

Newsletter No. 312 – July 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.



From the Grey Skies of Atherton



Karumba Aerodrome

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All,

Welcome to edition No 312. In this issue - Tip top weather and our local flyers take full advantage. Photos and articles from various sources, hope you enjoy the read.

A thank you to Jean, Dave, Franco, Jon and others who 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 -

williamgronbeck2@gmail.com

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 AAC Newsletters.



The next **AAC Club Meeting** will be the deferred **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** now being held on **Sunday the 16th August.**

Start time **9:00am** at the AAC **Ather-ton Aerodrome** storage facility.



Out And About In The Far North

Passenger's Perspective of the Karumba Trip 13 – 14 June 2020

The patterns you can see from a small plane never cease to fascinate me



And the clouds always seem to grab the attention of the pilots (of course).

Saturday morning at the Atherton Aerodrome Cloud and light rain did not stop the bright yellow crop duster from buzzing around the Atherton fields but we hesitated until John and Yvonne Martin decided to have a looksee in their Jabiru DOD and found the blue sky over Mareeba which they had seen on the iPad.



Karumba Trip—Continued

Martin Boyle, Jabiru 1649, my brother, had offered the right hand seat and I was only too happy to accept as I love travelling in small planes. I walked away from my first solo but the plane (Cessna 152) didn't and I decided that being a passenger was much more fun. We flew into the blue sky, up to 8500 feet over a couple of cloud banks then landed in Normanton to refuel. I learned that you look at the pattern of the cloud shadows on the ground to judge the density of the clouds... something all you pilots knew of course.

A photo shot of Dorothy Prince's Purple Pub, Normanton, which is not purple from the air except for the shade cloth and then on to Karumba. Dorothy is my partner's sister so we just had to do the fly over.



Technology has advanced a lot since the early 2000s and it was interesting to see the pilots tracking each other on their iPads or not ... when technology was not functioning as desired. But good old fashioned radio talk kept us apart and safely back on the ground. Dave and Connie Graham and Dave Camp and his brother Mike raced through to Karumba in half the time and we were soon picked up by Julianne and driven to our motels. From the cool of the Ather-ton Tablelands to the 30C+ of Karumba two of the ladies decided they needed cooler footwear. Ash's had a range of bling thongs (jandals) but unfortunately they turned out to be the most crippling footwear we had tried in a long time giving blisters and cuts and were quickly abandoned except that John appeared to have a penchant for bright pink thongs with shiny black plastic jewels adorning the straps. Yes Jandals, from the 30+ years I spent in New Zealand. The word rolls off the tongue with more ease.

Well I learned a lot in Karumba over beers and mushy fish as the talk turned to autopilots and Dave's life threatening sail across the Tasman. I will never forget the tale of an 80 year old pilot setting his plane on autopilot then sleeping through Melbourne airspace, closing Melbourne airport, continuing beyond, and finally waking, realizing where he was, and taking his plane safely to the ground. That's how I remember the story, no need to correct me.

Karumba Trip—Continued

Mark, the mud crab man, husband of Julianne, suggested the sun into the beer bottle picture and sold us some lovely big live crabs to take back home. Just a couple more minor mishaps: I left my handbag in the hotel shuttle vehicle in Karumba and Martin pulled the towel rail off the wall in our room.

Between John Martin's sandwiches and Martin Boyle's airport mandarins we were well supplied with snacks.

Well, having written all these words I now know that your magazine usually has more wonderful pictures of planes than words but I only got one picture of a plane... a selfie and so have not included it.

Regards Dr Joan Norrie



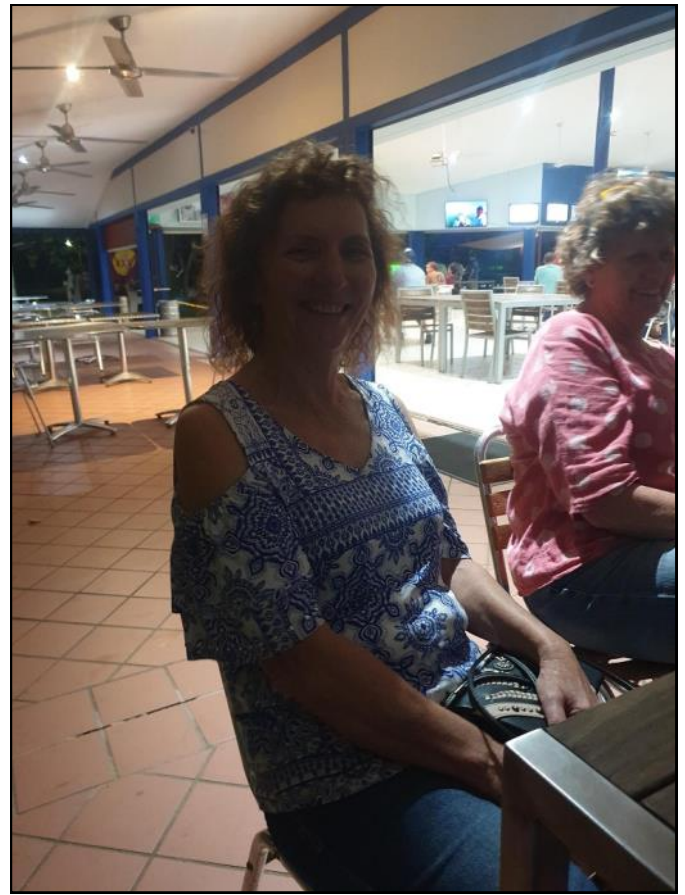
Landing at Karumba

Photo: Dave & Connie Graham

More Photos from the Karumba Trip

Courtesy: Dave Graham

Plenty of tasty Mud Crabs just waiting to be caught down on those Gulf of Carpentaria coastal mud flats



The laid back crew relaxing at Karumba

Out And About In The Far North

Chasing Rainbows, Deeral

Frank in his Drifter



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New kid on the block

Paul's newly acquired CT4 at Mareeba



Tony Ilyes departing Atherton for his home strip at Lower Tully

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***Simon & Jayne with
their new Foxbat***



SAFETY PRESENTATION

“Radio Procedures at Un-Controlled Aerodromes”

Sunday the 16th August 2020

Commencing 10:30 am

At the club’s Atherton Aerodrome Facility

The Atherton Aero Club is conducting a series of safety seminars sponsored by CASA through the Community Safety Program. The first of four presentations will be a review of the Radio Procedures at Un-Controlled Aerodromes. Presentations will be carried out by Club members and specialist presenters.

All FNQ clubs members and individual pilots are welcome to attend.

Out And About In The Far North

The end of a monster July weekend at the **North Queensland Soaring Centre**, Charters Towers, a total of 54 flights over the 4 days. Sunday saw a solid fog in the morning eventually turn into a good soaring day ahead of a very northern reaching trough. Monday we were greeted with a strong southerly crosswind and blue conditions, resulting in some good crosswind training for Ben and Kyle. Good climbs were available in the blue during the afternoon. Chief photographer Kyle snapped some great shots of the 2nd half of the camp.

Our plan for reintroducing Air Experience Flights is coming together now so stay tuned.



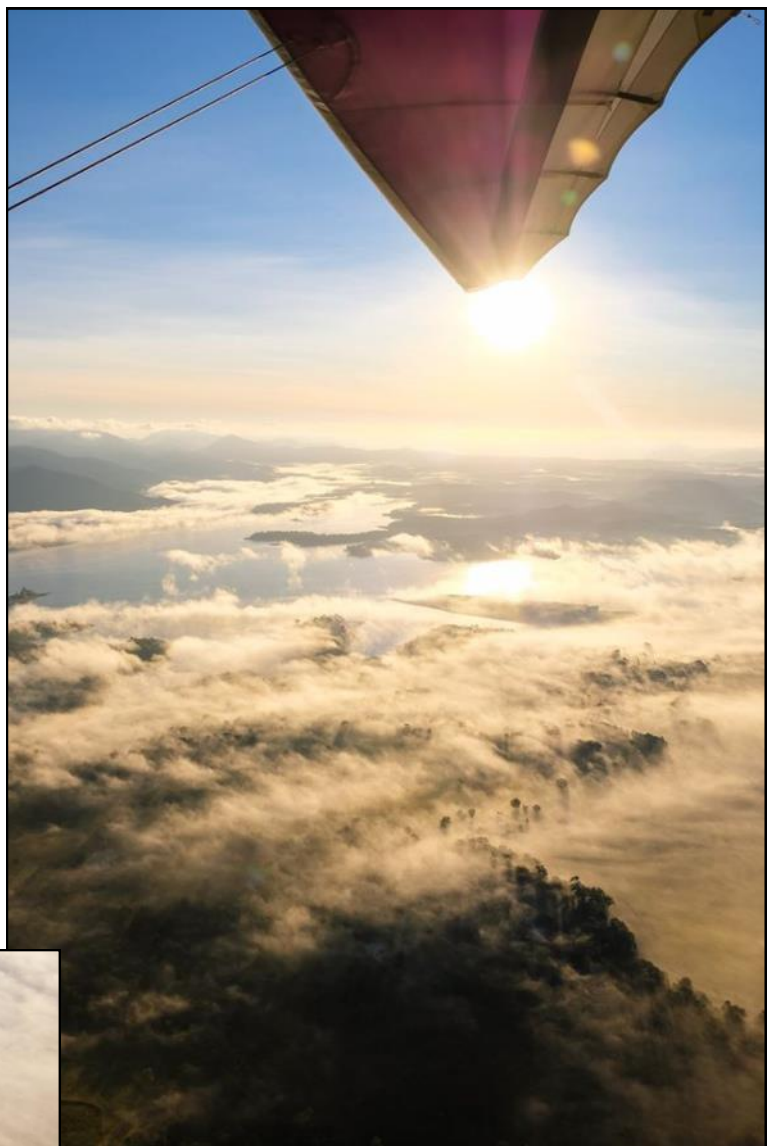
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Out And About In The Far North



***July Morning Flight
Atherton Tableland
With Bob & Tracey***

Morning Flight for Breakfast at Pinnarendi Station

Last Sunday of July. The weather today was absolutely beautiful. We were joined by Ian and Karen and Simon and Jane. Thanks again to Ron and Nadine for their wonderful hospitality.



Kelly and Jon



Beautiful Tableland scenery



Jon and Tri-Pacer



Perfect weather

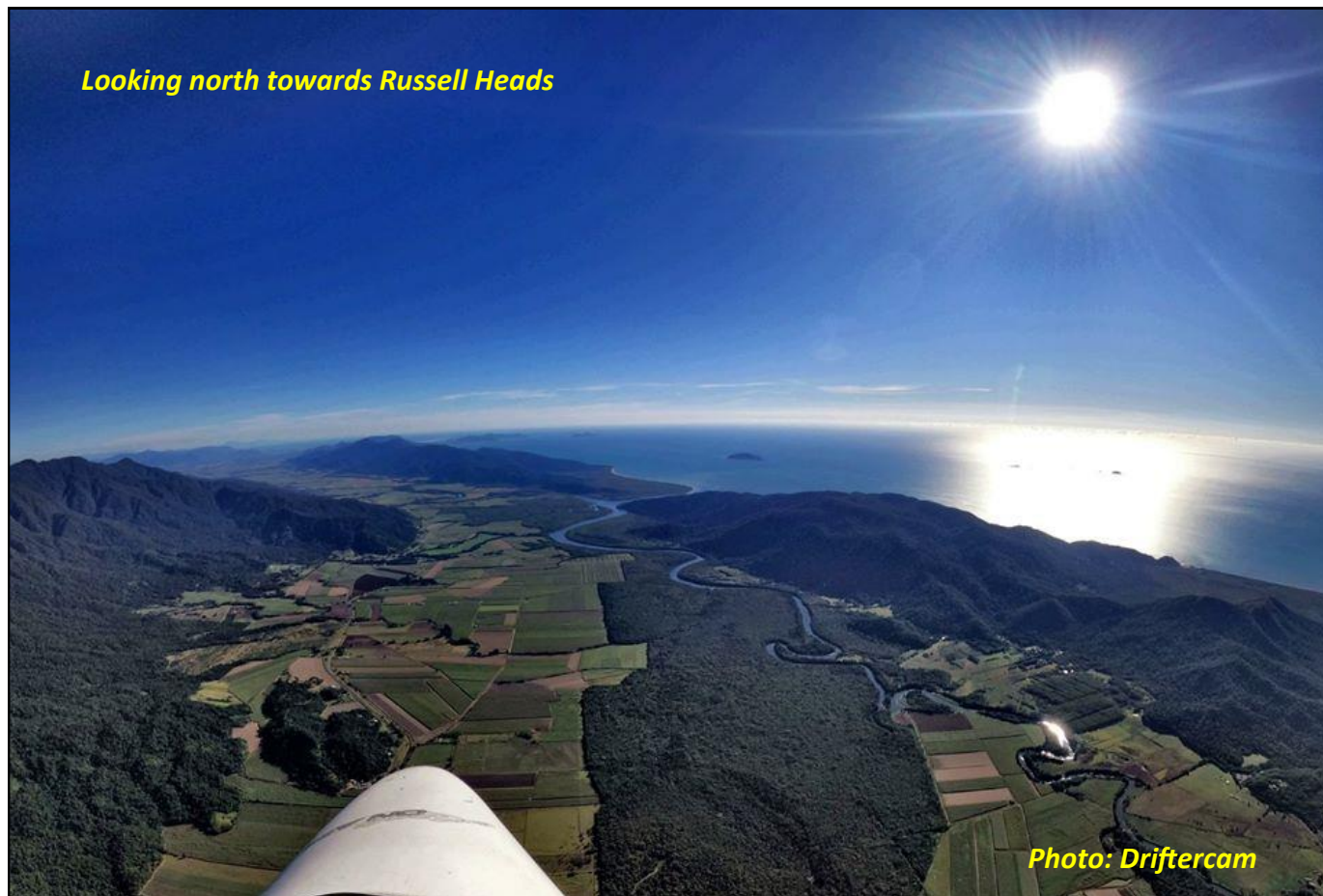


Pinnarendi Station Airstrip



Simon and Jayne with their new aircraft

Around and about Deeral—Late July in the Far North



Looking north towards Russell Heads

Photo: Driftercam



Babinda Township

Photo: Driftercam

The information below is from the RAA and the link is:

<https://gofly.online/raaus-members-only/>

Free online training for RAAus members, plus flight review, renewal and medical certificate extensions 16 April 2020

RAAus is excited to announce an important training initiative in conjunction with GoFly Online. This initiative grants financial RAAus members access to a suite of educational and entertainment resources enabling them to keep up to date with training videos, a virtual cockpit experience, and to review individual flight lessons. For current students, this allows them to progress their understanding of core flight lessons with both the underpinning knowledge as well as the virtual flight experience. It's a customised online flight lesson! For qualified pilots, these lessons also offer an opportunity to review the basics and refresh those lessons from earlier training. Subscribers also have access to a range of aviation flight training resources and the ability to access the **GoFly Online Q&A classroom**.



Financial RAAus members will have **free direct access to**:

- The **Taking Flight** series: an aspirational series about learning to fly and operating a flight school. This is great for potential students and anyone wanting to understand more about learning to fly
- The **GoFly Fix**: Fast tips for becoming a better pilot.
- **Pilot Interviews** - Interviews with pilots for career advice and to help students become a better pilot.
- **Controlled Airspace** endorsement briefing. Preparation for future access privileges as an RAAus pilot.
- **Flight Blogs** on topics of interest to pilots
- **The first 3** RAAus syllabus flight briefings and lessons to get you on your flight training journey.
- **Current and future** joint RAAus and GoFly Online training content.



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

ALL SOCIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE STILL POSTPONED DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BUT WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES!

JUNE 2020



NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB



CLUB UPGRADES

The upgrades are coming along quickly now. We have a new briefing room and a mezzanine study area going in. Expect the new work space to be open for business shortly!

STUDENT FLY IN

A group of lucky NQAC students were this month invited on a day trip fly in to Pinnarendi Station! Flown out by some generous private pilot members of the club everyone enjoyed a scenic flight, delicious lunch and just a good fun day out.



A big thank you to Bill Owen, Nathan Bridge and Dave Whitfield for volunteering your time, aircraft and experience so our students could have this wonderful trip.

NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



A big Congratulations to Chakrawarti Khatiwada (CK) who earned his Commercial Pilot Licence in SPW on the 20th of June 2020! Great work CK!



Congratulations to Heldi Fridolf who earned her Private Pilot Licence on the 23rd of June 2020! Well done Heldi!

COVID-19 AND THE NQAC

Covid-19 restrictions have changed again! This means good things for our students and members.

In small educational settings social distancing should be observed if possible and we will continue to do so in the classroom.

Some members who were on lock down are now able to travel to the NQAC to resume their training, we do encourage all members to check with their local councils for details.

There has been some easing of lock down restrictions for the Cape and some flying into the Cook and other shires is allowed but please check before you go.

The details of the QLD Health Directives can be found at the below address and we encourage our students and members to make yourself familiar with this before undertaking any outings or activities:

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>

BUSY TIMES AHEAD!

The NQAC is currently very busy! With school holidays coinciding with the lifting of lock down restrictions for our northern members we are flat out.

While there is still space for private hire bookings, any training or renewal you need with will have to be booked in advance.

FROM THE AIR JUNE!



Cotton fields in bloom west of Mareeba in the training area.



A beautiful shot of the coastline at Innisfail looking towards Cairns.



Blencko Falls and many other waterfalls are running after all the unseasonal rain about!

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Enrol in our August online course

Due to the high demand for our online courses and the evolving situation with respect to coronavirus (COVID-19), we have decided to offer an **additional course in August** until we can get back to our face-to-face sessions.

We are working hard to get back into the classroom and will be opening enrolments for our [2020 face-to-face course dates](#) soon.

Click date below to enrol

25-28 August (4 half days)

Enrolments open 9am 1 July 2020 AEST
Refer to the [enrolment guide](#) for assistance.

Pricing

Discounted online courses:

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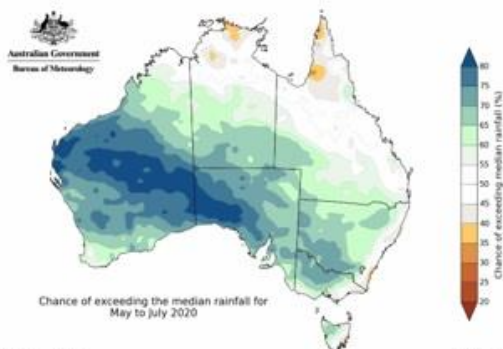
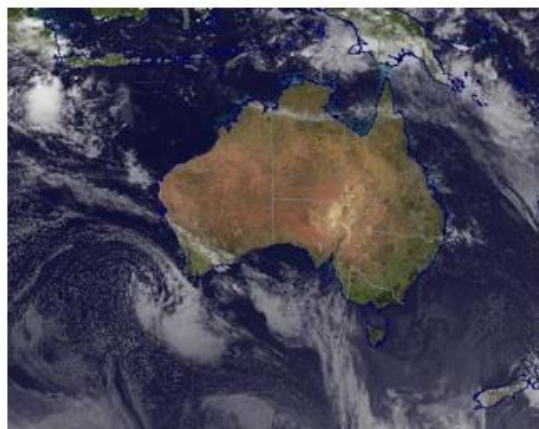
Contact the [Course Manager](#) for group bookings and pricing.

About our weather course

Introduction to Meteorology (I2M) is a weather course delivered by professional meteorologists from the Bureau of Meteorology. This specialised introductory course will arm you with the practical weather knowledge you need to make critical decisions and manage risk.

The course content is relevant to government and private organisations, as well as individuals with an interest in the science of meteorology.

The course size is limited to ensure a personalised experience. No prior experience required.



What will I learn?

- Basic principles of atmospheric science and weather forecasting
- Major systems which influence the weather
- The broad range of weather and warning services delivered by the Bureau of Meteorology, and how you can use these to make better, more informed decisions

Download our [course overview](#) for more information.

Who do I contact?

For more information or to enquire about our group bookings, contact the Course Manager via email i2m@bom.gov.au



**EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED
DUE TO GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page

For the Latest News

Atherton Aero Club—2020 EVENTS CALENDAR

- Aug** Sun 16th **AAC Annual General Meeting. 0900 Atherton Aerodrome**
 Sun 16th **AAC Safety Presentation “Radio Procedures at Un-Controlled Aerodromes”. 1030 Atherton Aerodrome**

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

- 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/multimedia/video-two-takeoff-accidents-analyzed/>

How to Recognise and Avoid the Most Dangerous Take-off Mistakes

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-05-12/smile-and-stay-thin-life-as-an-air-hostess-in-1960s-australia/8520696>

One for the Ladies (The Bad Old Days)

<https://www.atsb.gov.au/media/news-items/2020/aerobatic-flight/>

Accident Report. Aerobatic flight in a non-aerobatic aircraft without adequate training



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NQAC Air Race Line-up

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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/>

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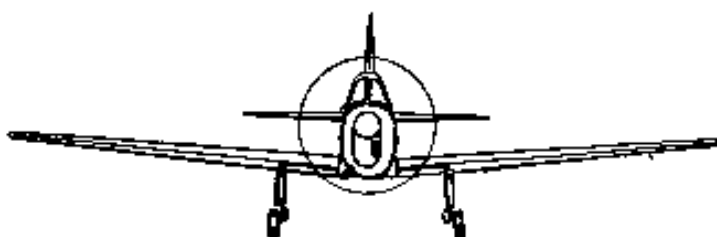
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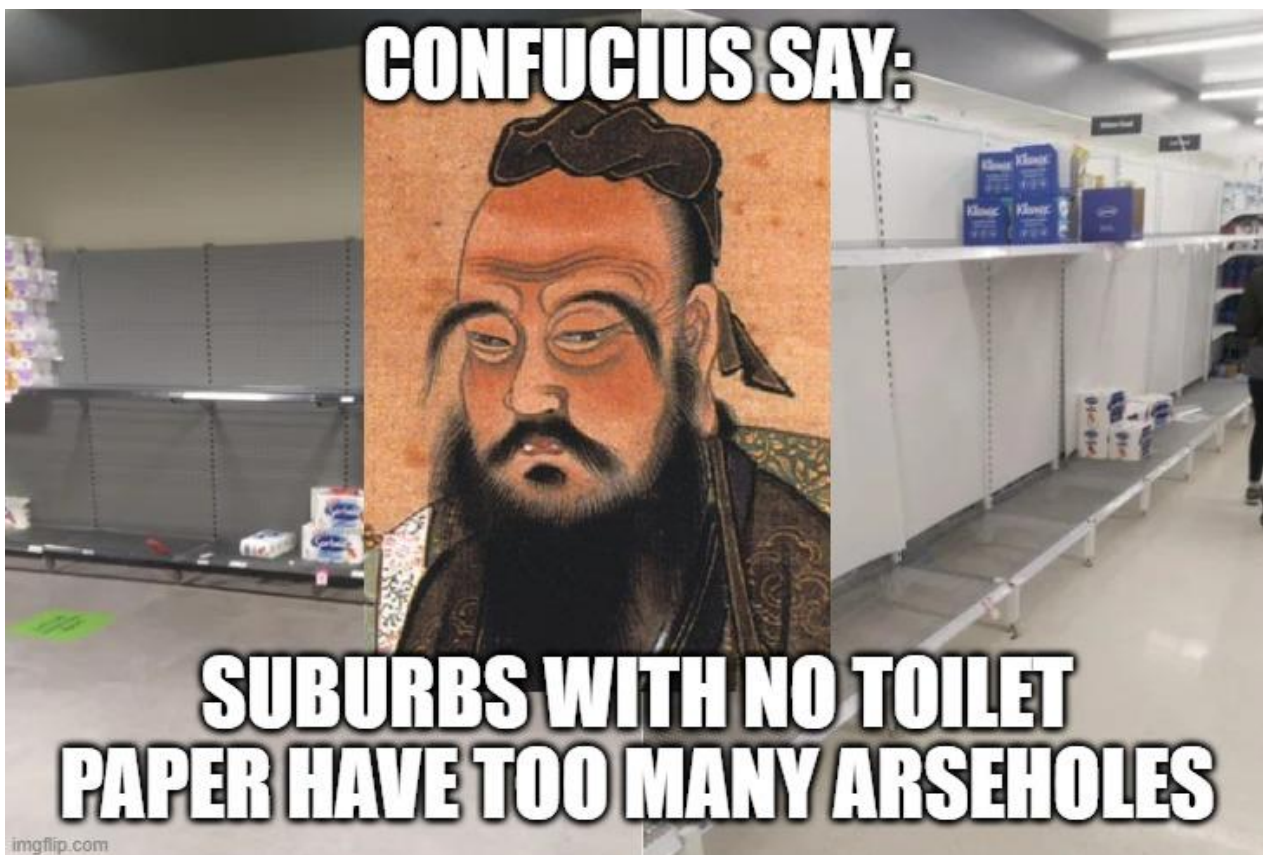
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Not many aviation jokes around so please excuse the potty humour—ED.