

Queensland Ultralight Association

APRIL 2004 NEWSLETTER

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My my my.... How quickly a year goes around !!!!

It seems like only yesterday that the QUA had their hands in your pockets looking for the annual fees—right ???

We'll believe it or not it's been a year. And in that time there have been 11 newsletters delivered to your (email) post box,

11 monthly meetings held with a great supper afterwards..... plus 2x Christmas Parties - one in July the other a great extravaganza in December. Not to mention the warm fuzzy feeling that comes from being a member of one of the oldest and most respected flying groups in Australia.

ALL that for less than a cuppa a month !!!!! So really: It doesn't need too much hard thinking does it

Just renew your membership at the monthly meeting or dash a cheque off to the Treasurer. True value !!

FLYING EVENTS CALENDAR

QVAG—Aero modellers Fly-In—Watts Bridge - 3rd 4th April 2004

Strictly speaking not an ultralight event - but what the heck ?? Not a pilot alive that doesn't like models.

For more information contact: Matt Baker 3424 5577 or 0438 768 916

AUF Natfly 2004 - Narromine - 9th 12th April 2004

The Australian Ultralight Federation's Annual National Fly-In. Always worth the effort to get there.

For more information contact the AUF: (02) 6280-4700

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 that evening.

So it's on again !!! See the included promo for all the details and mark it down on your "must do" list.



As editor of the QUA Newsletter, I am constantly searching, pleading, and begging for articles to publish .

Well now I'm trying **BRIBERY !!!**

SO: HERE'S THE DEAL.....

The QUA has received a very generous donation of a family pass to Underwater World –Sunshine Coast, which is to be awarded to the author of the **BEST STORY** received before 15th May 2004.

I don't care how you submit your article:

Email or post, even hand written is OK.

Email address is: info@auav.org

Contact me for my postal address

A photo or two always dresses up an article, so send them in as well. (I'll look after the scanning).

Richard Faint - Editor

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Sunday morning started off fairly fine and calm, so a last minute decision was made to go to Clifton. I arrived at Heck field about 9 o'clock in time to see Alan and Paulina Roberts taking off in their Jabiru and Michael Coates in his Sting. Both also bound for Clifton.

2-3 OCTAS of cloud were sitting about the 4500ft level so I decided to go above this layer to be well above ground level over the hills between Boonah and Clifton. Flying above this lower cloud layer the air was beautifully calm and I was blessed with a tailwind of about 10 knots all the way.



Listening to the circuit calls I realised I was number three in the pattern and one of six in close proximity. With the incredibly efficient air brakes of the Jabiru, I was able to slow down enough to slot in behind a Lancair and join downwind for runway 06. The field looked fantastic with clear skies, green crops and about 60 aircraft parked on the ground.

After parking the Jab, I started to sticky beak around the other aircraft. Probably one of the biggest range of aeroplanes I have ever seen at one place. These ranged from the remarkable 80% scale replica Folke Wolfe 190 complete with radial engine, to a turbine 4 seat Lancair, Jabiru, Sabre, Zephyr, Lightwing, Thruster, Drifter, Corby Starlet, Pulsar, Cessna and the very

basic Quicksilver MX. Who said there were no basic ultra lights flying around these days.

I believe close to 100 aircraft attended the fly-in over the weekend and I'd say there were about three hundred people wandering around on Sunday, with





by Mike Smith

plenty of interest being shown by non fliers. A number of people went for their first ride in an aeroplane, and judging by the que at the food tent, the hamburgers were pretty good also.

I understand a good number of aircraft arrived on the

The gradual parade of departures began about 1 o'clock and a considerable line up of people watched from the sidelines as the various aircraft took off. I cranked up the Jabiru about 2:30 and headed 'back east' to Jacobs Well. At 4500ft, another beautiful



smooth ride and unbelievably, a 3-4 knot tailwind. A tailwind in both directions, now that's one for the books!!

The odd shower on the way home had me doing a couple of deviations off the straight and narrow, but no problems reaching Heck field. After putting 3378 to bed I joined a few

Saturday to stay overnight. A few showers apparently made the black soil very friendly underfoot but this dried up enough on Sunday to make almost perfect ground conditions.

of the Heck field mob in the club house for a coffee and biscuit. One of those great flying days where everything goes right.



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MINUTES OF MEETING

1st MARCH 2004 Meeting opened 8.00 pm

APOLOGIES

Andy Dunlop.

VISITORS

Lauringo De Abrev Soto - Interested in ultralights.

Doug Hobson - Building a Corby Starlet

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted: Richard Faint Seconded: Beven Dryden.

TREASURER REPORT

Account Balance: \$16669.89

Yearly subs due next month, members voted for a nil increase in fees.

SECRETARY REPORT

Nil.

PRESIDENT REPORT

Lloyd told us that the Gold Coast club has been looking at 3rd party public liability insurance & it appears that you are more likely to be sued if you have insurance because the 3rd party sees the insurance company as fair game for a large payout.

AUF REPORT

Overwhelming support for the name change to 'Recreational Aviation Australia'

Members now total 5133 & rising.

There is a strong push by SAAA to CASA for recreation licenses, various endorsement requirements will probably follow.

CASA has agreed to place the AUF regs straight into Part 103, the 95.10 category will remain.

Watch this space for a revamp of the airspace regs concerning Class E. Log onto the CASA web page & send off your reply to the NPRM on CTAF's & MBZ's, it has to be in by the 12/3.

There is a new AUF OP's Manager, Mike Valentine from the Gliding Federation replacing Paul Middleton.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Don't forget Banges fly-in at Clifton on 14/3/04

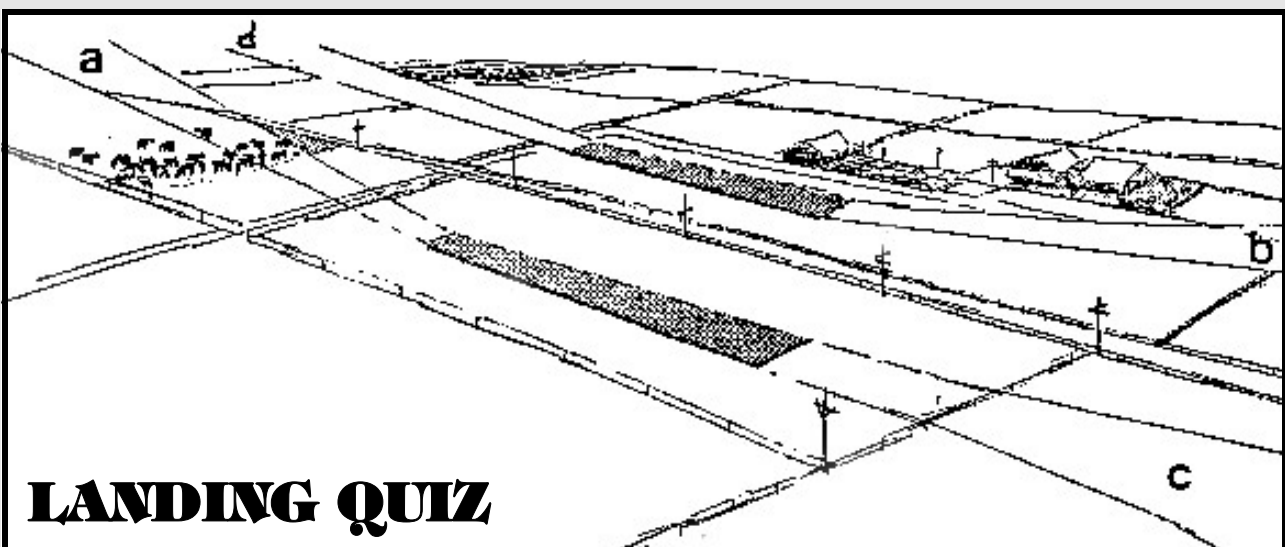
The side hangar door needs repairing, Malcolm will look at what has to be done.

Robert Cousin would be interested in hearing from anyone wanting to go to Narromine, he is a GA pilot & intends either flying or driving down - ph. 3890 1133.

Thank you to Robin Salisbury for preparing the supper.

MEETING CLOSED

8.45 pm



LANDING QUIZ

This month we've got power available and all we're interested in is landing safely.

It's a dairy farm. There's no wind. Which landing approach would you use? Discussion at the meeting.