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QUA POKER RUN 2007



Above are some of the dozen or so light aircraft, including a couple of gyros, that competed in this year's Poker Run. Several of the competing GA pilots commented on how challenging they found a couple of the landing strips they landed at to pick up their playing cards. Weather on the Saturday morning was close to perfect for the fliers. At the QUA hangar Peter and crew stoked up the BBQ, cooking sausages, onions and heating Glenda's soup for the folk who drove out or flew in to make the event a success. At the Christmas in July Dinner on Saturday evening Richard Faint handed out more cards to continue the theme of playing poker for the participants. The trophy was won by Geoff Underhill, who secured the most favorable selection of cards, whether by fair means or foul. The Christmas in July Dinner was also well attended, with people from most of the flying groups that share the scene at Watts Bridge participating in a great meal. Thanks to Liz and her crew in the Australian Aerobatic Club's clubhouse.



The pictures above and to the right show some of the other aircraft that competed in the Poker Run too. We have Bradfield above, early Lightwing, Grumman Tiger and one of the two Decathalons. In the pictures below we see the winner Geoff Underhill being presented with the trophy by Richard Faint on the Saturday evening. Bottom right is the trophy that Richard presented. We need to thank those who gave of their time to make this a great weekend, and also the airfield owners who allowed the competitors to land and pick up cards. We were fortunate that the flying proceeded safely too.



NEXT QUA MEETING ON MONDAY 6th AUG AT 07.30 pm



This series of pictures show some of the people who were present at Watts Bridge during the Poker Run. On the left we have Roger and Peter at the BBQ with a customer. Bottom left is Glenda who received a prize for the best Christmas inspired outfit at the Christmas in July Dinner. Below we have Geoff Underhill and Peter Freeman checking out the card envelopes for the best cards after flying into Kilcoy airstrip in their Cessna 182.



OLD STATION REPORT

FROM GEORGE PEREZ



We departed in our Jabiru from Caboolture with 20 knots of wind and turbulence until over Gympie. After that, all changed for the better with blue skies and calm air. The trip took 3 hours flight time. A refuel stop was done at Bundy and then onto Old Station. The arrival was pretty busy with planes, helicopters, gyros and ag birds. We landed with a 10 knots cross wind without any problems. The organization was perfect, new toilets, entertainment, belly dancing, and dynamite at night (just to keep you alert!!!). The air show was well timed and the process was excellent. In general the atmosphere was relaxed and friendly. We met many other pilots and made new friends. If things go well we plan to return next year. Thanks to George and Anna for the story and photos.

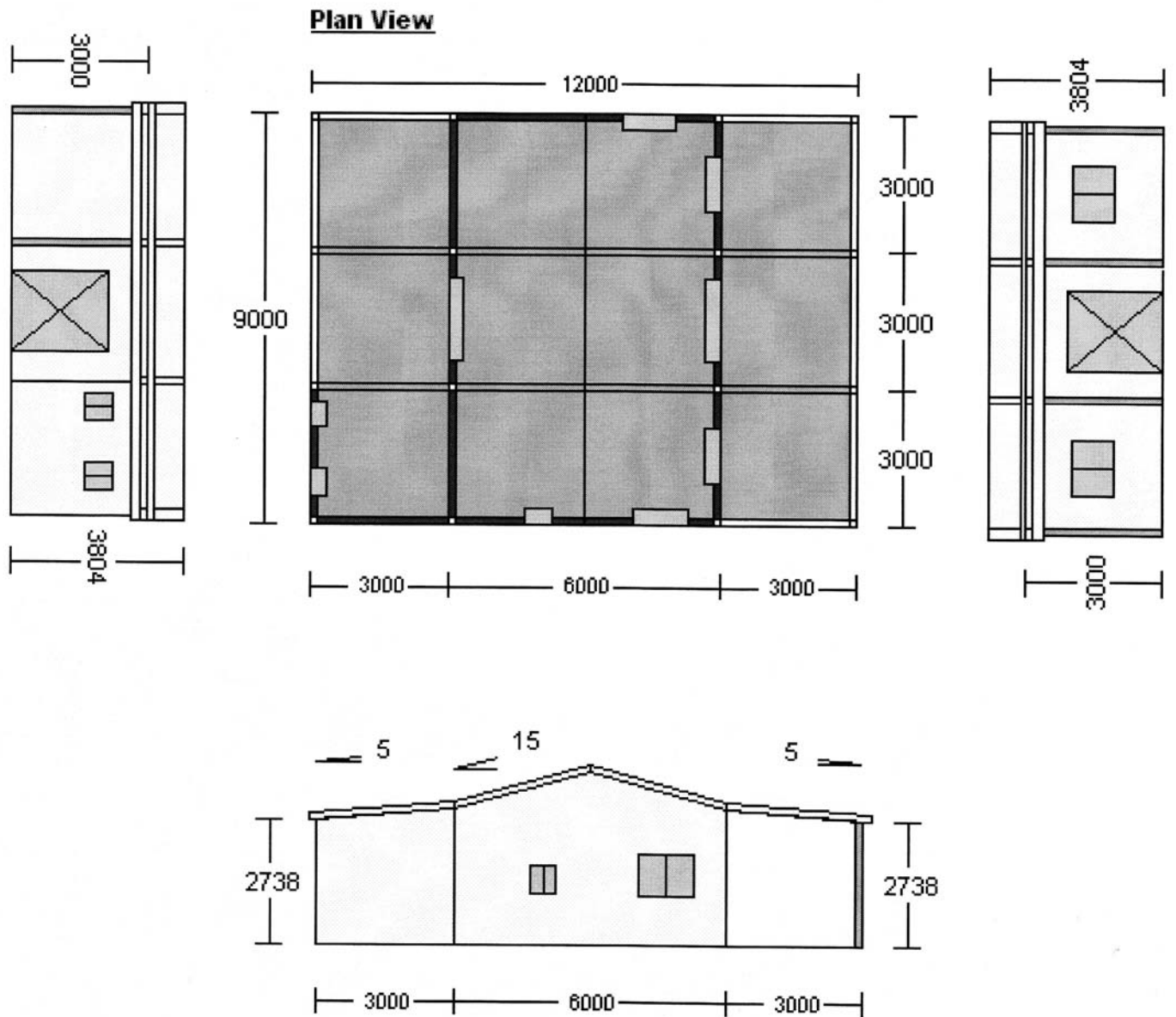


MORE OLD STATION PHOTOS



Photos in this newsletter contributed by George Perez, Richard Faint, Gavin McGrath and Mike Smith.

QUA CLUBHOUSE / MEETING ROOM UPDATE



The above drawing shows the basic plan of the proposed QUA Clubhouse.

Since last month's general meeting, progress has been made with new quotes, and a contract signed. Soon application documentation will be forwarded to the WBMA Board of Management and the Water Board for approval of the building. Once the Water Board sign off on the project, application will be made to the Esk Shire Council, so Chris Gratton Sheds can erect the building to the lock up stage. Even though the budget is very tight, it was decided to include the front veranda in the initial construction. A little more work needs to be done to plan the toilet / shower area as this is required to be a unisex, disabled persons with wheel chair access. A drainage / plumbing plan also needs to be done for the drainage application. More details will be revealed at the next general meeting in August.

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE



Your editor is offering his Tyro 2 for sale to any interested persons. This little aircraft is a currently airworthy, registered 95.10 ultralight with 165 hours logged to date since completion in 2002. Engine fitted is a Rotax 377, with a timber propeller, and a good selection of instruments. Currently hangared at Watts Bridge, and in very good condition. This is a great little aircraft for consolidating one's training and seeing the local scenery. Asking price is a give away at \$4,950.00. Contact Mal on 0414723049 or 07 433415348 for more information or to arrange an inspection.

For Sale - Single Seat Project

What you get : The good news

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.

What you don't : Bad news?

This is NOT a kit, and effort will be required to design seat mounts, control systems etc. The purchaser will have to come and get it, I will not crate it or freight it. This represents a bargain for someone who has both the time and the space to complete it. Unfortunately I have neither, hence the reason for sale. 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!

FOR SALE --- Drifter two seat aircraft with a recently rebuilt electric start Rotax 503 engine fitted. This Drifter is currently located at Clifton Airfield. Please contact Jim Ben on 07-46971152. Asking price for this well maintained recreational aircraft is \$17,000.00 .

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FOR SALE

Pee-Wee II with fully enclosed (Registered) trailer. Wings and elevator have just been recovered and refurbishment is complete. New paint. Excellent aircraft. Many hours of trouble-free operation.

Currently located at Bradfield.



Asking \$11,000.

Call Gavin 5426 2118 (after hours)
or on mobile 0409 265 343



For Sale

Lea Kestrel and the enclosed trailer as shown on the left. This is a fine 95.10 aircraft that was well constructed and is well maintained. The fully enclosed Kestrel features a single carb, free air Rotax 503, Brolga propellor and a well equipped instrument panel. Total time recorded is 440 hours. Contact Kevin on broughtonkvnk@aapt.net.au for more information or to inspect.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE OVERDUE NOW !!

Once again another year has passed and it's that time again to pay the annual \$40.00 QUA subscription fee. Treasurer Roger Kelly is happy to accept cash or a cheque in the mail if you can't make the next meeting. Contact Roger on 07-32799710 to arrange payment. A tear off slip is included for your convenience .

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- August 3 – 5th Wide Bay International Airshow at Bundaberg (YBUD)
A three day event attracting world wide coverage including
Aerobatic thrills, Military Aircraft, Warbirds, Helicopters, Ultralights,
An Aviation Pavilion, Careers Information and much, much more.
Day 1 Trade Day Day 2 & 3 Full Air Display
Contact Lynette Leadbeater on 0418803676 or 07 41521561
- August 6th QUA General Meeting at the SAAA Clubrooms from 07.30 pm
- August 25 – 26th QVAG Festival of Flight Vintage Fly-in at Watts Bridge.
“ The Vintage Experience “ Camping and food available on site.
Contact Shane Winter on 07-33003357 or 0407122219
- September 09th McIntyre Aero Club Fly In Breakfast and Annual Rain Dance
Goondiwindi (YGDI) pancakes / sausages / eggs / beverages
If last year's event is any indication; eager aviators bring much needed rain
One day FOOD and WINE FESTIVAL held on the banks of the McIntyre River
next to the Goondiwindi Cultural Centre. Bus to the Gourmet starting at 10.00 am
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