



Watts News

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QUA Poker Run & Christmas in July

The QUA Inc Poker Run was well attended once again with many aircraft flying in and the pilots and crew participating in the collection of cards from the various airfields. A BBQ and soup were on hand in the clubhouse thanks to Peter and Glenda for the many visitors. The Christmas in July Dinner was well attended as well, later in the day. This year's winner was QUA member, Don Mellow, who flew a Rans S12 Airaile from Gatton.



In the picture on the left we see Don being presented with the Poker Run trophy from Richard.

The Picture on the right includes Don's Airaile.



Our thanks to the AAC for providing a warm and comfortable Clubhouse for Christmas in July.

SEQGC Report



A quick scan of SEQGC newsletters demonstrates much activity these days. Of recent note was a trip to Theodore where the fly-in was well reported in the local press. More recently visit to Caboolture was organised at short notice. Then the usual August meeting was held at Watts Bridge where visitors from Caboolture and Kingaroy were also in attendance. It is encouraging to see these activities.

Gyro's weekends at Watts

September 13th & 14th

October 11th & 12th

November 8th & 9th

Anzac Day 2008



Unlike other years the morning dawned brilliantly clear. Numbers were up on last year and new-comers spoke of the beautiful ambience of the airfield as participants assembled. Wing Commander Geoff Lydeamore eloquently spoke on the true meaning of the Anzac Spirit. The WBMA response was provided by Barry Uscinski who reaffirmed the significance of having a RAAF presence at our Airfield on this Day of Remembrance.

It was encouraging to see a growing number of wreaths placed at the Cairn near the flagpole, their colours creating a bright kaleidoscope of remembrance.

As the clear notes of the Last Post sounded across the valley and the colours were lowered, those assembled were moved by the solemnity of the occasion.

After the Ceremony a substantial breakfast was enjoyed by all at Rod and Noelene Mill's airchalet.

Leaseholder's Report

The second Leaseholder's meeting was held on Sunday morning, July 6th. The chill wind made it desirable to get inside the QUA clubhouse promptly where hot drinks and morning tea were served. Around thirty leaseholders attended. Some items addressed were: aircraft recovery from runways and taxiways, updating insurance policies to accommodate the regional council's name change, a brief summary from BoM and notification of the fuel depot changeover. Mal McKenzie, Chairman

Aerobatics



After many months of hard work on the clubhouse the boys have decided its time to have a break and enjoy some flying. There is great excitement with the arrival of several new aircraft.

This picture was taken recently between practice sessions. From left to right: Russell Sneyd - Yak54, Mark Galletly – Andreasson BA-6B, Mark Foy - Pitts S1D and Brendan Scilini with his S1S



In the interests of safety a new firefighting unit has been purchased capable of delivering 50 litres per minute from its 800 litre tank. Together with its dedicated galvanised trailer both can be rapidly deployed in the event of fire.

Under new management

Members will be interested to know that the fuel depot is now owned by the WBMA Association. It has been upgraded to meet current safety standards and when funds permit, a swipe card system will be incorporated.



Reminders

Members are reminded of the Festival of Flight over the weekend beginning Friday 29th of August right through until Sunday.

Despite our best efforts folk are continuing to overfly farmer's properties with the consequent complaints that follow. Most of these are non-members, however they do pose a threat to good relations with airfield neighbours. It is in the interests of us all to remind people of our fly-neighbourly rules.

The new TB1



Visitors will no doubt appreciate this new Pureblue unit, so too with those in the hangar precinct. Also the new plumbing involved means that all clubhouses are now linked to SS1. This means that WBMA is now compliant for the first time to Water Corporation standards.