

# Queensland Ultralight Association

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ARCHIVE PHOTO: John Everest gets the stick right back in the Spot Landing Competition : 1999

## FLYING EVENTS CALENDAR

***Inglewood Labour Day Weekend Fly In - 30th April to 3rd May 2004***

*A great relaxed weekend when the good citizens of Inglewood open their township to a bunch of ultralight and hang glider pilots. Maximum fun - zero hassles. See the attached Brochure for all the details.*

***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.*

## MEETING DATE

Due to the Inglewood Fly In the QUA's monthly meeting will be held on  
Monday 10th May 2004

At Amalgamated Pest Control - 504 Boundary Road, Archerfield

**PRESIDENT:** Michael Smith (07) 3206-3548    **SECRETARY:** Colin Thorpe (07) 3208 0461

**TREASURER:** Richard Faint (07) 3818-1988

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# NEVER A DULL MOMENT

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Dick Sweetapple

Six years ago when I was almost sixty five, I thought won't retirement be wonderful. I would be able to lie in bed until I was mentally and physically ready to get up. Then I could have a leisurely breakfast and do what ever I fancied for the rest of the day. Life was looking pretty good.

John Howard (the politician, not the actor) promised that he would give people of my age \$25,000 if they weren't dependent on the Government until they turned seventy. At the next election he promised he would give \$30,000 if they weren't dependent on the Government until they turned seventy. I am still waiting! What he didn't say is it does not apply to people who have assets over \$350,000.

In hindsight, I should have sold my house, rented a flat, bought an expensive aeroplane and backed a few horses. Now I would be getting rent assistance, a full pension, free rail travel, free medical, dental and optical services. All worth about \$150,000 over five years. Anyway I can't fix that.

When you "retire" you are actually busier than when you "worked".

- The house needs maintenance
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- The cars are due for their service. I hate hot diesel sump oil running up my sleeve!
- The roof is leaking where a branch broken tile during the storm
- My computer has another virus
- "Now you are retired you can collect for the Red Cross again --- thank you"
- The QUA hangar needs a new personnel door (I just thought I would put that in!)
- The list is never ending.

All this before the grand children start calling, "Dickey, read me a story please" or "When are we going to Seaworld?"

The next phone call is, "We need two propellers for a replica 1909 Wright Flyer"

"I'm sorry, can't you get somebody else?"

"We don't know anybody else, and besides we hear you propellers are very good!"

LONG PAUSE

"Oh, OK"

"Very good. Bill Whitney is doing the drawings now. He will get them to you when they are finished."

I didn't know what I had let myself in for.

These are the biggest propellers I have ever made. They are 102 inches (2.6 metres) diameter with 144" (3.65 m) pitch. The blades are almost 12" (30 cm) wide at the tips.

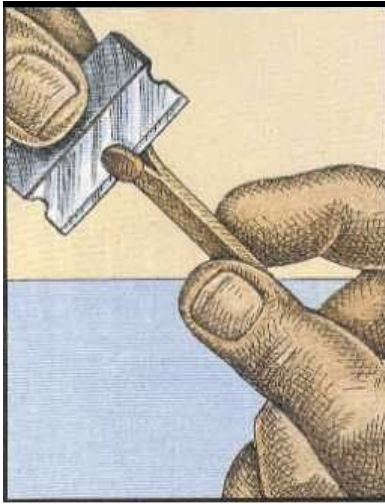
I had to generate two profiles, one left hand rotation and one right hand. The next problem was that my profile copying machine would not accommodate a blank which was over six inches thick. (I think I will go back to bed!)

Anyway, some months later it all happened (except for the painting) and here is a photo to prove it.

If all goes according to plan the replica Wright Flyer will be on static display at Narromine this year.

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### Build Your Very Own Powered Model Aircraft:

Using a razor blade, carefully split a match. Make sure that you leave some of the sulphur, as it will be the nose on your aircraft.

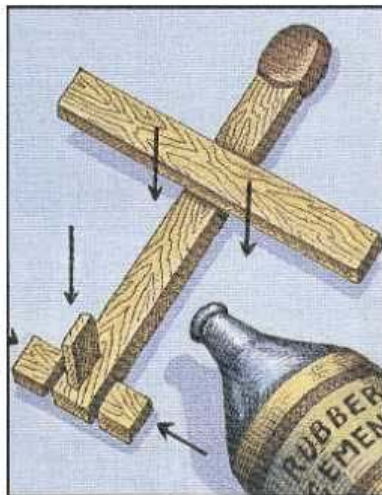


Take your flies from the refrigerator/freezer.

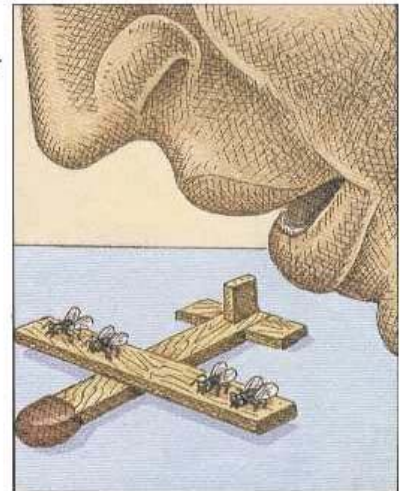
Place them on the pre-fitted glue pools.

Build the frame by gluing match sticks together. You can build a bigger wing of lighter wood (and fit in even more engines).

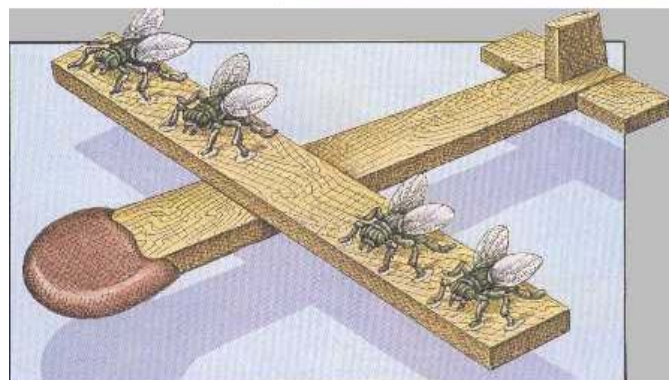
Use your imagination!



Breathe warm air on the flies. A miracle is happening! Your flies that were frozen a moment ago are now coming back to life again

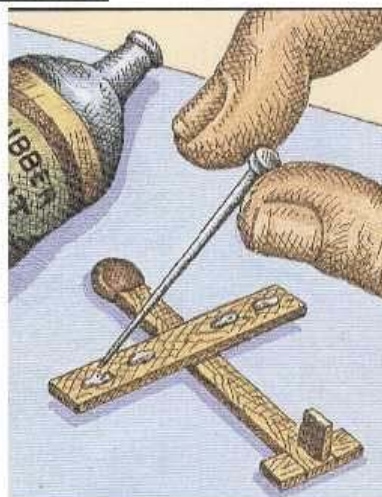


Catch a couple of flies. Put them in a glass pot and put the pot in the freezer. In a couple of seconds the flies will be quite cold and motionless. Don't cool down your engines too much, -it will kill them. If you put them in the refrigerator instead, it will take longer.



Start the plane. If you did things correctly, it will fly!  
Sit back and enjoy watching the happy flies playing with the plane!  
None of them will have experienced anything like this before!  
ENJOY!

While you're waiting for your engines to get cold and stiff, drop some contact glue on the places where you want to place your engines.



### Basic Flying Rules:

Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space.

**It is much more difficult to fly there !!**

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

5th April 2004 Meeting opened 8.00 pm

### APOLOGIES

Richard & Glenda Faint, Neil & Caroline Bowden

### VISITORS

David Donohue from the Gold Coast Club

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Accepted: Bert Purcell Seconded: Peter Fraser.

### TREASURER REPORT

Account Balance: \$16739.89

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

### SECRETARY REPORT

Nil.

### PRESIDENT REPORT

Nil.

### AUF REPORT

Meetings between the AUF & CASA have been good re Recreational Licences.

Class E Airspace for the moment is classed as controlled airspace, so ultralights can not use it even with a transponder & radio until the AUF sort it out with CASA.

The Area Frequencies are going to be put back on the air navigation charts later this year.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Tanys McCarron took us through the quiz from last months newsletter regarding the 4 landing options – A, B, C or D. Option D was considered to be the best option with option C over the power lines the next best. Tanys advised that it is best to look for power poles not the wires when landing in an unknown location

Inglewood is the first weekend of May. Tanys will confirm the details for those going to attend.

Colin Thorpe to confirm if the SAAA clubroom is available for the second Monday of May.

Thank you to Robin Salisbury for preparing the supper.

MEETING CLOSED

9.00 pm

