

**Newsletter No. 278 – January/February 2015**



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.



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## ***EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck***

Hello and welcome to Newsletter No 278. A bit light on for content but hopefully some items of interest. Don't forget to check out the **Webpage Links** on Page 11 of this newsletter.

A thank you to those who contributed to 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 - billgron@bigpond.com

Keep an eye on our club's Facebook Page and Website Calendar for the latest on coming events.

Web Page <http://www.athertonaeroclub.org/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AthertonAeroClub?ref=hl>

Regards and safe flying.



## ***PRESIDENTS REPORT JANUARY 2015***

Hi everyone.

Happy New Year to you all, I trust you all had a good Christmas with family and friends and Santa dropped in with a nice present.

Good to see the wet here as we need the rain, but it is not giving too much good flying weather at the moment.

Connie and I managed to have some time over Christmas to paint the outside of the house.. What a job, but worth the effort. Then the onslaught at work with back to school. This is the busiest time of the year for us.

Not much has been happening on the flying front. I did a run down to Home Hill and back and also some local trips. A run up to Cape Melville which was fantastic. Although we have clocked up 25 hours already in the Glasair.

We have been approached from the Atherton Men's Shed regarding having a Open Hanger Afternoon including a Classic Car Show at the airport. This can be held July or September but dates are still to be confirmed at this stage. Stay posted for further details in the newsletter.

We hope to submit our first grant application at the end of February. But will keep on going till we get the money to build the storage shed. Who knows, the first one might come back successful.

Just a reminder we have our AGM next month. All positions will become available and you will find nomination forms in this edition of the newsletter. I encourage anyone to stand for a position or even help with running a trip, or a social event.

Also membership fees are due again so please send your payment in with the updated form to Jon.

Memberships are the life and blood of the club. We need your support. I welcome all on our mailing list who enjoy reading our newsletter to become a member and support the club.

Safe flying

***Dave Graham,  
President,  
Atherton Aero Club***



## ***THE FIRST CLUB BBQ & GATHERING FOR 2015***

A reasonably good turn up considering a number of members were either holidaying overseas or (reluctantly) working.

It was great to meet up with friends who made the effort to fly up from Townsville and Bluewater. Well done in view of the sometimes iffy weather at this time of year. We are overdue for a return visit, maybe a trip down to Bluewater and back when it cools down a bit.

Our visitors were Dave Henry in Piper Cherokee 150 VH-RRO and Barry Dionysius with passenger Susan in Cessna Cardinal VH-XPR.



# **JANUARY CLUB BBQ**

With the usual suspects and visitors.



## ***RAAus NQ Board Representatives 2nd February 2015 Newsletter***

Greetings again Northern flyers,

Yesterday I attended a get together at the Midge Point tavern south of Proserpine where I had the opportunity to speak with many of you from the Whitsunday and Mackay areas. Always nice of course to chat with area flyers and find out all the latest.

I have received a request from the CEO this morning for agenda items for the next board meeting at Canberra in early May, so if anyone has items of concern please forward them to me and I'll do my best to get them listed. The cut-off date for inclusion is the 3rd April 2015.

A reminder that the RAA online Level 1 exam is up and running. Office is reporting that a lot of members are completing their exam, and that there is a high average percent pass mark from those who have already completed. So well done to those who have sat and passed.

Weather in the area recently has been very hot with frequent storms and rain, however still good days between have presented themselves for good flying opportunities.

Last week I flew down to Heathrow near Proserpine ( Ian and Julie Wells) for a few days to view Ian's new project of putting their newly acquired Zenith 701 on newly imported Puddle jumper Amphibious floats from Canada. Quite a project with rigging all landing gear cables and mounting the floats at the correct angle, but I can now report that the combo has flown very successfully, with numerous water operations conducted also. That make at least four operational Amphibs or floating hull aircraft in the Whitsunday area now, including a super Petrel and a SeaRay. From there I flew down to Palmyra west of Mackay early one morning to view a very nice new Ninja project. Looking forward to seeing that in the air soon.

I also had the opportunity this weekend to view Tony Grants new Vision aircraft project which is very impressive and proceeding well. This is one of three Vision quick-build kits imported by Tom Abel the former Savannah importer, and is one of the latest offerings from the States. A very roomy and well developed aircraft that I look forward to seeing fly soon.

Lots of movements recently with aircraft being bought and sold. A very nice near new Xair for sale at Donnington Airpark, and a couple of local flyers purchased or about to purchase Used Lightwings, together with Rogen Taylor who has sold his Zenith 701 and has replaced it with a Terrier aircraft.

Please note that the strip at the Lakeside Airpark is currently being resurfaced so may or may not be suitable for use by your aircraft. Call ahead if in doubt.

The RAA executive and board are forging ahead with several improvement initiatives some of which are outcomes of the board strategic meeting which I was happy to attend on your behalf last November.

By this time most of you should be receiving the monthly RAA Email newsletters from CEO Michael Linke so I will leave it to him to explain many of these initiatives in more depth as they occur. Membership numbers, aircraft registrations and the RAA financial situation remain good and we all are excited with what can be achieved for all members in the coming year.

*Continued*

## ***RAAus NQ Board Representatives February Newsletter—Continued***

If you haven't been receiving the CEOs direct Email newsletter please contact the office to find out why.

Generally it will be because members have failed to upgrade their Email addresses on their membership details in the office, so usually a quick phone call is all it takes.

Overall we had a relatively accident and incident-free holiday season which was great to see. Unfortunately we lost a good experienced member last week in the Wollongong area after a nasty crash which initially appears to have been the result of poor pre-flight, and inflight decision-making. Investigations are ongoing.

On Sunday morning here in the North we lost a 503 powered Drifter trainer during training ops at the Abergowrie strip North of Ingham. Pilot CFI Alan Cameron and his male student received minor injuries and will be back to fly another day, which is more than can be said for the Drifter unfortunately. This was a training incident and investigations are ongoing.

Once again applications are still being accepted for student training grants under the RAA GYPTS program. This fund is well supported by outside contributors so if you know a young student who needs financial support to continue flying, contact your local CFI or instructor , or look at details on the RAA website.

I am still looking at organizing a casual low key fly-in at Bowen Airport sometime in May. Initial weekend of the first and second is now out as the board meeting is on that weekend, so looks like one of the remaining three weekend.....will keep you posted.

Also as your board representative I need to know what your needs or concerns are, so I can attempt to do something about it. Email me anytime you have something to say.

Fly often, keep it safe...!

Cheers, Ross

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## **NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS**

Flying training and private hire has started to pick up a little after the Christmas / New Year break. The recent PPL Theory ground course was well attended and a number of people have shown an interest in the proposed **Meteorology** course scheduled for the **21st February**. Contact the NQAC Office during office hours if you would like further details.

Check out Page 12 for the club's 2015 Events Calendar



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***Saturday the 15th March 2015 commencing 10am.***

***Venue: DJ and Barry's Hangar, Atherton Aerodrome.***

*Please use the attached form to nominate your choice for the new management committee.*

*A reminder that nominations and votes can only be accepted from current financial members.*

## ***MORE ON ELECTRONIC FLIGHT BAGS (EFBs)***

Well it had to happen. OzRunways have finally come up with a new edition of their popular software for use on Android devices (such as the Galaxy Tab). Not just a modified program but one written from scratch specifically for the android platform. To differentiate between the two software programs the name “RWY” (Runway) has been chosen for the android version.



The original OzRunways for the iPad remains unchanged. You can mix and match as a single subscription is valid on both platforms. An iPad in your plane and a Galaxy phone in your pocket. Or A Nexus tablet and an iPhone? No need to compromise, the choice is yours.

EFB users now have a number of excellent programs to choose from; OzRunways, RWY and AvPlan VFR to mention just a few.

## ***ACCIDENT CASE STUDY – TIME LAPSE***

While on the subject of Electronic Flight Bags and Electronic Flight Displays (glass cockpits to you), the causes attributed to the accident described in the following video re-enactment have some relevance to Australian aircraft not fitted with weather radar.



*Accident Case Study, Time Lapse by AOPA Air Safety Institute*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaP\\_q86WqJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaP_q86WqJU)

While we don't at present have the ability to display “live” weather (such as is available in the USA) on our aircrafts Flight Display we may be able to download Weather Radar information in-flight when within mobile phone coverage. That weather picture could be up to ten minutes old and in a fast moving weather situation be dangerously misleading if we attempt to use it to avoid weather.

Video Courtesy of AOPA Air Safety Institute



## **AIRCRAFT FOR SALE**

**Jabiru J160-C 24-4926**

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GPS – Garmin Aera 500 (touch screen) attached to top of dash.

Covers for cabin and prop.

Great plane to fly, especially on longer trips and very economical (about 14 lph).

Contact: Jon Collins 0438 634411 or [jc4487@gmail.com](mailto:jc4487@gmail.com)

***Jabiru 24-4926 Cockpit View***



## ***AIRCRAFT FOR SALE***

**VG wing Savannah**, Rotax 912 80hp, 6.00 x 6 Tyres,  
Engine & Airframe 420 hours, Good condition, \$35,000,  
Located at Atherton. Also:

## ***Atherton Hangar For Sale***

Contact Barry on 0457 816 761 for further details.



## ***HANGAR HALF-SHARE FOR SALE***

A half share in **Atherton Hangar No 12** is now available.

Contact Jon Collins on 0438 634411 or [jc4487@gmail.com](mailto:jc4487@gmail.com) for further information.



**INTERESTING and/or USEFUL LINKS:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ZeCGcB-Un4>

*Real Pilot Story—Underwater Escape*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOfovyrKHss>

*Real Pilot Story—Fire in the Cockpit*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5aGDh1rpzJk>

*Real Pilot Story—Bird Strike*

<http://www.flightsafetyaustralia.com/>

*Flight Safety on-line Magazine*

[http://www.dvidshub.net/video/388574/pilot-safe-after-ditching-253-miles-maui#.VMb\\_ASzIqXw](http://www.dvidshub.net/video/388574/pilot-safe-after-ditching-253-miles-maui#.VMb_ASzIqXw)

*Cirrus Parachute Deployment & Ditching off Hawaii*

<http://www.avweb.com/news/features/The-Art-of-Crashing223447-1.html>

*The Art of Crashing*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pD\\_yQZ4iNjY&feature=player\\_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pD_yQZ4iNjY&feature=player_embedded)

*Third World Economic Space Program*

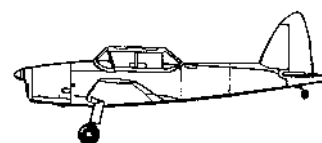
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*EAA Experimenter eMagazine January 2015*

## ATHERTON AERO CLUB MONTHLY BBQ

Our next regular get-together will be on **SUNDAY the 15th FEBRUARY** commencing 10am. There will be a Club Meeting followed by the usual get-together and chat before a BBQ lunch.

Venue: DJ and Barry's Hangar, Atherton Aerodrome.



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## **Atherton Aero Club**

### **AAC—2015 EVENTS CALENDAR**

- February**     *Sunday 15th—AAC Monthly meeting and BBQ.*
- March**        *Sunday 15th—AAC Annual General Meeting.*
- April**         *Sunday 19th—AAC Monthly meeting and BBQ.*
- May**            *Fri 22nd to Sun 24th—Old Station Fly-In & Heritage Show.*
- May**            *TBA—Possible Bowen Fly-In (not the first weekend).*
- (See also RAAus 2015 Fly-Ins next page).*

## **North Queensland Aero Club**

### **NQAC—2015 EVENTS CALENDAR**

- March**         *Sunday 7th—Trivia Night Cairns.*
- May**            *Saturday 9th—Norship Marine Air Race*
- June**           *TBA—Tarmac Black Tie Ball.*
- July**            *Sat 4th & Sun 5th—Fly-In ( Einasleigh or Statten River.*
- August**        *Sunday 16th—Spot Landing Competition, Atherton.*
- October**       *Sunday 4th—AGM.*
- November**   *Sunday 15th—Fun Night.*
- December**   *Saturday 5th—Wings Night, Cairns Casino.*

*Other regular club events:*

**BBQ—First Friday** of each month,

**Evening BBQ/Afternoon Tea—Mareeba hangar 2nd Saturday** Afternoon of each month.



# Recreational Aviation Australia 2015 Fly-ins



In 2015 instead of hosting our own fly-in, NatFly, Recreational Aviation Australia will be attending a number of fly-ins across the country to engage with members and like-minded aviation enthusiasts to talk all things aviation.

2015 is a busy year with regard to fly-ins. When you think about the Avalon air show in March, Holbrook and Narromine with fly-ins over Easter, Wings over Illawarra in May, AusFly and Wings over Warwick in September and the Jamestown Airshow in October (to name a few) you can see that it is a hectic year for fly-ins.

So, Recreational Aviation Australia has decided to not run NatFly at all in 2015.

We will have a presence at a number of fly-ins throughout the year and both board members and staff will get out as much as we can to meet and engage with our members. By attending a number of events we believe we will be able to engage with and listen to more of our members to find out your thoughts about everything to do with Recreational Aviation Australia. We are also keen to talk to you about our plans for the year as well as what is planned in 2016 and beyond.

If you'd like representatives from Recreational Aviation Australia to attend your club, or your show or meeting, just drop us a line. We will do our best to attend.

And finally, when we have news about the next time we run NatFly, we will be sure to let everyone know.



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## Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

New Member

Returning Member



### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name		Date of Birth	
Street address		State	Postcode
Postal address		State	Postcode
Email address		Occupation	
Telephone	ah	bh	mobile

### MEMBERSHIP

<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 45.00	Single Member	Single member with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 55.00	Family Member	Two members with voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35.00	Associate Member	Single member with NO voting rights
<input type="checkbox"/> no charge	Student Member	Single member with NO voting rights

### PAYMENT

Forms to be sent to: *The Treasurer*                      or email to: [treasurer@athertonaeroclub.org](mailto:treasurer@athertonaeroclub.org)  
*Atherton Aero Club*  
*PO Box 227*  
*ATHERTON QLD 4883*

Payments can be made by: *Cheque, cash, EFT or at the Bendigo Bank*

EFT Details: *Atherton Aero Club BSB 633108 ACC 114331796 (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: \_\_\_\_\_

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Membership type		Receipt No		Fee Paid	\$
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**NOMINATION FORM**  
**MANAGEMENT & COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

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VICE-PRESIDENT
SECRETARY
TREASURER
EDITOR
TRIPS ORGANIZER
WEBSITE EDITOR

**POSITION YOU ARE NOMINATING FOR** \_\_\_\_\_

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FULL NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
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ADDRESS:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

**NOMINATOR 2**

FULL NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:



Proxy Form

I, ....., of .....,

Being a member of the above named Club,

hereby appoint ....., of .....,

or failing him/her, ....., of .....,

as my proxy to vote for me at the (annual) general meeting of the Club to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this ..... Day of ....., 2015.

Signature .....

This form to be used \*in favour of / \*against the resolution.

\*Strike whichever not desired. (Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks).