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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.



The NQ Aero Club's Annual Tom McDonald Spot Landing Competition at Atherton



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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 336. In this issue, links to an excellent article on Loss of Control/Aircraft Upset Training, Autopilots in GA Aircraft, news from other clubs and upcoming events. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories.



A thank you to Jack Cross, John Martin and the other Far North Clubs and Flying Groups who contributed content to this edition. Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or email at - williamgronbeck2@gmail.com

Watch the AAC, NQAC, Burdekin Flyers, FNQ Flyers, Donnington 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 AAC Newsletters.



The next **AAC Club Meeting** will be our regular monthly social get-together and BBQ Lunch on **Sunday the 21st of May 2023.**

From **10:30am** to around midday at the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** facility.

Visitors are most welcome.





ATHERTON AERO CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Hello All AAC Members and Friends, It's Sponsorship renewal time again!

As members will be aware, a club such as ours can only continue to function if it has sufficient financial income. That income comes mostly from you, the club members, with your annual subscriptions and functions such as the monthly BBQ. The occasional government grant has also helped to get the club where it is today. The generous contributions of the club's Corporate Sponsors have been a major factor in our success.

The committee will soon be approaching the current sponsors to express our appreciation of their financial support to date and to ask if they would be interested in continuing for another year.

Members can assist us greatly by scouting for possible new sponsors. Please advise Club President, Jack of any potential sponsors.

A Corporate Sponsorship Offer form is located at the back of this newsletter.

The Atherton Aero Club Committee

Autopilots are Underrated

Air Facts Journal - March 13th, 2023

From almost the moment they were invented, autopilots have carried a reputation for being untrustworthy or even dangerous. New pilots learned to fear these mysterious boxes and most flight instructors simply ignored them.

But while no technology can replace a well-trained pilot in the left seat of a general aviation airplane (at least not yet), the right technology can definitely make that well-trained pilot safer.

Follow this link for the full article: [Autopilots are underrated : Air Facts Journal](#)



OUT AND ABOUT IN THE FAR NORTH

A new kid on the block, Jack's Sky Arrow.



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Sky Arrow 650. Rotax 912 100hp. Originally registered GA Night VFR category at 650Kg, re-registered with RAA at 600Kg. Carbon fibre construction throughout.

Now in it's new home in Jack's hangar at Atherton Aerodrome. A great piece of kit!



Staying In Control: Training For The Worst

It's a sad fact that loss of control continues to be the most common accident cause. The good news is that training can reduce your level of risk.

Rick Durden AVweb - April 17, 2023

We're good pilots—by and large. Getting our certificates and ratings wasn't easy. Face it, we sweat blood training to master the skills, knowledge and judgment needed to cause an inanimate object to rise into an often unforgiving sky and return to the planet not only safely, but with some degree of panache.

In the process of achieving a level of mastery of aeronautical maneuvering we often—but not always—avoid disaster through the quick thinking and skills of the flight instructor in the other seat. Once the safety net of the CFI is withdrawn we begin to discover, sometimes painfully, that piloting skills erode—with distressing speed. Which is why the NTSB continues to report that the most common cause of general aviation accidents—fatal and non—is loss of control (LOC).

To add insult to that injury, the NTSB finds that in almost 100 percent of LOC accidents the PIC either started the loss of control through his actions or could have broken the chain leading to the crash with appropriate control inputs.

If that's not a plea for pilots to take recurrent training in basic piloting skills, we've never heard one.....

Follow this link for the full article: [Staying In Control: Training For The Worst - AVweb](#)



Um, are you doing this on purpose or was it wake turbulence? Now what? Upset recovery training can make the difference between an adrenaline event and a smoking hole.

Recommended Viewing

The RAAus' three "Loss Of Control" videos:

[Loss of Control - RAAus](#)

**LOSS OF CONTROL
THREE-PART SERIES**

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Photo: John Martin

The **Tom McDonald Spot Landing Competition** was held at Atherton Aerodrome on Sunday 2nd April. A huge turn out with 26 pilots entering and about 40 plus all up for lunch. Eight of our students entered which was great to see!

Thank you so much to the ATHERTON AERO CLUB for hosting the event. They turned on perfect weather for us and a lovely lunch.

Congratulations to the following pilots-

1st - Lincoln Shean (Student Pilot)

2nd - Matt Jennings (Commercial Pilot)

Best Landing - Mellory Doyle (Commercial Pilot)



Spectators out at touchdown zone

Blue skies and no wind - Perfect

Photo: John Martin

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



EINASLEIGH *2023* FLY-IN



13 & 14TH MAY 2023

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DAVIDG@FNOC.COM.AU**

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Let's Go All-In for a Fun-Filled Poker Run

SUNDAY, 4TH JUNE 2023

Contact j-martin@bigpond.net to Register



www.nqac.com.au



Atherton Spot Landing Spectators

Photo: John Martin

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND AVIATION MUSEUM



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The FNQ Aviation Museum is a brand new facility due to open in the near future showcasing the incredible contribution that aviation has played in Far North Queensland's history. The Museum will create employment, volunteering, educational and training opportunities that will benefit the community and boost tourism.

GET INVOLVED TODAY!

PRESERVE | INSPIRE | EDUCATE | RESTORE



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ARTEFACTS

Preserve aviation items that will be of educational or display interest.



VOLUNTEER

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MEMBERSHIP



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Extract from the Presidents Report, March 2023 Newsletter:

“I would like to take a moment to acknowledge and express our gratitude for the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to the FNQ Aviation Museum over the past year. Your commitment and hard work have been invaluable in helping us achieve our mission of preserving and showcasing the history of aviation to the public. Whether it was greeting visitors, research, leading tours, assisting with exhibits/restoration, organising the library or providing administrative support, your contributions have made a significant impact on the success of the museum. We are grateful for your dedication and support and look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Thank you for your service and commitment.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all those who have generously donated artefacts to the FNQ Aviation Museum over the years. We are honoured that you have trusted us with your treasured items and recognize the significance of each piece to the history and evolution of aviation. Your generosity and commitment to preserving this important history are deeply appreciated.

We are proud to be the right place for your donations, and we promise to continue our efforts to ensure that your artefacts are displayed and cared for with the utmost respect and care.

As always, I welcome your feedback and ideas for how we can continue to improve and grow.

Don't forget to help get the word out – tell others to follow our Facebook page, sign up to our newsletter at the bottom of the website or come visit on a Thursday or Saturday morning.

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Hot Air Balloon Cairns

As the sun rises over the Atherton Tablelands, Cairns hot air balloon pilot Bob begins his meticulous pre-flight inspection of the balloon envelope. With the utmost care and attention to detail, he ensures that every inch of the envelope is in top condition for another breathtaking flight.

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Hi Everyone,
 Pinnarendi Cafe re-opened at Easter for the 2023 season.
 We look forward to seeing you. Please ring ahead for airstrip status.
 Ronnie, Nadine, Joy, Carol, Stacey and Kids

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AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

(Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page For Short Notice Changes)

Atherton Aero Club 2023 Events

May Sunday 21st—AAC Meeting & BBQ Lunch—1030 Atherton

Other 2023 Events

May Sat 13th & Sun 14th—NQAC Einasleigh Fly In

June Sunday 4th - NQAC Poker Run

June Sunday 11th—NQAC Instrument-less Circuit Comp—YMBA 9am

June Saturday 24th—NQAC Jack & Mellorys Chillagoe Fly In

Aug Sunday 6th—NQAC Hands-off Circuit Comp—YMBA 9am



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Atherton Aero Club Fundraising - Club Treasurer Stephen has arranged the Scheme ID for members who would like to donate their 10 cents Container Refund to the club. These regular small donations will greatly assist in covering our running costs.

Congratulations Atherton Aero Club Inc! You're all set.

You've joined our Containers for Change team doing our best to make a real difference in our communities and to our environment. We're super excited to have you on board.

Here's your Containers for Change scheme ID. Your scheme ID makes it even easier to return containers and receive refunds directly to your bank account.

Scheme ID

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Save your scheme ID to your mobile wallet

iPhone users



Android users



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Donnington Airpark (YDOP)



Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)

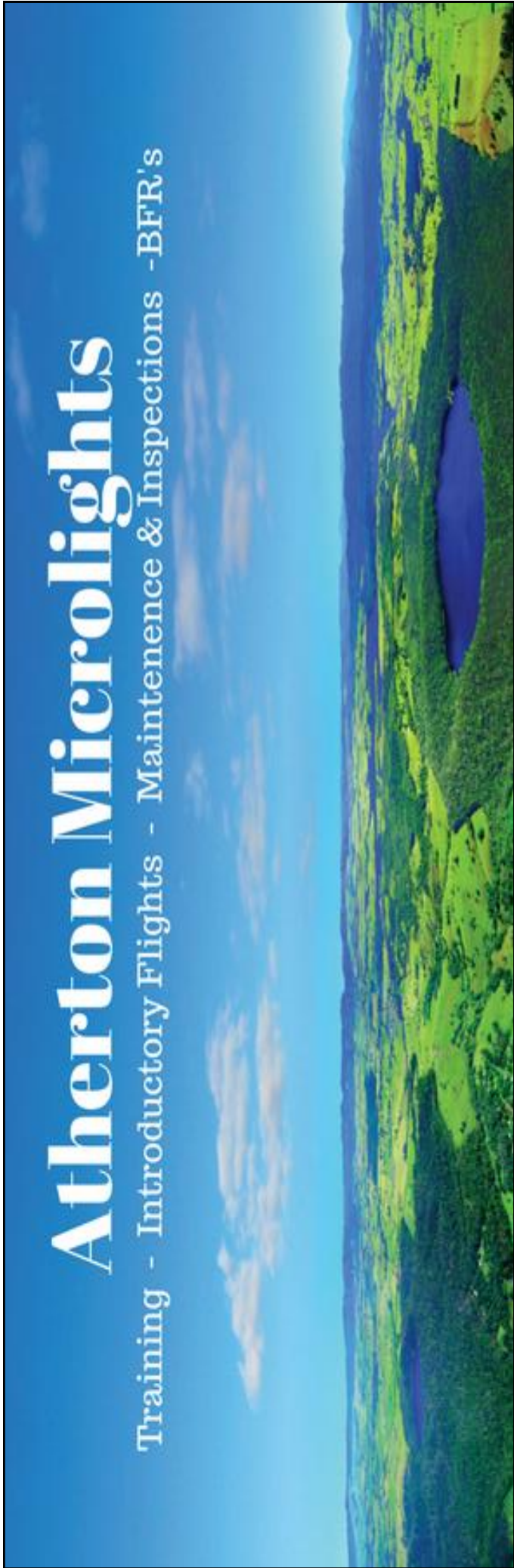


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



Atherton Microlights

Training - Introductory Flights - Maintenance & Inspections - BFR's



Atherton YATN
Elevation 2460 feet

Flight Strip
Length 1286 mtrs Width 90 mtrs
Grass Runway
Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

(CHECK ERSa & NOTAMS FOR CHANGES)

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.*



INTERESTED IN BUILDING YOUR OWN AIRCRAFT?

The Sport Aircraft Association of Australia (SAAA) is an organization that has mentored and assisted many owner builders, for both VH and Ultralight registered aircraft.

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

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

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

Local contact is:

Laurie Wincen (Secretary) laurieq19@gmail.com

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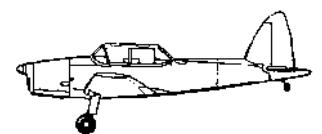


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Atherton Aero Club - Membership Application / Renewal

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"/> \$ 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
<input type="checkbox"/> no charge	Student Member	Single member with NO voting rights

PAYMENT

Forms to be sent to: *The Treasurer*
Stephen Klaproth
PO Box 227
ATHERTON QLD 4883

or email to: sjklaproth@gmail.com

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

EFT Details: *Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 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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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OFFER

The Atherton Aero Club is a friendly group of enthusiast builders and flyers of aircraft, flying everything from micro-lights to general aviation.

With help from our sponsors and a government grant, the Club was able to build our planned club facility at the aerodrome, to serve our member base, as well as assist the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Queensland Ambulance Service with patient transfers. Emergency vehicles will now be able to park and wait in the shade for patient transfers.

The facility has become a focal point for the many local and visiting aviators to Atherton Aerodrome. It is now a place for our monthly meetings and BBQ, as well as information sessions, technical and safety workshops and social gatherings.

The Atherton Aero Club would love your support and is now offering you the chance to become a **Corporate Sponsor** for **\$200** per 12 months. All funds raised will be put towards maintaining the facility.

Corporate Sponsors will benefit for 12 months from:

- Social membership for the nominated family
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- Periodic postings on our Facebook page
- Presence on our website
- Preferential business treatment by club members

To become a **Corporate Sponsor**, simply complete the enclosed form and send or email it to the address below.

If you have any queries, please contact the club's President (Jack) on 0418 774 163.

Thank you in anticipation of your support!

The Atherton Aero Club Committee



CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OFFER

YES, I want to become a **\$200 Corporate Sponsor** of the Atherton Aero Club

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(Please print clearly)

Contact Details:

Name: _____

Business Address: _____

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Payments by: cheque, cash, EFT or at Bendigo Bank are accepted.

EFT Details: Atherton Aero Club BSB 633 000 Account 114331796 *(reference: your business name)*

Send forms to: The Treasurer, PO Box 227, ATHERTON, QLD 4883

Email forms to: xjac@bigpond.net.au