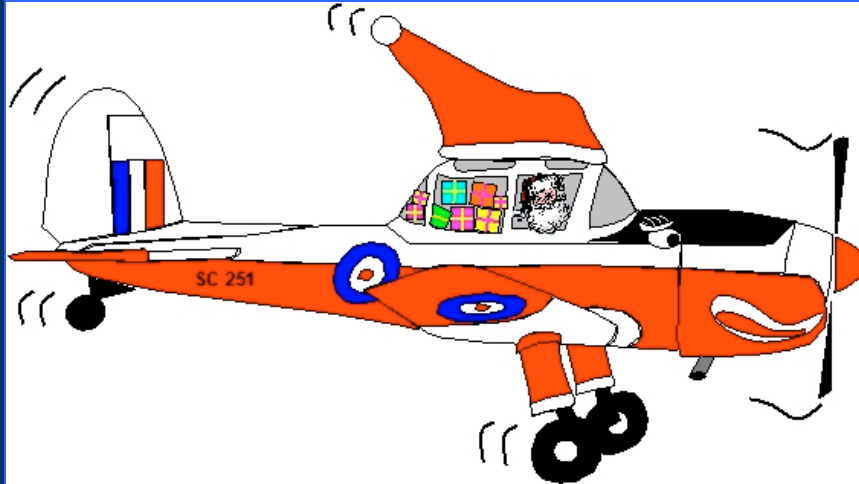




Australian Vintage Aeroplane News

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION



Now then, have you been naughty or nice?

Welcome to the December 2010 issue of AVAN!

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Message from The Editors:

We wish you and yours a very safe Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2011!

Would you like to contribute to YOUR Newsletter?

Send your articles and pics to: info@qvag.com.au



Last Issue:
Mystery
Aircraft was

Southern Cross
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As no entries were received for the funny photos competition last issue, it was decided to award prizes to the first 2 correct entries in the Mystery Aircraft Competition.

The winners were Lynette Zuccoli and Bob Livingstone. Congratulations!

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From the Desk of the President Andy Heath (aka Captain Pugwash)

I would like to start by saying thank you for the vote of confidence by those of you whom attended the recent AGM at Watts Bridge last Sunday 21st November.

For those members who don't already know me, I am Andy Heath (alias Capt'n Pugwash) and have been an active member of the group for the past 11 years or so and served as Secretary for 2 of those years. Earlier this year I became Vice President.

I am an aircraft maintenance engineer based at Caboolture Airfield involved in the maintaining of a number of Warbirds, Vintage and General Aviation Aircraft. I own and fly a Pietyenpol GN 1 Aircamper.

My appointment as President is not really about me, it is more about Q.V.A.G. and YOU!! I would like with the committee's help to refresh our group while keeping the values and objectives we hold as the group's foundations.

I made some comments prior to my election and I will briefly convey them to you. I have felt over recent times we have lost some of the camaraderie and bond which has brought the group to where it is now, we have just held the most successful Festival of Flight ever and are in a sound financial position. But as we have grown we seem to have lost some member interest, which I shall be endeavouring to rectify.

To these ends I would like to see the Clubrooms freely accessible to members as a place they can come to and have a cuppa, cold drink etc., any time they fly or drive by.

I welcome all ideas from my fellow members, lets get social and enjoy our aviation passion, after all you are our members. So in closing I would like to extend an invitation to all of you, support Q.V.A.G. Attend the Xmas Party on Saturday 4th December 1900hrs RSVP and our Breakfast Fly-in on 27 February 2011 at 0800hrs.

I look forward to meeting you in the near future come and say Hi.

My very Best Wishes for the upcoming Festive Season.

Fly Safe Stay Safe Andy Heath, (President)

Membership Matters!

- If you know someone who would like to join, there is now an Online Membership Form on our Website. If you refer a new Full Member to the Group, we will give you a Stainless Steel Insulated Mug in return!
- QVAG's Merchandise is now on the Website! Go and check it out at www.qvag.com.au

*****NEW*****

Competition:



Mystery Aircraft!

If you can correctly identify this aircraft and when it was built, email **The Editors** at info@qvag.com.au !

The first correct entry received will receive a QVAG / AFM Inc. Polo Shirt



AGM Results!
21 November 2010

As everyone is no doubt aware, we convened our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 21st November 2010. The following Members were elected to the Management Committee:

President:	Andy Heath
Vice Presidents:	John Sinclair & Craig Thomsen
Secretary:	Jackie Bolsover
Treasurer:	Phill Ridley
Management Committee:	Robyn Bernhardt, Craig Justo, Doug Field, Mal Shipton

Following the AGM a Meeting was held of the newly elected Management Committee. Members were appointed to the following positions:

Membership Officer:	Robyn Bernhardt
Website Liaison Officer:	Mal Shipton
AVAN Editor:	Christian Smith
Events Coordinators:	Craig Justo, Craig Thomsen & John Sinclair
Public Relations Officer:	Jackie Bolsover
Airfield Council Rep:	Unfilled at time of going to print

Two resolutions were carried and these were:

- a) Constitution – that the newly updated Constitution for QVAG / AFM Inc. (based on the Model Rules from the Incorporations Act and Regulations) be adopted and submitted to Office of Fair Trading to replace the previous outdated Constitution.
- b) If a husband and wife (defacto or married) or partners in a long term relationship are both cheque signatories on the QVAG / AFM Inc. bank account/s, then these signatories count as one for cheque signing purposes. Therefore, every signed cheque requires two independent signatories.

We wish all our new Committee well!

2011 David Hack Classic Meet "Wings and Wheels of Yesteryear"

On behalf of Toowoomba North Rotary Inc. and Aerotec QLD I wish to formally extend the invitation to join us for the 2011 David Hack Classic Meet, May 1st 2011 at Toowoomba (YTWB) Aerodrome.

The David Hack Classic is as much about raising much needed funds for the leukemia Foundation and Blue Care Nurses plus other nominated Charities being the main beneficiaries from the donations raised from the event plus provide another excuse for aviators to come together for a social occasion.

The first record of powered flight happened on the Darling Downs in 1911. In 2011 we are celebrating the centenary of that first recorded flight along with the celebration of the advancement of vehicle transport that we take for granted today. As such we are extending the invitation for all aviators to join us on Sunday 1st of May 2011, particularly those who operate Vintage aircraft that played a role in shaping air travel in Australia in the fledgling years, through to the Warbird, veteran and Classic aircraft owners and operators. And included in this invitation are for those who operate WW1 Replica types. We have been very privileged with previous events to have had the wonderful support from many of you good folk who brought along your aerial treasures. It has been a true privilege indeed and if you are in the position to join us for 2011 you would be more than welcome to attend and your attendance is never taken for granted.

As with previous events as well we are encouraging operators to fly in and join us on Saturday April 30th and enjoy a weekend escape.

But as mentioned, I am looking for expression of interest from the above mentioned Aircraft operators who are in the position to join us and I wish to express that all aviators are welcome to come as all who fly in to the event make a wonderful contribution to the success of this event each year.

For expression of interest or if you wish for more details please do not hesitate to contact myself, Scott Williamson on the following – Mobile – 0427 332 192 or Email – skwilliamson@gotalk.net.au (Alternative email – scott@focusedonprops.com.au)

Scott Williamson
For and on Behalf of Toowoomba North Rotary Inc
David Hack Classic Meet
Aviation Events Promotion and Marketing



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Wings of Life Fly-in & Trade Show

Proudly supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service
By Doug Field

Wings of Life is an organisation developed to raise funds and awareness for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS). On the 2nd and 3rd of October 2010 the recently established organisation hosted its inaugural event which was a Fly In and Trade Show at Archer Falls Airfield. Archer Falls Airfield is a private airfield located to the east of the small township of Kilcoy in the beautiful Sunshine Coast hinterland.



Fortunately we had outstanding support from members of the local community and aviators that decided to leave the aircraft in the hangar and drive to the event. Unfortunately the weather on the weekend was mediocre and prevented a significant amount of aircraft attending the event.

It was evident that the Fly In and Trade Show had generated a significant amount of interest as on Saturday the 2nd; over 300 individuals came through the gates. Upon arrival, those who attended the event either by air or road were greeted by Griffith University students that are currently undertaking a Bachelor of Aviation. The Griffith students directed the visitors to parking locations and gave accurate directions to main event areas. The Griffith University students did an extraordinary job at facilitating the traffic at this event despite the occasional obstacles like a bogged vehicle.

Those fortunate to attend the event were embraced by a fun-filled atmosphere created by all of the festivities. The Kilcoy Art Society Inc had a group of painters that sketched and painted art for all to see and provided advice to those interested in the hobby. They also displayed an art gallery within the Archer Falls Clubhouse that included approximately 50 pieces of art. This created a fantastic backdrop for the bar area and the Saturday night dinner.

There was a coffee shop proudly supported by Auswana Coffee, a local coffee grower from D'Aguiar. The coffee shop featured some of the best cakes and slices of any Fly In around. The coffee shop was run by dedicated women from the community who spent numerous hours of their own time baking and preparing the products on sale. These ladies delivered an outstanding service and their efforts significantly contributed to the success of this event. While the visitors enjoyed the delightful refreshments from the coffee shop, their ears were charmed by pleasant tunes from an accordion played from the back of a DC-3 (Converted into a bus).

Woongooroo Estate, a local winery, provided wine tastings and catering for the weekend. As some would have experienced, Woongooroo Estate produces amongst the finest of Australian wine, highlighted by the numerous accolades they have received. I greatly encourage all, especially pilots that are looking somewhere to go for lunch or breakfast to utilize the Archer Falls Airfield and make your way over to Woongooroo Estate Cellar as it is literally a stone's throw from the airfield. Stretton Pastoral Co, a local butcher supplied the highest quality meat which made a terrific BBQ over the weekend.



Wings of Life Fly-in & Trade Show (Con'td)

The Trade Show unfortunately was one area that suffered from the poor weather conditions as many of the sites involved aircraft flying-in that were unable to attend. Despite this, the Trade Show featured numerous aircraft manufacturers, aviation supplies, farming equipment, local businesses including Moore Bee-J products, Carien Industries who displayed the latest products in solar electricity, and flying schools which offered trial introductory flights.

Daniel Huskisson, featured next to the Jabiru J170, flew in from Kingaroy representing Air Services Kingaroy. He said "their flying school was currently expanding and they will soon be able to offer flight training from recreational aviation through to Commercial Pilot Training". So if anyone lives in the vicinity of Kingaroy and is interested in obtaining their pilot license be sure to give Daniel and the team from Air Services Kingaroy a call on (07) 4163 6655.

A major highlight of the event was Chris Brislin with his radio-controlled Extra that displayed the finest of aerobatic flying. His display was commonly discussed amongst visitors and provided great entertainment. Numerous other model aircraft enthusiasts attended the event and displayed their terrific flying skills throughout the weekend.

Throughout the duration of the weekend numerous car clubs and car enthusiasts brought in their prize possessions to be displayed. This added a great aspect to the Fly In giving the visitors an opportunity to observe some rare and vintage vehicles.

Over the weekend, some visitors took advantage and camped amongst the picturesque bush land surrounding the airfield. The campers really enjoyed their stay and I am positive that I will see them again in the near future.

On the Saturday night a two course dinner was held which quickly sold out. Peter Randell, Deputy General Manager (Aviation) of the RFDS attended the event and spoke of how he became affiliated with the RFDS and highlighted to the visitors the significance of the services that the RFDS provides to rural Australians. That night many visitors enjoyed some fine wine by the warmth of an open fire whilst listening to great music played by a band called "Locus Wimple".

Overall, despite the weather, the Fly In and Trade Show was a huge success. Through the efforts of Wings of Life, the RFDS received \$5,000 in funds that can be utilised to aid in the replacement of aging aircraft and to update vital medical equipment that is fundamental to the services they provide.



Wings of Life Fly-in & Trade Show (Con'td)

Wings of Life is conducting a flight around Australia in late June 2011. The flight will pass through towns and cities that are significant both to the RFDS and to aviation history. At present the following aircraft will be conducting the flight: Spitfire Mk26 (80% replica), Jabiru J230, Rv8, and a Robinson R44. The route is still being finalised, but all aviators are welcome to join us for part or all of this flight to help us raise funds and awareness for the RFDS.

As most would realise, the efforts and results of Wings of Life are dependent on the support we receive. There are numerous ways in which you can support Wings of Life, some of which include sponsoring the flight around Australia through a donation; this can be done online by credit card or by downloading and printing a cheque/ money order donation form. You can also contribute by hosting an event of your own, such as a sausage sizzle or bake stall, and donating the proceeds from the event. In the near future supporters will have the ability to become part of an online group hosted at Everyday Hero that fundraises online for Wings of Life. Check the Wings of Life website in the near future for details on how to do this or email me on wingsoflifecharity@gmail.com and express your interest.

Please feel free to land at our Airfield and say hello or stay the night, or head next door to Woongooroo Estate for breakfast or lunch. All we ask is for pilots to visit the airfield website at www.archerfalls.com.au and read the local procedures, and of course a phone call is appreciated.

Hopefully I will have the opportunity to catch up with many of the supporters prior to departing on our trip around Australia and discuss aspects of our flight. Remember the efforts of Wings of Life is only as good as the efforts of those who support our cause. YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL!

Regards Douglas Field

Wings of Life

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(all images courtesy of Douglas Field)

Visit to the land of the long white cloud

By Jackie Bolsover

I recently visited New Zealand's north island for a holiday. During this trip I was fortunate to have visited several Warbird/Vintage Museums. For a change, the weather in New Zealand was glorious and I missed a lot of the bad weather back home!

First off, I visited New Zealand Warbirds Association at Ardmore Airfield 35kms south of Auckland CBD. Their facility is fairly new, having opened in November last year. New Zealand Warbirds Associate Inc. is the national umbrella body responsible for the safe management of the operating environment for ex-military and vintage aircraft in the Country. The facility is very well presented and has an extensive library which visitors are encouraged to discover and peruse whilst there. There is also a viewing platform that overlooks the entire hangar floor. On the day I was visiting there were two Chipmunks on display but I was told they have three flying Chipmunks and another two currently being restored for flight in 2011. Also on view were five Harvards, a P-51D Mustang, DHC-2 Beaver, CT-4A Airtrainer, T-28C Trojan and an O-1G Bird Dog. On weekends (weather dependent) some of these aircraft can be seen flying over the airfield. There is also a PBY Catalina which offers joy flights for NZ\$120 a trip. Their website is: www.nzwarbirds.co.nz A very interesting place to visit. The volunteers are very friendly and happy to assist.



Whilst I was at Ardmore Airfield, I knocked on the doors of AV Specs Limited and met Warren Denholm. His facility is rebuilding the de Havilland Mosquito FB 26 (KA114) for Jerry Yeagan in Virginia, U.S.A. He was very happy to let me walk around the project. Although he did mention that he has never had a woman knock on his door asking to see the Mossie! Jerry Yeagan wants the aircraft to be completed for Omaka 2011. If you get the chance to visit Ardmore Airfield, by all means knock on his office door as he is very happy to let enthusiasts in to view their projects. You can track the progress of this project and others at www.warbirdrestoration.co.nz



Visit to the land of the long white cloud (Cont'd)

Also on my trip I visited New Plymouth Airport and had a personal tour of Peter Vause's hangar. He owns and operates an L-39C Albatross (ZK-VLK) and a Yak 52 (ZK-PTE). Also housed in the hangar is a lovely example of a DH 115 T.55 Vampire (built 1958 ZK-RVM) owned and operated by Brett Emeny. Both these aircraft can regularly be seen attending and displaying at the Air Shows throughout New Zealand.



Lastly, but by no means least, I visited Classic Flyers Museum at Tauranga. This purpose built facility (privately financed) was opened in May 2005. On display are a CT-4B Airtrainer, Boeing Stearman, Hawker Hunter, replica Spitfire, Tiger Moth, Fletcher Top Dresser, de Havilland Herron, Sabre and a Pitts Special. They also have a number of pedal planes that children are more than welcome to try out (Michael had a ball!). Classic Flyers offer joy flights to the public at reasonable prices as well. Their website is: www.classicflyersnz.com



AAA of A Toy Run – Angel Flight Day

On Sunday morning, 28th November 2010 the Antique Aeroplane Association Of Australia held it's annual Toy Run – Angel Flight Day at Caboolture Airfield. The QVAG / AFM Inc. Management Committee flew the flag and supported this very worthwhile event. The weather wasn't the best, but for those who made the effort and attended the event, the company was great and the food available from the caterers as always most excellent!



Des Porter arrived early in his magnificent DH.84 Dragon Rapide VH-UXG. Very graciously, he offered the MC Members a local flight, which was very much appreciated. All on board had a marvellous time. Only thing missing was a glass of the bubbly stuff!

Below are some images taken on the day!



Images in this article are courtesy of Craig Justo, Jackie Bolsover and Adam Daley

AAA of A Toy Run – Angel Flight Day
(Cont'd)



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Recipes from the Queen of the Kitchen Robyn Bernhardt!

HEAVENLY FRUIT BARS

Ingredients:

375gram fruit mince
1 can condensed milk
125gram butter
1cup brown sugar
1cup plain flour
1teaspoon baking powder
1 & 1/2 cups crushed cornflakes



Method:

Heat the fruit and milk, stirring until thick. Remove from stove to cool.

In a bowl, cream butter and sugar, add dry ingredients and mix to a crumble. Press half of crumble into an ungreased tray. Spread with fruit & milk and then spread with remaining crumble.

Bake in moderate oven approx 30 minutes. Cool in tin. Cut into bars.

If you want to indulge a little, spread a melted white baking chocolate over slice when cool and chill till set firm, then cut and enjoy!!

YEAR ROUND FRUIT CAKE

Ingredients:

2 cups of love, 1kg of Joy, 1 cup of friendliness, 1 Box of Faith, 1 cup of kindness, 1kg Peace,
4 teaspoons of Gentleness, 1 Box of Meekness and finally 1kg of Long-Suffering

Method:

Mix all together and bake in the oven of forgiveness for two hours.

Then cool on the table of understanding.



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Calendar of Events 2010/2011

EVENT: Christmas Party at Winter Retreat START TIME: 19:00 AIRFIELD: Watts Bridge CONTACT: Craig Justo PHONE: 0407 740 734 DESCRIPTION: Fun Fun Fun Bring along a smile for Xmas!	WHEN: December 4, 2010
EVENT: The Great Eastern Fly-in AIRFIELD: Evans Head Memorial Aerodrome, NSW CONTACT: Gai Taylor 0427 825-202 DESCRIPTION: the place for all your Flying Fun - Aviation for Everyone! Whatever you fly, join us for four days of all things aviation and more.	WHEN: January 7-10, 2011
EVENT: Breakfast Fly-in (with spot landing competition) START TIME: 08:00 hours AIRFIELD: Watts Bridge CONTACT: Craig Justo PHONE: 0407 740 734 DESCRIPTION: A fun breakfast fly-in to test your landing skills!	WHEN: February 27, 2011
EVENT: Douglas DC-6B Tour CONTACT: info@yesteryearaviation.com.au DESCRIPTION: The DC-6B will be visiting Australia and providing Joy Flights and Intercity Flights during it's tour. For more information visit: www.yesteryearaviation.com.au	WHEN: EVENT CANCELLED
EVENT: Bange's Fly-in Clifton START TIME: 08:00 AIRFIELD: Clifton Airfield (Bange's) CONTACT: Trevor Bange Phone 0429 378 370 or a/h (07) 4695 8541 DESCRIPTION: Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. Inc. Annual Clifton Fly-In at Clifton Airfield (Bange's). This fly in has become a premier attraction for all types of aviation in southern Queensland.	WHEN: March 13, 2011
EVENT: Easter Bilby Fly-in START TIME: 12:00 AIRFIELD: Watts Bridge CONTACT: Craig Justo PHONE: 0407 740 734 DESCRIPTION: Search for the Easter Bilby and have some lunch!	WHEN: April 17, 2011
EVENT: David Hack Classic Meet START TIME: 09:00 AIRFIELD: Toowoomba CONTACT: Scott Williamson 0427332192 Email - skwilliamson@gotalk.net.au DESCRIPTION: Wings and Wheels of Yesteryear is the theme. Celebrating 100 years of aviation and motoring in the Darling Downs. Website: http://www.rotarydavidhack.org/classicmeet.php	WHEN: May 1, 2011
EVENT: Wings of Life Around Australia Launch START TIME: 07:00 AIRFIELD: Watts Bridge CONTACT: Craig Justo PHONE: 0407 740 734 DESCRIPTION: Wings of Life Around Australia Flight in support of RFDS	WHEN: June 25, 2011

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