

# QUEENSLAND ULTRALIGHT ASSOCIATION

## MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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### NIEUPORT 12 FIRST FLIGHT

Congratulations to Bruce and Mary Clarke for the successful completion and first flight of their Nieuport12 WW1 replica. Test flying is continuing as Bruce becomes familiar with the flying characteristics of this unique aircraft. Bruce reports that there have been no real problems so far. Another four Nieuports are also being constructed or close to flying in South East Queensland including the Nieuport11 Bebe by John Innes.

### **QUA Inc Working Bee on March 8<sup>th</sup> starting from 09.00 am at the QUA Inc Clubhouse**

All our members are invited to pitch in and help to do some tasks on our clubhouse prior to the meeting/bbq

### **Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield Inc. All-In Fly-In Airfield Open Day 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009**

All pilots and aviation enthusiasts are invited to the Watts Bridge Airfield Open Day to celebrate the rich diversity of all forms of recreational aviation. Watts Bridge Airfield, situated in the Brisbane Valley, is the home base for a wide range of aircraft including Vintage, Aerobatic and Recreational Aircraft as well as Gyroplanes, War Birds and a variety of Homebuilt Aircraft. Free entry with no landing fees.

**THE NEXT QUA MEETING IS ON SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT THE QUA CLUBHOUSE AT WATTS BRIDGE FROM 11.00AM WITH A BBQ. ALL QUA MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS ARE WELCOME.**



**WATTS  
BRIDGE**  
MEMORIAL AIRFIELD INC.

# All-In Fly-In

**Airfield Open Day**

**23rd May 2009**

All pilots and aviation enthusiasts are invited to the Watts Bridge Airfield Open Day, celebrating the diversity of recreational aviation.

**9:00AM - 5:00PM**

*If it flies - It's welcome at Watts Bridge !*

Vintage Aircraft  
Aerobatic Aircraft  
Recreational Aircraft

Gyroplanes  
War Birds  
Homebuilts

All day catering by  
AOG, Esk  
Coffee, BBQ & Snacks

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## MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2009 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED 08.05 pm

APOLOGIES Danny Fowler, Richard Sweetapple

MEMBERS PRESENT Fifteen.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Welcome to another year.  
Clubhouse working bee on March 08<sup>th</sup> from 09.00 am.  
Tasks to include : Sealing around the base of the building,  
Installing the inspection covers on the sewerage pipes,  
Fitting timber around the tank bases and area to be paved,  
Running some electrical cables for the lights and switches.

TREASURERS REPORT  
Opening Balance \$3,969.78  
Plus deposits \$ 672.09  
Less withdrawals \$ 80.85  
Closing Balance \$4,561.02

SECRETARIES REPORT  
Some emails, mostly from WBMA.  
Copy of insurance policies received.

WBMA REPORT  
Continuing maintenance including :  
Increased mowing due to recent rains,  
Repairs required to sewerage automatic switch gear  
following a lightning strike in December.  
Finish laying road base around the new toilet block,  
and the fencing along Silverleaves Road.

SOCIAL REPORT  
The WBMA Council is planning an airfield open day and  
fly in at Watts Bridge on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The idea is to promote  
the airfield and the various home based groups to the wider  
aviation community in South East Queensland. This will  
be a good opportunity to promote the QUA to the many visitors  
who will fly in on the day. Drinks and membership forms will  
be available at the QUA clubhouse. Other food / drinks / coffee  
will be for sale on the airfield also.

GENERAL BUSINESS  
Human Factors Course will be available with John Walmsley.  
A QUA member displayed an electronic carbon monoxide  
detector that plugs into a cigarette outlet. This very practical  
detector gives a visual and an audible alarm once carbon  
monoxide is detected. This life saving device is for sale locally  
for \$125.00 by Col Thorpe.  
A vote was taken to make Robin Salisbury an honorary member  
in appreciation for Robin's efforts in supplying the suppers each  
month and organizing the Christmas Parties. Vote was carried.

THANKS To Robin for supplying supper again

MEETING CLOSED 08.41 pm.

# SOCIAL CALENDAR

- March 8<sup>th</sup>** **QUA Working Bee** is scheduled before the next QUA Meeting to continue some of the work on the clubhouse. **All members are welcome to attend.**
- March 8<sup>th</sup>** **QUA Inc General Meeting** at the QUA's own Clubhouse at Watts Bridge We will be meeting at 11.00am with a BBQ planned after the meeting. Camping on the airfield is available for those who arrive on Saturday.
- March 15<sup>th</sup>** **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](mailto:trevorbange@bigpond.com)
- April 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>** **NARROMINE (YNRM) NATFLY 12th ANNIVERSARY FLY-IN**  
Join the fastest growing family of aviation for our 12th NATFLY  
Contact the RAAus on 02 6280 4700 for more information.
- May 02 – 03** **INGLEWOOD “ Gathering of the Tribes “ International Fly-In**  
Camp under the stars or stay in a local hotel / motel. Great country hospitality
- May 02 - 03** **TOOWOOMBA 11th ANNUAL DAVID HACK MEMORIAL FLYIN**  
Vietnam Memorial Fly-in has been themed to coincide with the 11th Annual David Hack Classic Aircraft and Vehicle Meet Sunday May 3, 2009  
Contact Scott Williamson on [skwilliamson@aapt.net.au](mailto:skwilliamson@aapt.net.au)
- May 17<sup>th</sup>** **Gatton Airpark Brekkie at the Park** hot breakfast from 07.30am  
Cappuccino will be available for those who need a special fix.  
All QUA folk invited Please contact Marty Hone on 0419368696 for details.
- May 23rd** **All-In Fly-In at Watts Bridge.** Airfield Open Day for all flying machines.  
The All-In Fly-In is an all day event with on-field catering and coffee.  
Entry is free with no landing fees. For more information contact Richard Faint  
On 0412-317-754 or visit the Watts Bridge Website at [www.wattsbridge.com.au](http://www.wattsbridge.com.au)
- July 3-5<sup>th</sup>** **Wide Bay Australia International Air-show** at Bundaberg  
Biggest General Aviation Air-show in Australia. Aimed at the pilot who flies anything from an ultra-light Thruster to a Challenger 300 jet. Fly in aircraft enter for free and camping is allowed. The air-show will have a great selection of new aircraft on display, catering to every taste. <http://www.widebayairshow.com.au/>
- July 25<sup>th</sup>** **QUA Inc Poker Run** at Watts Bridge. More details when available.
- July 25<sup>th</sup>** **WBMA Christmas in July Dinner** Contact Liz Cook on 0419369963.
- August 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Caboolture Warbirds Museum Open Day & Fly-In.** from 10.00am to 04.30pm  
The QUA Inc has been invited to attend with a promotional display and to take part in a fly past before landing at 10.00am. An aircraft parking area adjacent to the QUA display will be allocated for incoming QUA aircraft. To be discussed.  
Contact Ralph Cusack on [info@beaufortrestorations.com.au](mailto:info@beaufortrestorations.com.au) for details
- August 29/30<sup>th</sup>** **QVAG Festival of Flight Vintage Fly-In** at Watts Bridge.  
Contact John Innes on 0417643610 for more details.

# Aircraft Museums Open Day

at Caboolture Air Field  
2nd August 2009  
10am to 4.30pm



- \* Military Vehicles
- \* Vintage Motor Vehicles Concourse
- \* Gliders-QLD Ultra Light Assoc,
- \* Parachute Display -HAM Radio club
- \* RAAF Cadets (March-Off)
- \* Recruiting Display - Vintage Group

- \* Food & Drinks \*
- \* Memorabilia \*
- \* Models \*
- \* Books & DVD's \*
- \* Visiting Aircraft \*
- \* War Birds \*

## Giving History a Future

07 5499 1144 **McNaught Road Caboolture** 07 5495 4951

The QUA Inc has been invited to attend and participate in the above fly in and open day at Caboolture Airfield on Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. This invitation includes setting up a promotional display / tent and having some members joining the fly past at 10.00am before landing and parking near the display area. This is a good opportunity to promote the QUA Inc to the wider flying community and attending public. For this opportunity to proceed, a commitment by some of our members to drive to the airfield early to set up the display, and others to be prepared to participate in the fly past and having their aircraft on public display is required. QUA member Sandy Walker ( 0424958173 ) is coordinating our involvement in this event.

## FOR SALE

**VW Components** QUA 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 [jbinnes@bigpond.com](mailto:jbinnes@bigpond.com)

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AT THE QUA CLUBHOUSE AT WATTS BRIDGE FOLLOWED BY A BBQ.  
WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS TO JOIN US.



*Spotfins over Clifton airfield*

Photo: Russ Denyer © 2004

***Darling Downs Sport Aircraft Assn. Inc.***

## **Annual Clifton Fly-In**

27 55.66 S; 151 50.85 E; Elevation 1500 ft, 24 nautical miles south of Toowoomba, 6 km west of Clifton, adjacent the Clifton - Leyburn Road

***When: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from 8 am***

***Pilots please register at food tent upon arrival***

All welcome. Come late p.m. Saturday 14th for BBQ, drinks. Fly or drive in, see ERSA. On-field camping, bring your swag. Advise for catering. Contact Trevor Bange on 07 4695 8541 or email : [trevorbange@bigpond.com](mailto:trevorbange@bigpond.com)

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**QUA INC ----- 50 MEMBERS AND STILL GROWING-----JOIN US**

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