

Newsletter No. 319 – April 2021



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.



***Crossing the Burdekin River
Southbound to Mackay
Photo: James Lake***

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 319. In this issue, more March Bloomfield fly-in photos and great shots of other northern flying activities. A big Thank You to the retiring committee members Simon, Connie and Tracey and welcome to Jack, Mark and Stephen as they join the committee.

Hopefully we can expect more photos and stories from you, the readers, as the wet season winds-down. Enjoy the read.

A thank you to Simon & Jane, Gareth, Lloyd, James, Jon, the NQAC and others 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 -

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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 a **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation "Controlled Flight Into Terrain"** on **Sunday the 16th of May**. Presented by Simon Perkins and starting around **10:30am**. A **BBQ Lunch** will follow. To assist with catering arrangements please advise if you will be attending.

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

Visitors are most welcome.

Welcome New Atherton Aero Club Committee - 18th April 2021

I have been involved with this club over the last 4-5 years and watched it develop through the stewardship of the last few executive committees.

Much has been achieved by a small band of dedicated aviators. Today at the AGM, a new committee was elected, with as much talent and commitment as the retiring committee.

Congratulations to the following:

President	Jack Cross
Vice President	Dave Camp
Secretary	Mark Aitken
Treasurer	Stephen Klapproth

On the election of a new committee, it is always a positive start to hear so many people afterwards congratulate and offer the new committee their support.

Power on Atherton Aero Club,

Kevin Priestly.

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Out And About - More Photos from the March Bloomfield Fly-In 1



Black Cockatoo Gallery



Pat's Pad



PHOTOS: Simon & Jane

More Photos from the March Bloomfield Fly-In 2



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Out And About In The Far North - Start of the Gulf Prawn Season

The 2021 Banana Prawn season is underway as of 1 April. Half a dozen aircraft based at Karumba. Photos taken between 2-5th April 2021 by Gareth Henry and others.



Out And About In The Far North - Innisfail to Mt Mulligan and back

Took my Dad for a run YIFL to Dimbulah then to the north around the bluff and back to Innisfail. Lloyd 6/04/21.



Out And About In The Far North - Helicopter Flight to Mackay 1

Here are some pics from today's trip south (11th April), not much exploring other than what I came across on the way but still a nice trip. And thanks Kevin for holding my SAR!

Kevin. Technology can be amazing, particularly now it's readily accessible to private pilots (and hikers etc). I am home instead of flying (sad), but while working on the computer, I can monitor James and delivery of his Bell 47 to Mackay for its 100 hourly. In addition to the usual safety measures (carrying of EPIRBs and flight planning), the fact that family and friends can monitor in real time is an extra safety measure. James activated the track function on his Garmin device and sent me a link and log in to the Garmin site on the web where I periodically check on his progress. In the old days, you would wait for a phone call at each fuel stop with little clue of progress in between. Although there is a subscription cost to my Garmin InReach, in my view, the safety features are well worth the extra expense. EPIRBs generally don't report progress and don't allow messaging. More options with both. I have included a map showing James' progress. The scale can be changed. Similar monitoring features are available through Ozrunways, and probably other similar navigation apps (with which I am not familiar). Others experience?

James. I kind of figure you can't have too much visibility. I carry PLB (as per regs), Garmin InReach, Skyecho 2 (low power ADS-B out) as well as OzRunways. I figure if things go bad I've got a few options I think the Garmin is a great tool, not that expensive, awesome battery life and can be used for a variety of trips when mobile coverage is patchy or non-existent.



James' photos next pages >>>>

Helicopter Flight to Mackay 2



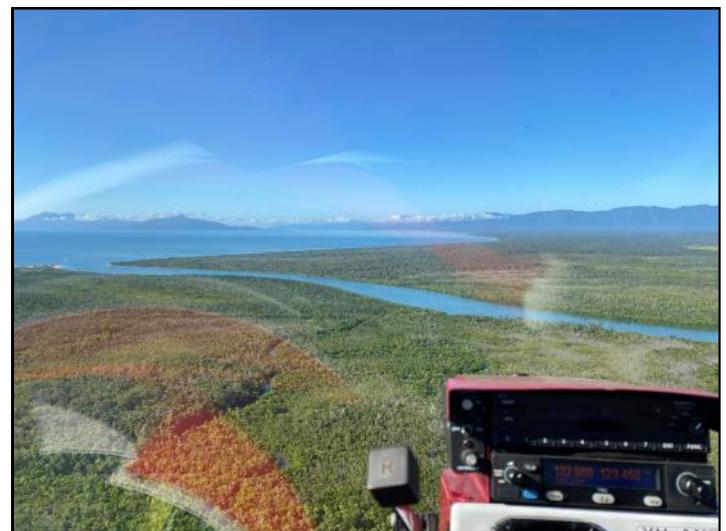
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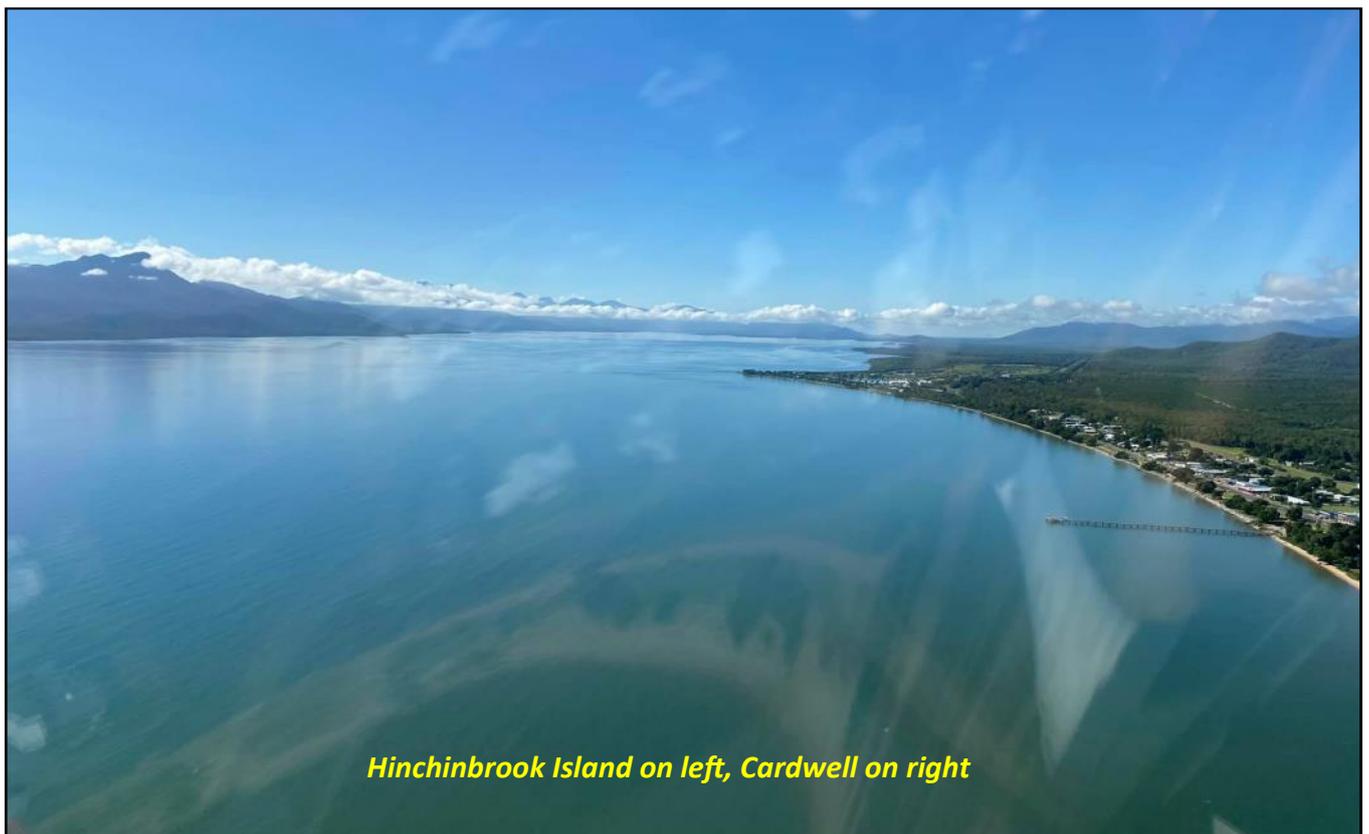
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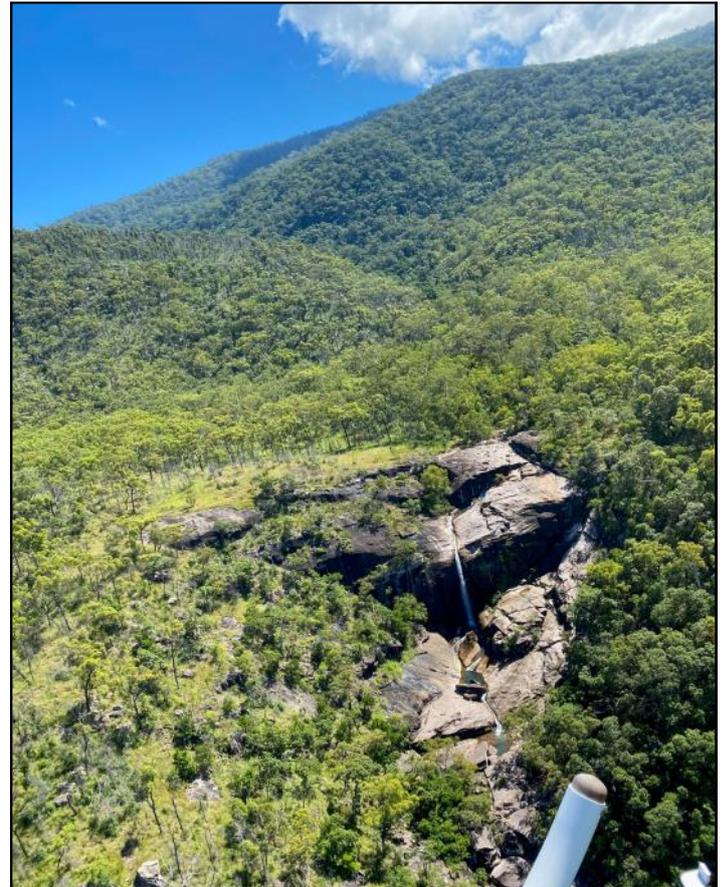
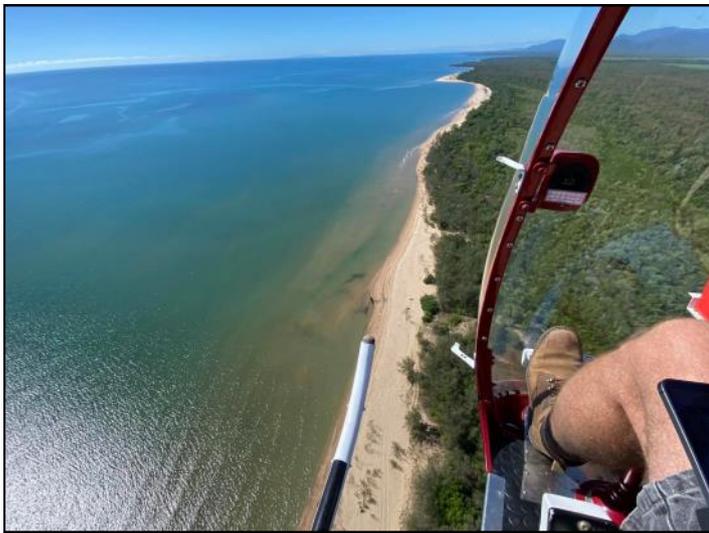


Hinchinbrook Channel ahead



Hinchinbrook Island on left, Cardwell on right

Helicopter Flight to Mackay 3



James at the controls, Picturesque scenery along the route south, Burdekin River Bridge, Waterfall at Mount Inkerman south of Home Hill.



Out And About In The Far North - More Fun At Pinnarendi 1



The breakfast crew at Pinnarendi Station. Saturday 17 April.



The big smiles say it all. Another great day at Pinnarendi Station



More Fun At Pinnarendi 2



You guys managed to crack it for the last good day before the northern skies opened up and drenched us all. Well planned or?



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NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

24th - 26th April

Shute Harbour Runway

Diner Fly-in

23rd May

Pinnarindi Station Lunch

12th - 13th June

Cooktown Fly-In and

Spot Landing

Competition

CLUB BOOKINGS

The club is very busy at the moment. Particularly for instructor bookings so if you need a flight review or training make sure you book ahead to ensure you don't miss out!

IN THE AIR FEB & MARCH



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2021



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB

BLOOMFIELD FLY IN

The first fly-in of 2021 happened on the 20th of March. A big thanks goes out to the Black Cockatoo Gallery at Bloomfield for hosting this great event. Everyone went for a scenic flight up the coast, had a look around the gallery and were treated to the fabulous views of the reef from club member Pat English's place in Bloomfield. Thanks for coming everyone and thanks to those who provided us with photos!



2021 MEMBERSHIPS!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

APRIL 2021 IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP (before an additional renewal fee is charged)!

The year gets away from us very quickly so get in soon to remain current and keep getting invites to awesome events like our fly-ins and competitions.

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

MARCH SAFETY CHAT

VFR flying and bad weather

The vast majority of NQAC members fly by the VFR in VMC. In other words, we look out the window and we fly in good weather. So what happens if you get caught out? And what can you do to prevent that from happening in the first place?

Avoiding accidental VFR into IMC starts with good decision making before you have even taken off. Take the time to plan your flight properly, read the weather and look at the graphs, if the weather isn't looking the best it's time to ask yourself some questions. Do I really need to go? Have I got and read the weather reports? Can I read the weather report or do I need a refresher from an instructor? Am I just hoping it will stay okay because I really want to go? Make sure you're not suffering from the dangerous "Get-There-itis" and remember, it's not just cloud and rain that can reduce visibility dust, smoke, fog and blue-out conditions are all real common causes of a loss of VMC.

So you have decided to go. Make sure you monitor the conditions along the way and if they start reducing its time to start considering a diversion, maybe you can just return home, or maybe you need to look somewhere closer by for a landing. Don't delay, the longer you wait, hoping it will get better the less options you leave yourself.

If you really find yourself in trouble but you still have VMC for the moment, it might be time to execute a precautionary search and landing. The idea is always for you to go home at the end of the flight and if that means landing somewhere less than ideal so you don't end up lost in IMC, below your LSALT, inexperienced, without a properly equipped aircraft then you need to consider that option.

What to do if you have ended up in IMC? Do not try to fly VFR, think back to your basic IF training and start scanning the instruments. The first thing you want to do is get and maintain straight and level. Then you should execute a 180-degree, rate 1 turn, try to get back into VMC. You can climb if you know there is high terrain around you and contact air traffic control, they will do their best to help you.

Remember it is impossible to fly VFR in IMC and when people try, they have fatal accidents. On average it takes 178 seconds from unintended entry into IMC to a crash. CASA have turned this into a video resource you can view on You Tube called 178 Seconds To Live. If you only do basic IF every two years on your flight review perhaps it's time to book in a lesson with an instructor to brush up on your skills. Always remember, you don't have to go flying, so if in doubt, stay at home.

178
seconds to live

CFI REPORT

12 months on from the beginning of the Covid pandemic, and thankfully the Club is still trading strongly. We have plenty of new students, and lots of students reaching various goals in the last few months with a couple of RPL's, PPL's and first solos being achieved. The Clubs transition from Cessna 152's to C172s has been smooth, and we now are enjoying having a little more horse power on windy or hot days. We still miss the babies, however they are being well looked after at their new home in Caloundra

The social side of the Club has been fairly strong also, with quite a lot of members taking the chance to drop in on Saturday mornings or at various times during the week to say hello and have a coffee. We had a very successful Christmas party in mid-December and our recent Bloomfield fly in was a sign that the social side of the Club is still alive and kicking. The Club also recently held a CASA Safety Seminar run by Kirstie Winter, a Safety Advisor with the regulator. It was well attended by members and other airport users and covered the topics of "Enhancing pilot skills and VFR into IMC". There will be a few more fly ins and social events as the year rolls on, so keep your eyes out for emails. Also, the Atherton Aero Club has been running some safety seminars of its own, which are well attended and very informative.

The Club won a grant last year to produce video briefings on line, and this filming has commenced, with the project due to be finished about mid-year. Students will be able to log in to a password protected online website, to view briefings up to RPL level.

See you around the Club!
Sally

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Lassiman Baird who got his RPL in LHI on the 12th of February. Great work Lass!



Congratulations to Kasey Gruber who got her RPL in SPW on the 23rd of February. Well Done Kasey!



Congratulations to Brendan Johnston who went first solo in LIO on the 14th of March. Nice Work Brendan!



Congratulations to Rhyann Noble who got her PPL in LHI on the 23rd of March. Great work Rhyann!

Out And About In The Far North



HOT AIR BALLOON CAIRNS

Keeping it LOCAL. Come and say g'day to our local team. You may also meet some of the other Mareeba locals while you're at it. We are departing on selected days through the week so please call us or check the website for departure dates! We have smaller group departures in regulation with Covid19 safety... However, if you have a special occasion, i.e: A date for two ...and wish to fly privately, we can work with you to arrange a date that suits you to fly with just your party and the pilot.

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OR POSTPONEMENT DUE COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

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Atherton Aero Club—2021 EVENTS

- May** Sun 16th **CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. Simon Perkins. Controlled Flight Into Terrain. 1030 Atherton**
- June** Sun 20th **Final CASA sponsored, AAC Safety Presentation. An Open Discussion - Events that we have learned from. 1030 Atherton**
- ** All the above events are followed by a BBQ Lunch.**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- May** Sun 23rd **NQAC Pinnarendi Lunch**
- June** Sat 12th & Sun 13th **NQAC Cooktown Fly-In (lunch or overnight (Spot Landing Comp) (Weather backup will be Atherton)**
- July** Fri 9th to Sun 11th **NQAC Trip to the Tip! Pundsand Bay QLD**
- Aug** Sat 14th & Sun 15th **NQAC Overnight get-away Karumba QLD**



Northern Flyers

Donnington Airpark (YDOP)



Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)

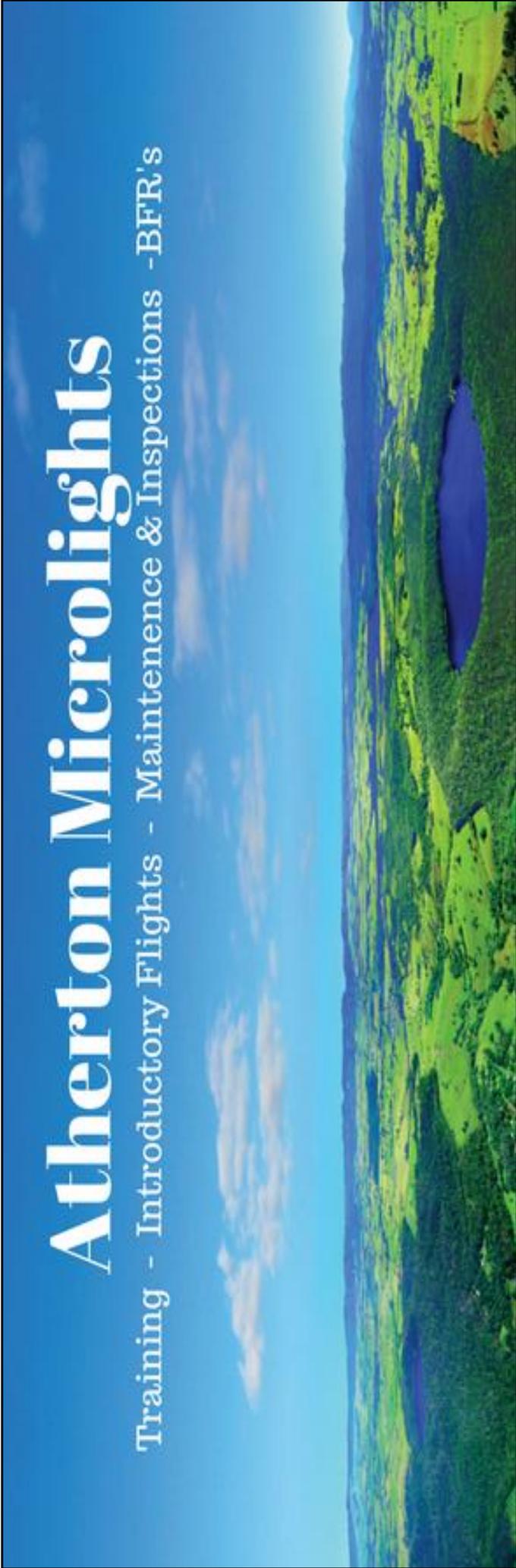


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Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

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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

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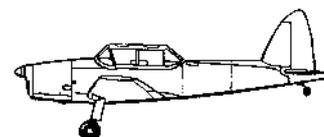
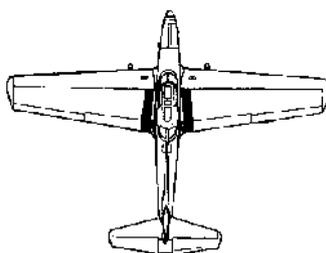
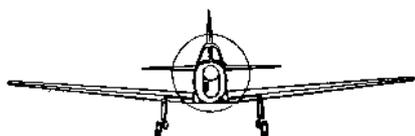
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