

QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

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Greetings to one and all

May we have a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful New Year

Thank you for your continued support through 2008

Come and join us



QUA CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY 1st DECEMBER AT THE SAAA CLUBHOUSE AT ARCHERFIELD FROM 06.30 PM WITH A BBQ AND SALAD. COST IS \$15.00 PER PERSON, BYO DRINKS. FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE CONTACT ROBIN ON 07-55372165 OR EMAIL norman.salisbury@bigpond.com IF YOU WISH TO COME. ALL QUA MEMBERS AND OUR FRIENDS ARE WELCOME.



Merry Christmas!



NIEUPTS AT WATTS BRIDGE

New QUA members, Bruce Clark and John Innes will soon be gracing the skies over Watts Bridge in their Nieuport biplanes. Bruce and Mary's two seat Nieuport 12, recently seen at the Festival of Flight weekend in a rather naked state, is currently being covered and painted in preparation for its first flight in 2009.



John's latest acquisition, a Nieuport 11 (left) is being refurbished to make it a safer and stronger aircraft with a new paint scheme too. A reduction drive is being fitted to the VW engine to allow for a larger propeller to be swung. The race is on to determine which Nieuport will be airworthy first. Both these aircraft were built from Graham Lee plans in aluminium alloy and tubing with very good workmanship evident by their builders. John is also waiting for delivery of a full size Fokker E111 monoplane kit from Robert Baslee of Airdrome Aeroplanes in the USA. Even though Baslee has been producing three quarter size Fokker E111 kits for some time, John's full size E111 kit is the first to be delivered.

Airdrome Aeroplanes is known for producing a growing range of early style and WW1 replica kits sold world wide. Recently four full size Nieuport 17 kits were produced in a record fifty two days to be used in the recent WW1 movie "Flyboys" that was filmed in England. For the new movie "Amelia" depicting Amelia Earhart's life, a Bleriot X1 and a Morane-Saulnier Model L Parasol replicas were shipped to Canada for use in the early stages of the film. More information of these replica aircraft is found on www.airdromeairplanes.com and www.nieuports.com, including the pricing of the various kits and plans that are available for these many and varied designs.



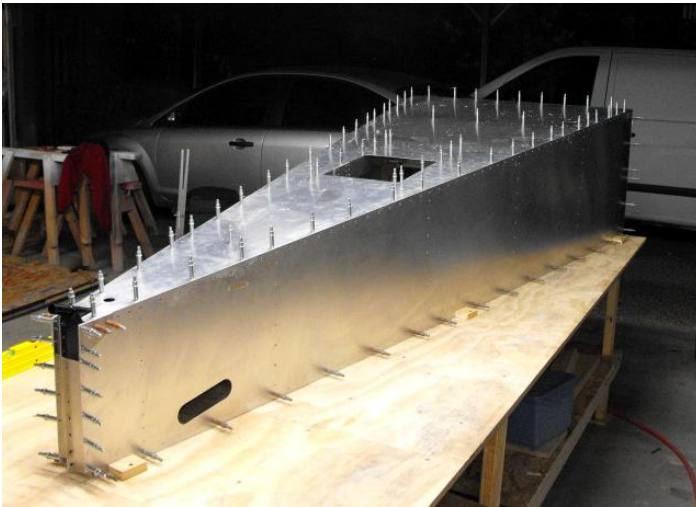
Fokker E111 Eindecker, Morane-Saulnier Model L and Nieuport N17 replicas above.

On the right is Bruce and Mary Clark's Nieuport 12 as seen uncovered at the recent Festival of Flight. Whilst it seems a shame to hide all of Bruce's workmanship of the airframe, covering is continuing prior to applying the paint scheme. This aircraft will be impressive when completed due to its size and unique design when flying in our local area.

For the upcoming QUA meeting at Watts Bridge on March 1st 2009 John Innes has agreed to tell us about the building and flying of the Nieuport and Fokker replicas. There is also an invitation by John to inspect the aircraft and his hangar at Watts Bridge after the meeting.



BUILDERS CORNER



With the recent completion of Glenda's Toucan, Richard and Glenda are moving ahead with their Waiex project. On the left and below is the rear fuselage being assembled with clecos prior to being riveted. Richard finds having all the pieces cut out and pre-drilled certainly speeds up assembly but there are no extra pieces provided if a mistake is made. Below are the ruddervators or tail components being assembled. This year has seen several other all metal projects being assembled from very complete kits including the Zenair 601 and 701, and Jim's similar Savannah VG aircraft, also recently completed. At the bottom is Bill and Sandy fitting a replacement engine to the Starduster and Ian and Peter pondering.



Sandy and Bill hard at work



Ian and Peter looking at their 601

Photos provided in this newsletter by Robert Baslee, Richard Faint , Rod Mill and your Editor.

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2008 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	10.15 pm
APOLOGIES RECEIVED	Glenda Faint, Peter Freeman, Bill Oates, Sandy Walker Lloyd & Robin Salisbury, Richard Sweetapple,
VISITORS	Arthur Marcel, Priscilla Smith
MEMBERS PRESENT	Eleven.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS	Bruce Clark, John Innes, Derek Robinson.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT	Continuing with clubhouse progress. Lights and power on Ian has brought up the shower and toilet fittings. Drinks are available in the fridge.
TREASURERS REPORT	Call from Origin Energy for another Form 2. Letter received from Energex with an \$80.00 cheque for their slow service. The books have been perused by a qualified accountant who will send the appropriate letters for the Dept of Fair Trading report. Opening Balance \$3,366.70 Deposits \$ 480.00 Withdrawals \$ 351.00 Closing Balance \$3,494.91
SECRETARIES REPORT	More emails, mostly from WBMA.
WBMA REPORT	WBMA has two levels of management. (a) The Board of Management. (b) The WBMA Council WBMA Council can keep track of the BOM, and feed them ideas. WBMA Council Report. (a) Need to increase the Watts Bridge annual fees. (b) WBMA Annual General Meeting on Sunday 23 rd December. (c) Home Groups to help with maintenance tasks. (d) An open fly in at Watts Bridge on Saturday May 25 th , 2009. (e) WBMA Calendar to be planned for 2009.
GENERAL BUSINESS	QUA badges are for sale at \$10.00 each. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Party.
SOCIAL REPORT	The QUA Inc Christmas Party will be held on December 1st at the SAAA Clubhouse from 06.30 pm once again. Robin is to co-ordinate the catering with help from Peter and Lloyd. An additional BBQ is planned at the QUA Clubhouse at 11.00am on the 13 th December for the members at Watt Bridge.
THANKS	To Peter for preparing the BBQ today.
MEETING CLOSED	11.00 am. Time to light the BBQ.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- November 30th** **Angel Flight Support Day Fly In** (formerly the Annual Toy Fly-in)
At Caboolture Airfield and hosted by the Antique Aeroplane Association
of Australia. Starting from 09.00 am with Angel Flight on hand.
Contact Ray Vuillermin rayvuill@bigpond.net.au 0409 584 574
- December 1st** **QUA Inc Christmas Party** starting from 06.30pm at the SAAA Clubhouse
on Beatty Road at Archerfield Aerodrome. **Cost will be \$15.00 per head.**
Please contact Robin Salisbury for catering purposes on 07 55372165 or
email Robin on norman.salisbury@bigpond.com
- December 13th** **QUA Inc BBQ** at the QUA Clubhouse from 11.00 am. Open to all at Watts.
Contact Peter Ratcliffe on 0418159429 for catering purposes.
- December 13th** **Gold Coast Sports Flying Club Christmas Party at Jacobs Well**
Food, Fun and Santa, starting at 01.00 pm. Costs \$10.00 if registered before
December 06, otherwise \$20.00 on the day. Contact Arnold or Sharon
Trapp on 0401210860 or arnold.de@bigpond.com.au Eftpos is available.
Also check out the web page www.gcsfc.org.au for more information.
- December 20th** **Dunwich on Stradbroke Island Breakfast Get Together.**
09.00am Breakfast \$10.00 per head . Contact Hugh Ragg 0412 299 403
- January 02 – 05** **Evans Head Annual Great Eastern Fly In** New Year Celebration
Bring the family, bring your friends, a holiday adventure, Food, On-Site
Camping, Shuttle Bus, Great Air Displays, Joy Flights, Market Day,
Film night, Aerodrome Heritage Tours BBQ Dinner SATURDAY NIGHT
Contact Gai Taylor 02 6621 5592 gaitaylor@exemail.com.au
OR 0427 825 202 go to www.greateasternflyin.com
- February 2nd** **QUA Inc General Meeting** at the SAAA Clubhouse at Archerfield.
This will be our first meeting for 2009 to kick the New Year off.
- February 22nd** **Wings over Illarwarra at Woollongong, NSW.**
Shellharbour City Council, the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society and
SAAA Chapter 4 present Wings Over Illawarra, an open day and fly-in,
featuring HARS aircraft, including Connie, the PBY Catalina, Neptune
bomber, Dakota's as well as Temora Museum and RAAF aircraft, classic
cars and motorcycles. Free entry and no landing fees for fly-in aircraft.
\$5 parking and \$5 general entry for drive-in/train-in
- March 15th** **Annual Clifton Fly In** hosted by the Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assoc.
This fly in is becoming a premier event on the flying calendar in SE Qld.
Fly or drive in, on field camping and a BBQ Saturday evening. Bring your
swag. Contact Trevor Bange on 07 46958541 or trevorbange@bigpond.com

**THE NEXT QUA MEETING IS THE QUA CHRISTMAS PARTY ON
MONDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 06.30 PM AT THE SAAA CLUBHOUSE AT
ARCHERFIELD. WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS TO JOIN US.**

FOR SALE

VW Components QVAG member John Innes has the following VW engine components for sale. **Magnetos**---Slick and Scintilla, **Complete induction system** including clamps and side draught carburetor, **Complete exhaust system** for the Type One engine, and a **Propeller** and **Hub**. All ready to fit to your VW. For more information **John** can be contacted on **041764310** or email jbinnis@bigpond.com

NEW QUA SEW ON BADGE

The new QUA cloth logo badge is available for sale to members for \$10.00 each. An initial run of one hundred badges was made. Thanks to Peter and Roger for organizing this with the supplier. The badges will be available at the next QUA Inc meeting in October. This will be a good item to decorate your flying cap or coat to promote the QUA.



size:3"

THE YEAR THAT HAS PAST



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