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Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Silverleaves Road via Toogoolawah, Qld

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FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT



BEECHCRAFT 18 MAKING A LOW PASS OVER WATTS BRIDGE

The Festival of Flight at Watts Bridge once again saw hundreds of aircraft visiting over the three days folk gathered to celebrate the marvels of aviation. At a quick glance one could be excused for thinking that it was a de Havilland benefit as around thirty aircraft from this manufacturer were present. Examples represented were the Gypsy Moth, Tiger Moth, Chipmunk, Dragon Rapide, Drover, Dove and Caribou . The Tiger Moth was the most numerous aircraft present with in excess of fifteen examples on the field. Often Tigers were taking off or in the air doing fly pasts or aerobatics or flying in formation.

Some very rare aircraft also came such as the Genairco from 1930, the Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber from WW2, a P51 Mustang, Lockheed 12a and the Ryan STM, a former Dutch East Indies training aircraft. Several Drifters and other RAAus registered aircraft also made an appearance to share in the festival and gave a contrast to the vintage aircraft. Several QUA members were present to speak to interested persons at the hangar. A tribe of Yak and the similar Nanching aircraft also flew regularly, often performing aerobatics and doing formation flying. People arrived from Thursday onwards to attend.



This home assembled Exec helicopter performed several demonstration flights over the weekend. Control and manoeuvrability at low level is impressive. A trial helicopter flight was auctioned during the QVAG dinner on Saturday evening for interested people. Below are some of the de Havilland aircraft present over the weekend with the oldest being the DH60M Gypsy Moth at the bottom left.



AIRCRAFT OF THE MONTH

What's New? Introducing the "Aero-MAX"



Here's a sneak peek for you. This is the newest from JDT Mini-MAX, LLC. Introducing the "Aero-MAX" aimed at the genuine ultralight aircraft market.

This new aircraft from JDT appears to be a cross between the earlier Himax and more open Airbike designed by Wayne Ison. In some ways it resembles a skinny, open Himax powered by a small, economical two stroke engine, using the wings and the tail feathers from the earlier designs. Plans and kits later.





Wayne Ison trying the Aero-Max for size.



Side view showing fiberglass wingtip.



Rear view of the Aero Max shows the Himax parentage.

At this stage details of the Aero Max have not been released so the construction technique is not known. Looking at the photos it appears that the construction would follow the earlier timber Minimax and Himax aircraft. Again, the engine used is not given, but it is known JDT have been testing a Hirth F33 single cylinder two stroke engine in some of their lighter aircraft to meet FAR 23 Ultralight Regulations.

The question we have in Australia, “Is there a need for a new light weight aircraft that offers limited comfort, cross country and load carrying ability?” When one considers the growing popularity of the more practical two seat aircraft available that have already challenged the viability of the Recreational General Aviation Sector and the older 95.10 category this is a fair question to ask. For someone needing a basic, economical aircraft with plenty of visibility for local fun flying the new Aero Max may create a niche in the market place as the older lightweight aircraft are retired and costs of flying and fuel increase

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TEAM HIMAX

Powered by Rotax 447 – 42 hp, B Gearbox, with timber propellor and pull starter.

Instruments include ASI, Alt, Slip/Skid, Compass and GPS.

An open trailer is included for transport.

Engine and airframe is in excellent condition with low hours flown.

Current owner is unable to continue flying so is keen to find a new owner for this great little aircraft.

Price is very reasonable at \$6,000.

Contact Les on (07) 55377743 if interested.

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 2006 GENERAL MEETING

MEETING OPENED	08.03 pm
APOLOGIES	Keith Broughton, Glenda Faint
VISITORS	Bob Brannon
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	MOVED Gavin McGrath SECONDED Colin Thorpe CARRIED
TREASURERS REPORT	Currently being audited
SECRETARIES REPORT	QLD Govt Annual Return of Association request .
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES	None
RAAus REPORT	2,168 aircraft currently registered, 1,139 are homebuilt, 1,029 are factory built. 288 (13%) are under 95.10 (less than last year) 735 (35%) are under 95.19. (Still growing) Current membership has passed 6,401 members.
WATTS BRIDGE REPORT	Registration of leases to be finalized soon. Maintenance in preparation of the Festival of Flight Gravel at front entry gate, clean up of boundary fences. QLD Aerobatic clubhouse being assembled by members. Slab, plumbing, frame, walls and windows/doors fitted.
GENERAL BUSINESS / SOCIAL	Festival of Flight vintage fly-in at Watts Bridge Airfield Volunteers required for QUA table to hand out info. Notification of AGM at September 06 meeting. Letter from RAAus to Col Thorpe to supply new data, including photographs of his aircraft for renewal of registration. Others have also received a similar letter. 500mm high stick on registration letters available from Electro-Cut Signs in Darra. Phone number 07-33753344 A SAAA clubhouse key needs to be brought to each meeting by those that hold them. August meeting held in Archerfield terminal building as no key was brought. A feature on aviation is planned at the end of the month in the Queensland Times , Ipswich.
SPECIAL THANKS	to Robyn for preparing the supper.
MEETING CLOSED	08.20 pm

SOCIAL CALENDAR

- August 30 – Sept 02 Birdsville Races. 12 races for the Birdsville Cup. 200 aircraft fly in.
- September 4 QUA Annual General Meeting from 07.30 pm. Nominations are invited for folk to be elected to positions on the management committee. A General Meeting with supper after is as per usual Those that have them might wish to bring a SAAA clubhouse KEY.
- September 9 Goondiwindi Fly-In. Annual Fly-In by the McIntyre Aero Club Inc Lunch Saturday at the aero club. Contact Margaret Scells on 07 46775186 or email PSS@bigpond.com.au
- September 17 Wings over Warwick is sponsored by Warwick AeroClub Inc. BBQ, drinks available, Camp on the airfield or stay at the Southern Downs Aero and Gliding Club facilities at the airfield. Contact Gus Mauch on 07 46648255 or Phil Goyne on 07 46661676
- October 15 Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield (WBMA) Annual General Meeting from 10.00am in Jeff and Gerry Underhill's Air Chalet at Watts Bridge. A morning tea is planned after the meeting by the committee. Contact Liz Cook if attending on 07 32345056.
- October 28 – 29 QVAG October Club Weekend and Sunday Morning Breakfast Fly-in Contact Craig Justo on 07 33496006 or 0407740734
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NEXT QUA MEETING MONDAY 4th , SEPTEMBER 2006

Starting from 07.30 pm at the SAAA clubroom near the main airfield gate on Beatty Road , Archerfield. Same time , Same place. A KEY is required.

Everyone is welcome to make it a great night and share the supper.

Robert Cousins has offered to take people for a night flight from Archerfield over the city after the July QUA meeting in a Cessna 172. Costs involved are on a share basis of \$40.00 for a thirty minute flight. This a good opportunity to see the sights and lights from a different angle. Contact Robert on 07-38901133.

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