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June 2022

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.



Tiger Moths at Donnington Airpark June 2022



Photos: John Martin

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 331. In this issue, great photos of local activities and links to interesting articles from elsewhere. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories.

A thank you to Brendan Kent, John Martin, the FNQAM, NQAC, NQSC and others 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 monthly get together on **Sunday the 17th of July 2022** starting at **10:30am**.

Venue the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** storage facility.

Visitors are most welcome.



Atherton Aero Club - ADVANCED PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM

On Sunday the 19th of June Kevin Priestly and Bill Gronbeck presented the first unit of the Advanced Pilot Training Project to AAC members for their comment and suggestions.

The presentation was well received with positive feedback from the members attending.

The next step is to finalize the first unit and invite members to express their interest in participating in the program. This will be done by email and/or by the AAC Facebook page.

Regards, Kevin and Bill.



Photos from The Old Station 2022 Fly-In - Courtesy of Brendan Kent



Departing a fine and green Atherton



Nebo for lunch



A short hike into town



Lunch at the Nebo Pub



Parked as close as possible to the runway to avoid getting bogged. Lurking underneath the grass was a very soft surface from the recent rains.

The Old Station 2022 Fly-In - Continued



Old Station sunset and RV10



Part of the FNQ contingent on the Friday night



Australian Flag to kick off the airshow



Wirraway

FNQ Flyers waiting for the airshow to begin

The Old Station 2022 Fly-In - Continued



Bonfire crowd by the Brahman Bar



Old Station Sunrise



Simon Coombs departing Old Station



Quick pit stop at Shute Harbour for lunch



FNQ lunch crowd at Shute Harbour

Donnington Airpark Trip June 2022 - By John Martin



On final Donnington



Jabirus in a row parking

The crew at Donnington Airpark, south of Townsville, have been upgrading the airfield, working hard and inviting aviators from everywhere to drop in and make use of the airfield. They now have a standing invitation for people to drop in on the final Sunday of each month. To that end they added an open weekend with catering and camping on the 25th and 26th of June.

They had two Tiger Moths from the Mackay Tiger Moth Museum as well as two Foxbats from the Mackay Flying School turn up giving joy flights and TIFs.

There was also a display from the local Willy's Jeep restoration club as well as a motor cycle restoration group and a vintage car club.

The catering was supplied by a local Camp Oven Catering group known as the Gidgee Gang who did a great job of a cooked three course dinner on Saturday and a hot breakfast on Sunday for a very reasonable price. Accommodation was camping under the wings.



Foxbats



Carbon Cub

Saturday morning in Atherton opened with low cloud. Although all the others who had planned to go bailed out, I figured I'd wait till it lifted, give it a go and if there was no easy, safe exit from the tablelands I'd turn around and come home.

Using my now go-to-App of Windy (which I can't praise enough) I essentially real timed the cloud, rain and radar and could see that via Gordonvale there was only a small patch of drizzle to go round and it was otherwise clear down the valley. After that I had a clear trip down the valley and over water from about Innisfail.

I passed through a very thin band of misty light rain at Ingham and emerged out from under the cloud to complete "8/8ths blue" just as shown on the real time satellite image on Windy. The trip through Townsville at 5500ft was this time unimpeded by ATC and approach to Donnington was easy.

The place was humming when I got there with Tiger Moths and Foxbats in the air and others loading pax on the ground.

The parking area was easy to find. Just park in the line of Jabirus!

Seems only Jabirus come there to camp!

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Donnington Airpark Trip June 2022 - Continued

Martin Boyle was already in Townsville visiting relatives and drove out to Donnington. So Cairns/Tableland was represented by the two of us showing the colours. The action was going all afternoon with the Tigers and the Foxbats doing a roaring trade. They had a number of stalls selling various craft and food items and a well received caravan selling burgers, drinks and snacks.

Then as they shut down for the day the mossies came out! Fortunately they only stayed for an hour or so and disappeared just as quickly.



The dinner was followed by a really interesting lecture by one of the longtime Tiger Moth pilots about the history of the two Tigers present, the Mackay Tiger Moth Museum, the design and development of the Tiger Moth and about Geoffrey de Havilland the designer. The lecture was extremely interesting and proved the highlight of the night with the yellow Tiger Moth pushed into the dining area and used as a backdrop for the talk.

There were probably a couple of hundred people at the weekend, all up. A constant small crowd was coming and going all day. There were far more people who drove and camped than flew and camped. But many of the driving campers were also pilots. Many were from farms and cattle stations around Charters Towers. A couple of pilots had flown from Longreach in their Jabiru.

The next day after breakfast I did a check of the weather and it was not good up the coast so I headed inland to Charters Towers for fuel, then north behind the cloud. Most of the trip was again in blue sky. The cloud to the east, while with a base of 5000 ft and only about 200 – 500 ft thick was solid and I dropped under cloud near Petford to get in. Getting back to Atherton was uneventful.

The airpark at Donnington is well worth the trip and a great place to stop in and camp. I reckon we need to encourage places like this.

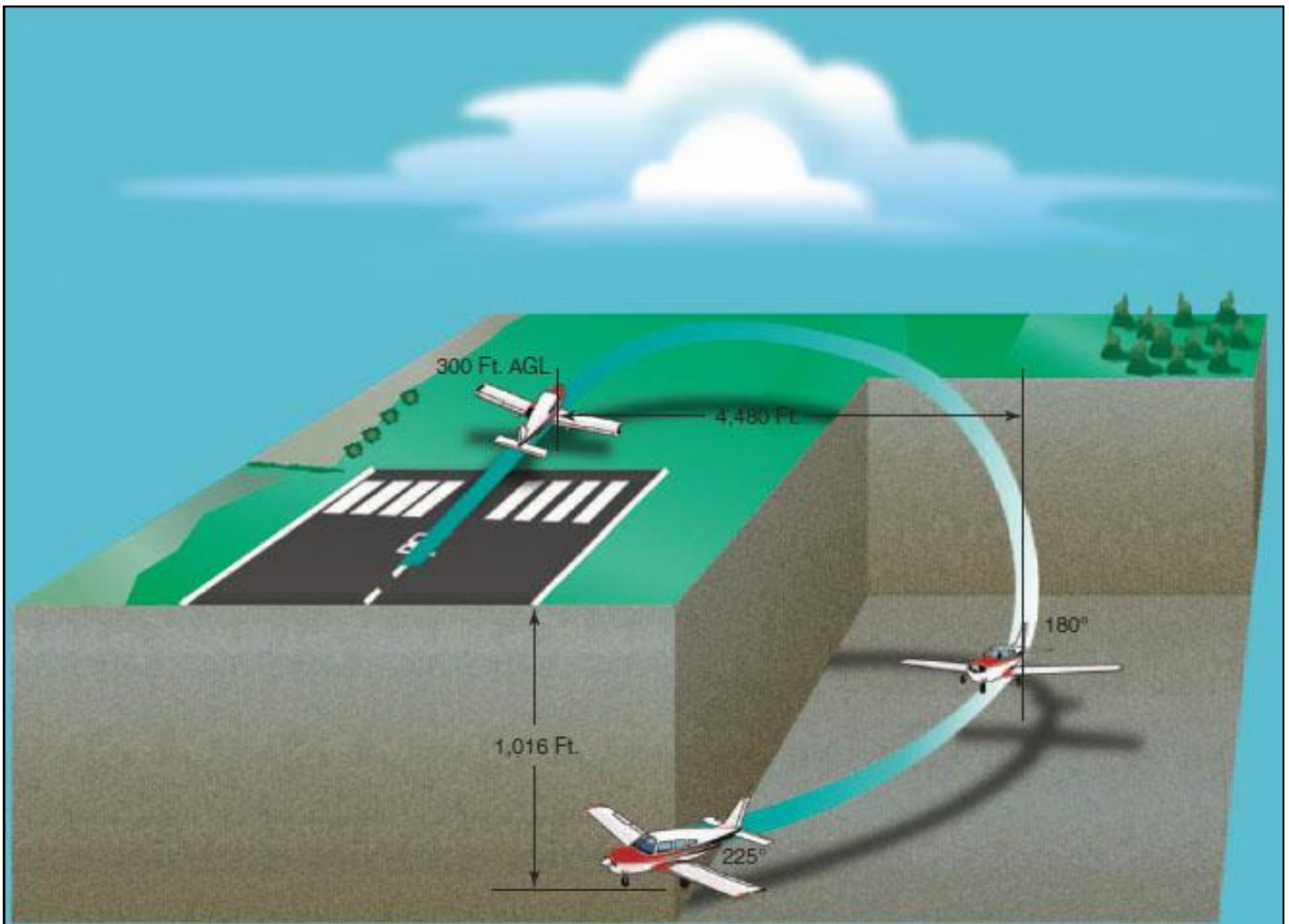


John Martin

Best Of The Web: Impossible Turn Misconceptions

Much has been written and analyzed about the so-called impossible turn—turning back toward the departure runway after an engine failure. The video link below features a conversation between Gold Seal Ground School's Russ Still and veteran instructor and airline pilot Brian Schiff. Using precise graphics and video, the two dissect some of the finer points of this often controversial emergency procedure. The video is presented in conjunction with the National Association of Flight Instructors.

[*The Impossible Turn with @National Association of Flight Instructors NAFI - YouTube*](#)



Whether it's possible or impossible, the runway turnback should carry this disclaimer: "possibly misunderstood". Join Brian Schiff and Russ Still for a deep dive into the myths and misconceptions of this contentious topic. Pilots frequently boil it down to a simple stick-and-rudder maneuver, but this leaves many dangerous holes in a pilot's ability to properly respond. Learn what some of these pitfalls are in this livestream from Thursday, April 21.



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Einasleigh FLY IN 12th June.

Thankyou to Dave Graham for the stunning photos. Say no more, the photos say it all.



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Einasleigh FLY IN 12th June - Continued



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Next Club Fly-Away

Saturday 16th July, Shute Harbour Overnight

Check the NQAC Facebook Page for details



Crisp June morning at Mareeba on 12 degrees. Winter rocks!

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NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Please find below a flyer in regards to the next Safety Seminar by CASA to be held at the Aero Club on Thursday 28th July.

Please note for any of you that attended the Atherton seminar earlier in the year, it's the same round of "Pushing the envelope" by Rob Whittle that was held then.

This one is being held on a weekday evening, so any of you that couldn't attend the weekend Atherton one, can attend this round. It was to be held at the NQ Aero Club in the early part of this year however was postponed due to CASA Covid protocols.

Please register via the CASA website.

<https://www.casa.gov.au/resources-and-education/education-and-training/seminars-and-workshops/avsafety-pilot-seminars>

Thankyou

Sally Scott

Chief Flying Instructor & Chief Pilot



The flyer is for the Mareeba AvSafety Seminar. It features a blue dotted border. At the top left is the Australian Government Civil Aviation Safety Authority logo. At the top right is the AVSAFETY logo with the tagline 'AWARENESS THROUGH EDUCATION'. The main title is 'Mareeba AvSafety Seminar'. Below the title, it specifies the date and time: 'WHEN 6.30pm Thursday 28 July 2022'. The location is 'North Queensland Aero Club Hangar H, Vicary Rd. Mareeba Airport, Mareeba'. At the bottom, it states 'LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED'. A circular call-to-action button on the right says 'REGISTER casa.gov.au/avsafety'.

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AVSAFETY
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Mareeba AvSafety Seminar

WHEN
6.30pm
Thursday 28 July 2022

LOCATION
North Queensland Aero Club
Hangar H, Vicary Rd.
Mareeba Airport, Mareeba

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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.

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Extracts from FNQAM JUNE NEWSLETTER

LATEST ACQUISITION—Pictured is Wirraway fuselage centre section serial A20-434 in remarkable condition which has managed to survive all this time after being designated as “scrap” in the 1950’s. Also pictured is a Wirraway taking off from Mareeba with rations to be dropped for an ARMY-air cooperation exercise in 1944.



RESTORATION AREA—Our 6 metre storage container aka mini museum has been cosmetically refurbished and we now have the Chris DeUray memorial display cabinet operational and shelving in place already partially filled. Thanks to our volunteers for helping out in various ways - its amazing what a lick of paint does! We’ll wire in some electrical power and lights in due course.



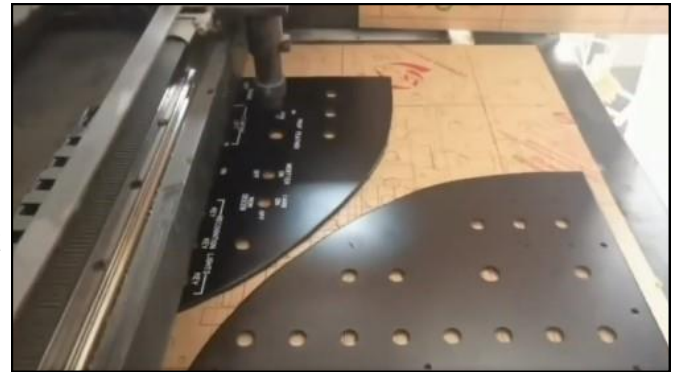
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Extracts from FNQAM JUNE NEWSLETTER—Continued

PROJECT UPDATES

C-47 Dakota Restoration—Restoration of the main instrument panel continues. Its initial poor condition led to a decision to strip it back to bare timber and repaint which has revealed some damaged areas which have been fixed. The crew door hinges are being manufactured locally - unfortunately you can't just drop into your local hardware shop and buy a new set to replace the badly corroded hinge. The overhead instrument panels are in poor condition or non-existent. Leo has reproduced the panel layouts on CAD and has had the panels laser cut and decals laser etched.



C-47 Flight Simulator—Leo, our Flight Simulator guru is building a DC3/C47 fixed flight simulator. We are utilising a former Air Niugini instrument panel to house the displays and instruments. The brains of the simulator – a high performance gaming computer will be required shortly to fire up the project! A used gaming computer or funding will be required.



Winjeel Aircraft Syndicate—Christian & Brendan have been investigating the acquisition of a former RAAF training aircraft with a radial engine. The aircraft is currently for sale and we are getting closer to forming a small syndicate of owners. This aircraft will be available to fly visitors on adventure flights and help raise funds for the museum. We're looking for one more person so if you are interested in helping make this project a reality please get in touch for more information.





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A Standing Invitation from the NQ Soaring Centre

Hi Bill at the Atherton Aero Club,

Thanks very much for this cross-promotion for our gliding club - greatly appreciated.

We would love to host the Atherton Aero Club over a weekend where we have powered aircraft descend on Charters Towers for the day (or weekend) and we can offer any attendees the experience of flying without an engine.

Kind regards,

Andrew Hurst

Secretary NQSC



Hot Air Ballooning In The Far North



Hot Air Balloon Cairns. Stunning time of year to be soaring over the lush Atherton Tablelands in a hot air balloon! Balloon tours depart daily from Cairns, Palm Cove, Port Douglas, Trinity Beach, Cairns Beaches and the Atherton Tablelands with door to door transfers included in your hot air ballooning ticket.



Hi Everyone,
 Pinnarendi Cafe re-opened on the 6th May 2022 for the season.
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Pinnarendi Station Stay & Café

<https://www.facebook.com/Pinnarendi/>

Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622



An advertisement for Azure Photography. At the top left is the logo, which features a camera icon and the word "Azure" in a pink, cursive font, with "PHOTOGRAPHY" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the logo is a large photograph of a tropical beach with turquoise water and a clear blue sky. Below these are five smaller photographs showing various family portraits: a group of people on a beach, two young girls, a family on a rocky outcrop, a group of women, and a family with a child. At the bottom right of the advertisement is the AIPP logo, which consists of the letters "aipp." in a circle, with "ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER" written below it. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a pink banner with the text "Affordable & fun family portraits & wedding photography by award winning professional local photographer" and the website "www.azurephotography.com.au | 0418 963 796".



AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Atherton Aero Club 2022 Events

July Sun 17th **AAC Meeting & BBQ**—1030 Atherton

Other 2022 Events

July Sat 16th **NQAC Shute Harbour Overnight**

July Tues 26th **CASA AvSafety Seminar, Innisfail**

July Thurs 28th **CASA AvSafety Seminar, NQAC Mareeba**—6:30pm

Aug Sun 28th **NQAC Pinnarendi Station Lunch**

Sept Sun 18th **NQAC Air Race**—Details TBA



Getting topped up prior to departing Atherton for Old Station

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.

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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
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Grass Runway
Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

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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:

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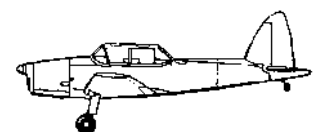
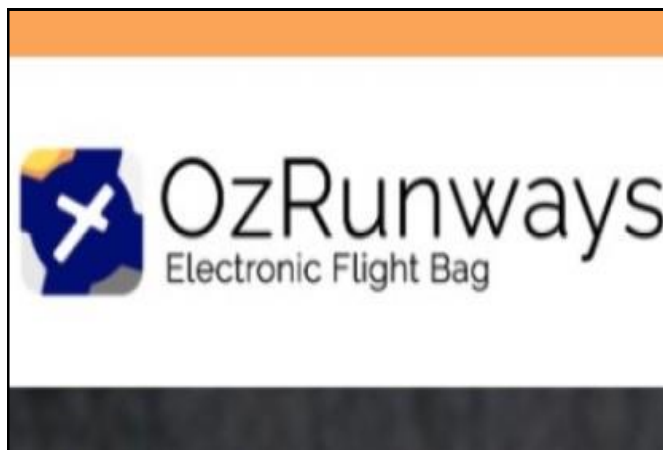
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<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 100.00	Family Member	Two members with voting rights
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I hereby apply for membership to the Atherton Aero Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and any rules and regulations 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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