

The Queensland Chapter Newsletter



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President's Message

Hello Members and Friends of the AAC Queensland Chapter,

Things have been slowly returning to normal out at Watts Bridge on several fronts.

Many will recall the severe storm that swept through Watts Bridge back on 14th December 2006. I'm glad to be able to tell you that most who suffered damage on that day are starting to rebuild. In particular QVAG, who have supported the AAC for so many years through allowing us access to their clubhouse, are well on the way to being back in business. It is wonderful that we have been able to return the gesture to them in part by providing temporary storage for some of their gear while they rebuild.

So too, the sound of Pitts and Decathlons over Watts brings back some very good memories.... yes folks, we are back in the air and holding our regular practice days in preparation for our Queensland State Titles and those of the southern states later in the year. Please come out and join us for the days published on our web site [AAC QLD Calendar of Events](#), or phone one of the contact numbers on the web site to check for other weekend activities.

On the aircraft front, much effort has been invested over the past 6 months by a group in the Chapter trying to find a good Decathlon for a syndicate of members to

buy. We have gone close to closing the deal on two occasions but have run into various obstacles with each. The syndicate is still on the lookout so if you are interested in taking a share in a Decathlon based at Watts Bridge, please give me a call on the number below.

In the mean time, we have full access to Flight Training Australia's Decathlon (VH-FTA) for our practice weekends and competitions. The cost of VH-FTA is quite comparable to that of VH-DEC. To fly FTA, all you have to do is have a check ride with Flight Training Australia and away you go.

I look forward to seeing you all at Watts Bridge, Cheers

Steve Hudson

President

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Next Practise Days

The practice days at Watts Bridge Airfield will continue to be the last weekends of every month so don't forget to earmark this in your diaries.

Queensland Championships

Next weekend is the long weekend of June and we will have the 2007 State Championships (9th to 11th June 2007) and we are looking forward to our first State Championships for a while. A couple of our friends from NSW are planning to make the trip up to Queensland so we should get reasonable numbers for the competitions although we are struggling in the Intermediate class. Anybody fancy trying Intermediate?

Sunday night will be the Presentation Dinner at the Clubhouse so come along and see the winners get their trophies and support your club. Just let Tracy know on (0419) 715-332 if you can make it.

Club House Status

The clubhouse is operational although there is still work to do on the inside. We now have power on so at least we can now have a cup of coffee during the practise days! Brendan spent last weekend connecting the water pump to our tanks, so soon we will have running water as well.

To allow wider access to the clubhouse by members passing through Watts Bridge, we have attached a key-safe to the front of the Clubhouse. When commissioned, members can access the key to the front door via the digital keypad on the safe. We will distribute the code and information on the access procedure to members very soon.

Club House Contributions

Just because we now have a clubhouse we still need cash to help us complete the project. All you need to do is donate (or loan) \$600 to the club to go towards the clubhouse. Either send the money to Tracy Hearne or drop me an email!

New Member

Welcome to Stephen Beck, it was great to meet him and his family at Watts Bridge and we look forward to flying with him next weekend; welcome Steve.

Practise Days

The next practise days will be on:

28/29 July 2007
18/19 August 2007
22/23 Sept 2007

So get checked out on VH-FTA and let's get the practising.



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