

Newsletter No. 307 – January 2020



The Atherton Aero Club is an organization of aviation enthusiasts who promote the sport of aircraft building and flying.

The organization is associated with *Recreation Aviation Australia Inc.* The Club meets at Atherton Airport every third Sunday of the month. Food and drinks are available and visitors are most welcome.



Mareeba First Balloon Sunrise 2020—Photos: Bob & Tracey Hayes



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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All,

Welcome to edition No 307. In this issue - photos of members recent flying activities, aircraft acquisitions, posters advertising upcoming aviation events and news from our sister clubs the NQAC and IFLAC.



A thank you also to all the others who (knowingly or un-knowingly) contributed photos and articles for this edition. Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or by email at -

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Watch the AAC, NQAC and Innisfail Facebook Pages for details of calendar changes and other short notice events. Check out the AAC Website for the YATN weather-cam and older club newsletters.

***REMINDER—AAC 2020
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
IS NOW DUE***

The **next AAC Club Function** will be a **Big Breakfast** followed by an **Aircraft Performance Workshop** on **Sunday the 16th of February**, commencing **9:00am**. **Venue:** The AAC Facility, Atherton Aerodrome. See Page 10.





Atherton Aero Club Christmas Party

The club Christmas Party was held on Saturday the 7th December at the Atherton International Club. The venue and catering were excellent and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended. A great success. Here are some happy snaps from the night:



New Years Day at Simon and Jane's

A good turn up for the New Years Day Lunch & BBQ provided by Simon and Jane at their Atherton airfield hangar. Perfect weather that prompted some new year flying activities earlier in the day. Great food and a pleasant time in convivial surroundings.



Around and About

Dave and Connie Graham's photos of their flight home from Maitland early in December.



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The Long Drive Home

Steve Gordon about to depart on the long drive home to Atherton from Goolwa, SA, with his newly acquired Gazelle. After careful consideration Steve decided that, due to the aircrafts low cruise speed and limited endurance, it would be much simpler to trailer the aircraft home.



Image Capture: 18 Jan 2020 2214Z

NORTH EAST

Big Brother is watching (Skycam)



*The two Steves get in some early flying
In their yellow Foxbat and Gazelle aircraft
prior to the Sunday meeting and BBQ*

www.skycam.net.au

YATN WEATHER STATION

Observation Time: 18 Jan 2020 2213Z
 WIND 140/7kt TEMP 27/22 QNH 1005
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INNISFAIL AERO CLUB—DONNINGTON FLY-IN

A good roll up at Donnington airpark this morning (14th December). We had over 30 people turn up there with three Zenith flown up from the Mackay area and us from Innisfail. A total of around 10 aircraft attended. Well done Christian.

Thanks Christian and the guys down at Donnington for a great morning breakfast and your hospitality hope to see you more often in the future. *Lloyd English*



AAC AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY

A great opportunity to get together and re-fresh our aviation knowledge.

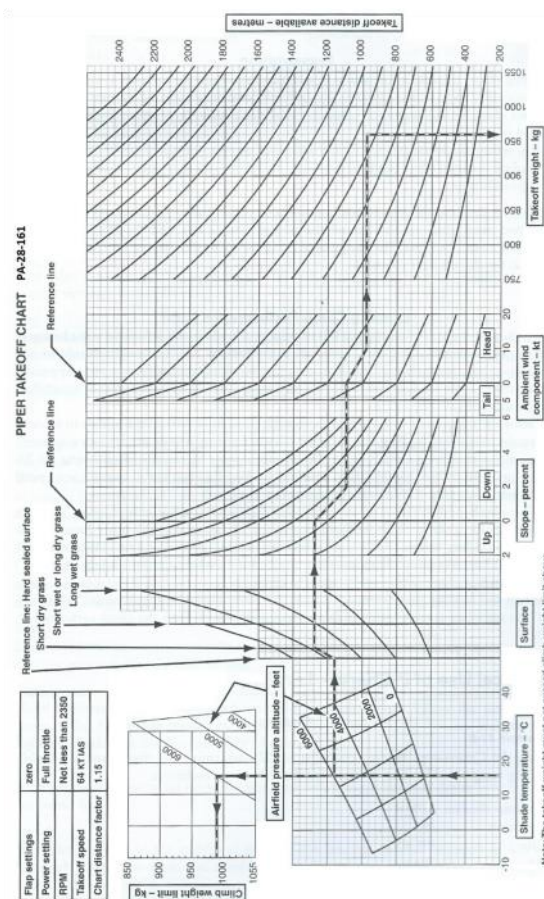
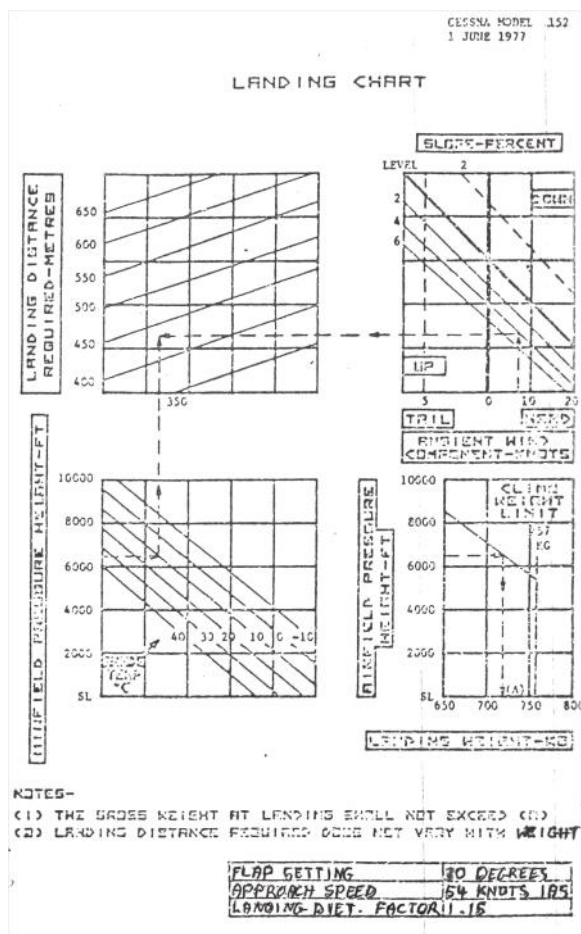
How about joining in a session on Take-off and Landing Performance, both Normal and STOL ops? A review of the basic theory involved but with an emphasis on the practical application of the aircraft performance data..

Bring along your Aircraft Flight Manual/Pilot Operating Handbook for some re-familiarization. Handouts are available for those who don't own an aircraft.

A Big Breakfast will be provided (Cost \$10 a person) starting at 9:00am. The workshop will commence on completion of breakfast and should be finished by midday.

To assist with catering arrangements please advise us of your intention to attend.

Your suggestions for other similar events would be most welcome.



Engine	Rotax-912UL	Rotax-912ULS
Takeoff/Landing run	125 m (410 ft)	100 m (328 ft)
Takeoff/Landing distance to/from 15 m (50 ft)	338 m (1108 ft)	243 m (797 ft)

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WHEN

6pm
Tuesday 31 March 2020

LOCATION

Innisfail Aero Club
Mundoo Road, Mundoo

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

REGISTER

casa.gov.au/avsafety

Hi all Pilots, the AvSafety Seminar is on on Tuesday 31st March 2020 at the Aero Club. Refreshments will be supplied so come along and join in. starts at 18:00 normally run for around 2 hrs. The Bar will be operating.

Lloyd English, Innisfail Aero Club

NORTH QUEENSLAND *AERO CLUB* NEWS & EVENTS



Aircraft Rain Shadow
NQAC Tarmac January 2020

Dear Members,

Please find below the events calendar for the NQAC for this coming year. We are doing things a little differently this year with some normal events off the list, and some new destinations on the list, like Bloomfield and Georgetown. We look forward to seeing you at some of these social gatherings in 2020. Sally

North Queensland Aero Club – Events Calendar 2020

Date	Event
15 th February (Sat)	Guest speaker and breakfast BBQ
18 th April (Sat)	Dunk Island Day trip FLY IN
13 th and 14 th June	Bloomfield and Mount Louis FLY IN (Day trip to Cockatoo Gallery and optional overnight stay at Mount Louis Station)
11 th July (Sat)	Guest speaker and breakfast BBQ
12 th and 13 th September	Georgetown FLY IN and Tom McDonald Spot landing comp (at YGTN airport).
3 rd October Saturday night	Wings night under the stars at Mareeba Aerodrome
31 st October Saturday	Annual General Meeting
27 th November	NQAC Christmas Party BBQ/Spit Roast
Dates to be advised	Mareeba airport BIG BASH Cricket COMP – Details soon
Dates to be advised	Student FLY Ins (destinations TBA)

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Aviation style big bash Cricket!

Friday, February 21, 2020

at 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

The NQAC in conjunction with Aircraft Maintenance Australia is having a big bash cricket game out the front of the AMA hangar. BBQ and drinks. Family friendly game on Friday afternoon 21st Feb. All members and guests of the NQAC, Atherton Aero Club and airport

employees are welcome. Cessna Caravan blades for stumps!

Somewhat of a larger stump to defend!

Come along for a game, or just a drink and a feed. See you there.

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- Please get in touch if you have aviation related exhibits, uniforms, retired parts etc for display
- Located Mareeba Airport, Far North Queensland

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DRIFTER FOR SALE

Retired Fishery Falls cane farmer Ron Biondi has reluctantly decided that, at 89 years of age, its time he stopped flying. Ron's 95.10, single seat Drifter (Regn 10-669) is now up for sale;

Engine; Rotax 582 Blue Head, 65HP, 300 engine hours

Propeller; Brolga, four blade

A rare opportunity to own and fly a CLASSIC Ultralight type before they disappear from our skies. Owner asking \$10,000 ONO.

Contact Bill Gronbeck on 0408 073 142 for link to owner.





Atherton Aero Club—2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb Sun 16th, **AAC Big Breakfast & Performance Workshop, 9:00am.**

Mar Date TBA. **AAC Fly-In to Innisfail.**

May Mon 4th, **Pinnarendi Fly-In for Breakfast/Morning Tea.**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST (MORE TO COME)

Every Saturday—Innisfail, Informal Smoko @ 9:30am.

Feb Sat 15th, **NQAC, Guest Speaker & Breakfast BBQ.**

Feb Fri 21st, **NQAC & AMA Big Bash Cricket, Mareeba, 3:30 to 6:30pm.**

Mar Tue 31st, **Innisfail CASA AvSafety Seminar, 6:00pm.**

Apr Fri 17th, **Langley Park, WA Fly-In. Call Kevin Priestly AAC if interested.**

Apr Sat 18th, **NQAC Dunk Island Fly-In.**

Apr Sat 25th & Sun 26th, **Undara Outback Rock & Blues Festival.**

July Sat 4th & Sun 5th, **Brisbane Valley Airshow, Watts Bridge.**

July Date TBA. **Uluru Trip. Call Jon Collins AAC if interested.**

Aug Fri 14th—Sun 16th, **QANTAS Centenary Fly-In, Longreach.**

Sept Sat 12th & Sun 13th, **Burdekin Airport Centenary Fly-In.**

Sept Sat 26th, **Innisfail Aero Club Open Day.**

LINKS TO INTERESTING ARTICLES & VIDEOS:

<https://www.avweb.com/features/avweb-classics/the-pilots-lounge/the-pilots-lounge-149-crashworthiness-common-sense/> Crashworthiness Common Sense

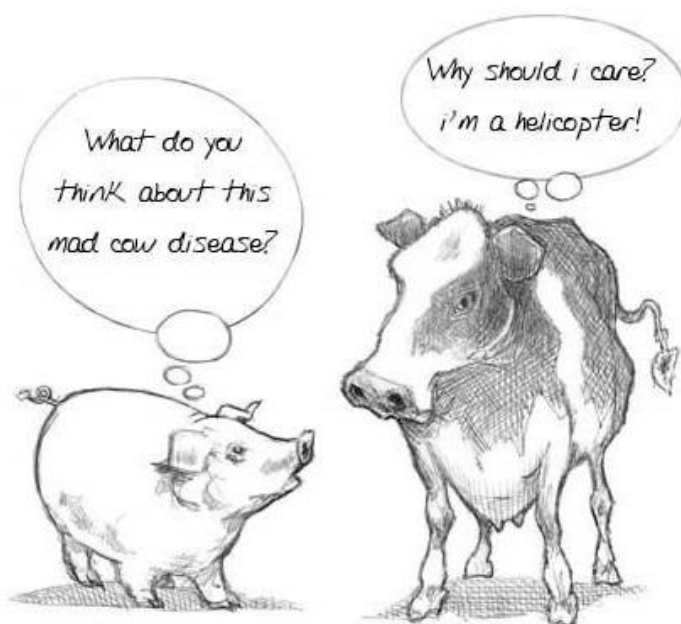
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Performance at High Density Altitude

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Aerobatic Cruisers. All Purpose Fun

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Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622



NOTICE



The **Atherton Aero Club** is now an ASIC Issuing Agent for **Aviation ID Australia**.

Those seeking the issue or renewal of an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) should apply directly to **Aviation ID Australia** via the following link:

<https://aviationidaustralia.net.au/application.html>

Once the ASIC card has been approved the applicant will be advised and the required “face-to-face” identity check carried out locally by an Atherton Aero Club representative. On the satisfactory completion of the identity check the local agent will hand over the ASIC card to the applicant.

AIRCRAFT FOR SALE AND WANTED

If you have, or know of, an aircraft for sale please contact me directly by telephone or email with full details. The AAC offers free advertising in the club newsletter as a service to local flyers. Direct emailing of your advert to aviators on the club mailing list is available should your advert be received after the publication cut-off date. *Bill Gronbeck, EDITOR.*



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Further information on the SAAA's National and FNQ Chapter 34 websites:

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Postal address		State	Postcode
Email address		Occupation	
Telephone	ah	(h)	mobile

MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 60.00	Single Member	Single member with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 100.00	Family Member	Two members with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50.00	Associate Member	Single member with NO voting rights
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Payments can be made by: EFT, Cheque cash, or at the Bendigo Bank	
EFT Details: Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331706 (Ref - Your Name)	

I hereby apply for membership to the Atherton Aero Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and any rules and regulations thereof. I further agree that my contact details may be made available to other members of the association as the Management Committee deems necessary.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Print name: _____ Print name: _____

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socially acceptable
chemical dependence
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