

## Newsletter No. 324 – September 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.



*No morning glory clouds this year.... (2021)*

*Taking Bob for a fly on the cloud! September 2013.*



*Photos: Bob & Tracey Hayes*

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

Hi All and welcome to edition No 324. A little light on for content this issue so instead some links to interesting articles from elsewhere. Keep those flying adventures going and remember to send us your photos and stories. Enjoy the read.



A thank you to Christian, Paul, Kevin, Tracey, Catherine, FlyWire, SAAA Chapter 34, the NQAC 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 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 our regular monthly get together and BBQ Lunch.

**Sunday the 17th of October** starting around **10:30am**.

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

**Visitors are most welcome.**



## ***SAAA Chapter 34, Monthly Meeting August 1 2021***

### ***Extract from Minutes***

We were invited to hold this meeting at Jon Collins' residence near Malanda and also have the opportunity to see the progress Jon is making with the Skybolt he is building.



The fabric covering of the elevator and rudder has been completed, the workmanship is very neat and should be very presentable when final paint has been applied. Covering of the wings and fuselage will be commenced once all smaller components are completed.

Layout of the instruments and panel has been finished and preparation of the wiring well underway.



Catherine Coombs has kindly provided professional photos of Jon's workshop and the build progress.





**An Invitation From Donnington Air Park.** We will be staging a Social Fly-In Breakfast on the last Sunday of each month, weather permitting, from 0800 until whenever activity dies down. No landing fees on the day, free entry for the public and other display participants. We will encourage car and bike clubs and individual owners/enthusiasts to attend to provide displays complementary to the visiting aircraft.

Coffee provided by Horsesome Coffee van, all-day breakfast rolls from our BBQ's. Overnight camping is available for those coming from longer distances (Cairns, Mackay, Western areas etc.). Contact **Christian Smith 0418 636727** or [operations@donningtonairpark.com.au](mailto:operations@donningtonairpark.com.au) for more information.

Schedule for 2021 -

**Sunday 24/10**

**Saturday & Sunday 27 & 28/11** (Overnight with an early "pre-Xmas" dinner on Saturday night.

**Sunday 26/12** - No Event (Boxing Day).

A few **OPERATIONAL NOTES** for those flying in to YDOP.

RWY 11/29 is the **ONLY** operational strip. RWY 06/24 is **NOT IN USE**.

There is an area of unfinished earthworks on the RH side of RWY 11 - this is marked by orange cones and 2 unserviceability cones (red/white) along the side of the runway. **DO NOT** use this area. The runway itself is still usable there but it is not safe to deviate from the formed surface in this area.

Please **DO NOT** "shortcut" across the side of the runway to get to the parking area - there is a spoon drain on the outer edge of the runway and you risk doing a prop or worse if you hit it at speed or hit the wrong hollow!

Upon entering the taxiway, you can turn left or right to enter the designated aircraft parking areas. These are a hollow square outlined by white tyres on 3 sides, with no tyres along the taxiway (an open entrance both sides). The left hand one runs along the front of the windsock and weather station, the right hand one in front of the Social Centre hangar.

There is also an orange mesh fence supported by star-steel pickets, separating the RH aircraft parking area from the public area along the same orientation as the Social Centre hangar. This mesh fence runs outside the white tyres (further away from aircraft) on that side.

All in all, it is a quite straightforward arrangement and should be readily recognizable once you arrive overhead and on the ground. Please try to park in an orderly fashion so that all aircraft can be accommodated but remember to leave room for others to manoeuvre and exit.

*Christian.*

## ***Bad for Aviation. Hand Propping Run Amuck.***

*Paul Bertorelli, AVweb, September 5, 2021*



Hand propping an aircraft engine, at least some engines, is a routine task, but it's woefully unforgiving of carelessness and lack of technique and caution. In this video, AVweb's Paul Bertorelli examines what can go wrong and all too often it ends up with an airplane wrecked and occasionally someone hurt. Sense of humor recommended.

*Full Story & Video* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viiIBz1AEnQ>

## ***Haste Still Makes Waste (If It Doesn't Kill Ya First)***

*Paul Bertorelli, AVweb, September 8, 2021 — (Follow Up To Previous Article)*

I take my amusement where I find it and a reliable source seems to be when people see an AVweb video and suggest that my audio person should try a different mic or that my animator is channeling South Park. One reader told me my camera presence was OK, but the editing sucked. I'm doubled over here. I'll remind myself to keep these things in mind because just in case you didn't know it, our videos are all one-man bands. From scripting to post-production to YouTube loading.



*Full Story* - <https://www.avweb.com/insider/haste-still-makes-waste-if-it-doesnt-kill-ya/>



**CARDBOARD CADET - 2017 Los Angeles Drone Film Festival NARRATIVE Category Winner**

*Paul Bertorelli, AVweb, September 12, 2021*

When I was a kid, cardboard had just been invented, but video cameras hadn't been so there's no record of my kid-size paper airplane constructs quite so entertaining as this brilliant film by Chris Castor and his son, Kai.

The 2017 two-minute short has won numerous awards and when you watch it—which I'm sure you will several times—you'll see why.

Father and son used a DJI drone and a home green screen—plus a lot of creative shooting and editing skill—to pull off a kid's fighter pilot fantasy flight that joyfully captures what most of us should immediately recognize: an early fascination with airplanes and flight.

*YouTube Video Link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6bkWLWEQgg>*



## ***How to Ditch Like You Mean It - Real Stories of Survival***



*FlyWire - Scott Purdue*

FlyWire takes a look at Real Life Ditching experiences from two amazing pilots. Check out what it takes to Ditch Like You Mean it and survive!

YouTube Video Link - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l83htg8Cm\\_I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l83htg8Cm_I)



## **NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**

Congratulations to **Nathan Bridge** and **Jake Weston** who took out this years **Ray Fry Air Race**. They were within 20 seconds of nominated ETI's on both legs. It was a very windy day in Cooktown with competitors dealing with up to 30kt gusts on final. However everyone flew safely and had a hoot.

A massive thankyou to the sponsors-

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Check out the NQAC Facebook page for videos of some interesting Cookie style approaches!



Nathan Bridge and Jake Weston won this years Air Race with 629 points in Cherokee 6 KEO. Blitzing the competition by some 200 plus points.



**NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**



***Baked beans for breakie... Guaranteed tailwind***



***A little windy in Cookie.. A stiff breeze from the east!***



***Heidi and Rhyon in Cessna 182 UTO***



***Heidi at the helm***



***Departing Cooktown***

***More photos from the Ray Fry Air Race***

**NORTH QUEENSLAND AERO CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**

**UP-COMING EVENTS**

**WINGS NIGHT** - Saturday 13th November (see poster following page).

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Tuesday 30th November.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY** - Friday 10th December.



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# **Wings Night 2021**

**Save The Date**

**13th November**

**6pm-10pm**

**North Queensland**

**Aero Club**

## *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.

An experience  
you'll never forget!  
**\$120**

# Go Gliding!

**Most weekends, by appointment!**

Call Grant on 0417 076 482 or contact us via our  
Facebook page!

## Charters Towers Airport

**Air Experience Flight - \$120**

An air experience flight, is a flight in a 2 seat training glider designed to introduce you to the joys and fun of gliding.

It includes an introductory GFA membership and approximately 20 minutes worth of flying with an instructor. Additional launches and flying at club rates.

*North Queensland Soaring Centre*



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# FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND AVIATION MUSEUM



**VOLUNTEER RUN | COMMUNITY BASED | NOT FOR PROFIT | LOCALLY OPERATED**

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



### DONATE

Make a tax deductible donation.



### ARTEFACTS

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



### VOLUNTEER

Variety of roles available - admin, grants, social media, design, curation, research and history



### SERVICES & MATERIALS

In-kind support to assist with building construction and restoration.



### RESTORE

Help our restoration team every Thursday or Saturday.



### MEMBERSHIP

Show your support by becoming a member.



### SHARE

Spread the word on Facebook, Instagram and join our newsletter.

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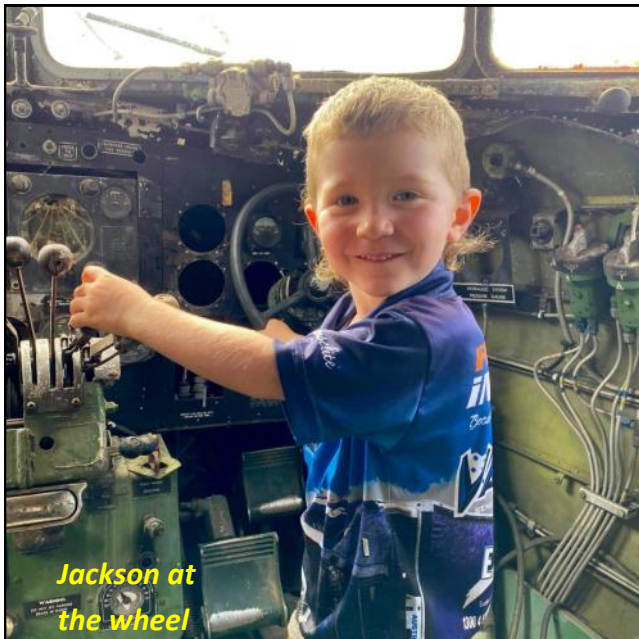
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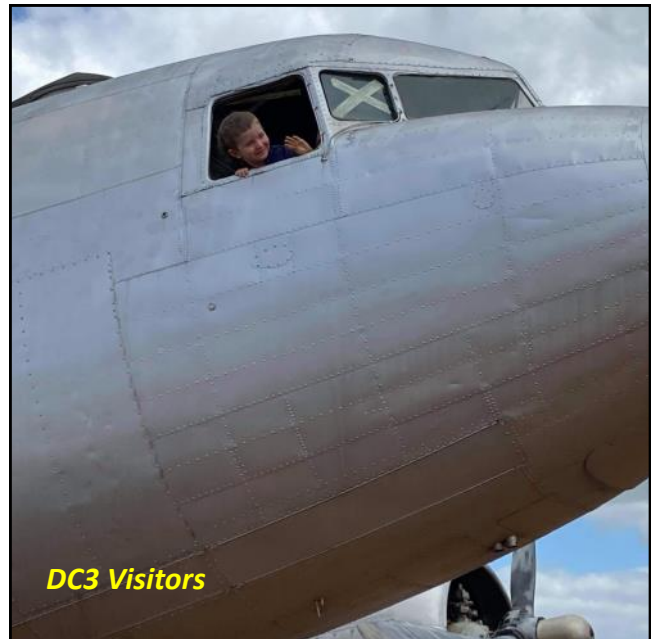
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*Jackson at the wheel*



*DC3 Visitors*



Jackson is a regular visitor to the Mareeba Airport to watch the planes take off and land. On the weekend we visited during our Saturday (18 Sept 2021) morning restoration session. I think we made his day (& his parents) when he got to have a look up close and check out the controls inside the Dakota C-47 (DC3). Thanks for the photos.

# ***HANGAR SPACE AVAILABLE ATHERTON AERODROME***

***Contact Jon Collins for details***

***0438 634 411***



***Pinnarendi Station Stay & Café***

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

***Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622***





# AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

**EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATION**

**OR POSTPONEMENT DUE COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

*Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page For changes*

## Atherton Aero Club—2021 EVENTS

**Oct** Sun 17th **AAC Monthly get together & BBQ Lunch 1030 Atherton**

**Nov** Sun 21st **AAC Monthly get together & BBQ Lunch 1030 Atherton**

**Dec** Sat 4th **AAC Christmas Party Tinaroo Lake Resort**

## Other Clubs Events

**Oct** Sun 24th **Donnington Fly-In Breakfast 0800 onwards YDOP**

**Nov** Sat 13th **NQAC Wings Night**

**Nov** Sat 27th & Sun 28th **Donnington Overnight Fly-In YDOP**

**Dec** Fri 10th **NQAC Christmas Party YMBA**



**Tinaroo Dam Wall**

**Photo: Kev Priestly**

**SAVE THE DATE.** The Atherton Aero Clubs 2021 Christmas Party will be held at Tinaroo Lake Resort on **Saturday the 4th December**. An early search for a venue was necessary in order to claim a suitable date as the good ones tend to be booked out early. The club has used this excellent venue before and the feedback from those who attended was quite positive. An added attraction for those attending is the availability of overnight accommodation if required. A sample menu is shown below. Please contact Jack Cross if you require further information. An indication of your intention to attend would be appreciated.



## *Christmas Party Menu 2021*

*\$60 per person*

ENTREE (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

BAKED FILLET OF CORAL TROUT with white wine and lemon parsley sauce

MAINS (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

SLOW ROASTED FORK LOIN with cranberry and walnut sauce

*Side: Roast Vegetable medley with garlic and parmesan.*

BAKED FILLET OF CHICKEN with apricot and cashew compote

*Side: Colourful Tossed Salad with fetta and olives and balsamic dressing*

DESSERTS (individually plated and serve alternate drop)

SPICED FIG AND APPLE PUDDING with fig and apple salsa sauce and vanilla cream

- CHOCOLATE AND HAZELNUT GATEAU with chocolate rum sauce and raspberry couli

*TEA & COFFEE*

*All tables decorated in Christmas Theme & with Christmas Crackers.*



**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**

**C10476716**

**Save your scheme ID to your mobile wallet**

**iPhone users**



**Android users**



If you don't have WalletPasses installed, you will need to download it from the Play Store.

# Northern Flyers

**Donnington Airpark (YDOP)**



**Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)**

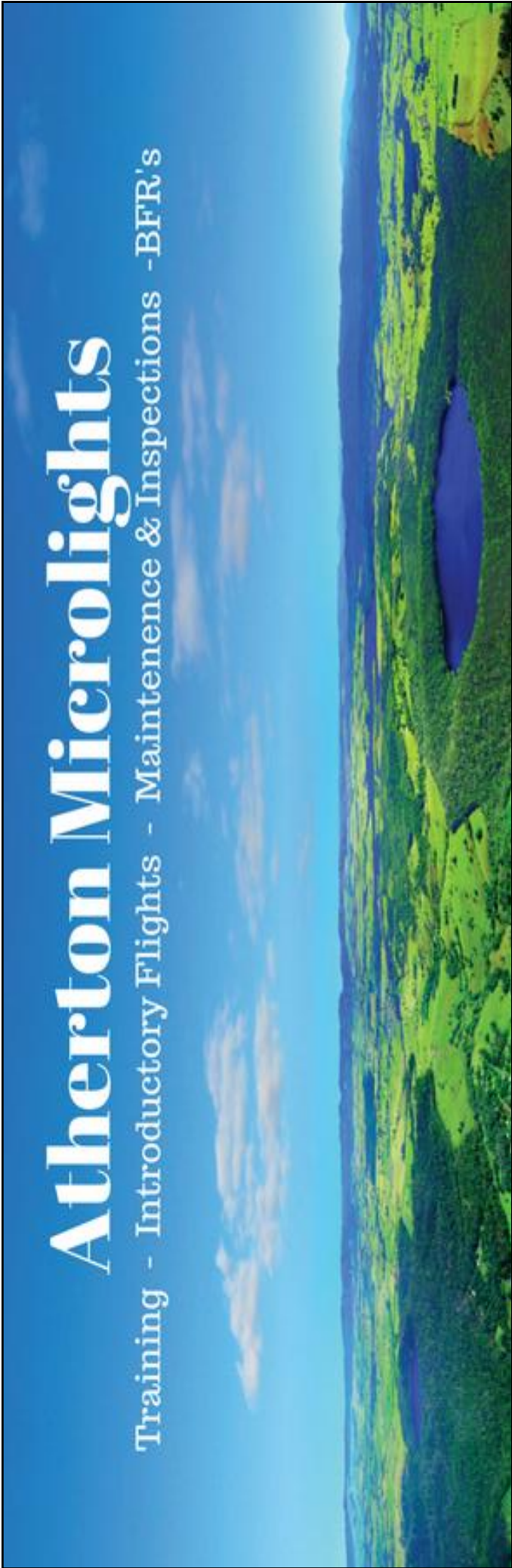


**Atherton Aero Club (YATN)**



# 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:

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**Hot Air Ballooning**

**Mareeba, Atherton Tableland**

**September 2021**



## 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: <i>The Treasurer</i> <i>Stephen Klaproth</i> <i>PO Box 227</i> <i>ATHERTON QLD 4883</i>	or email to: <i>sjklaproth@gmail.com</i>
Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i>	
EFT Details: <i>Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331796 (Ref - Your Name)</i>	

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 \_\_\_\_\_

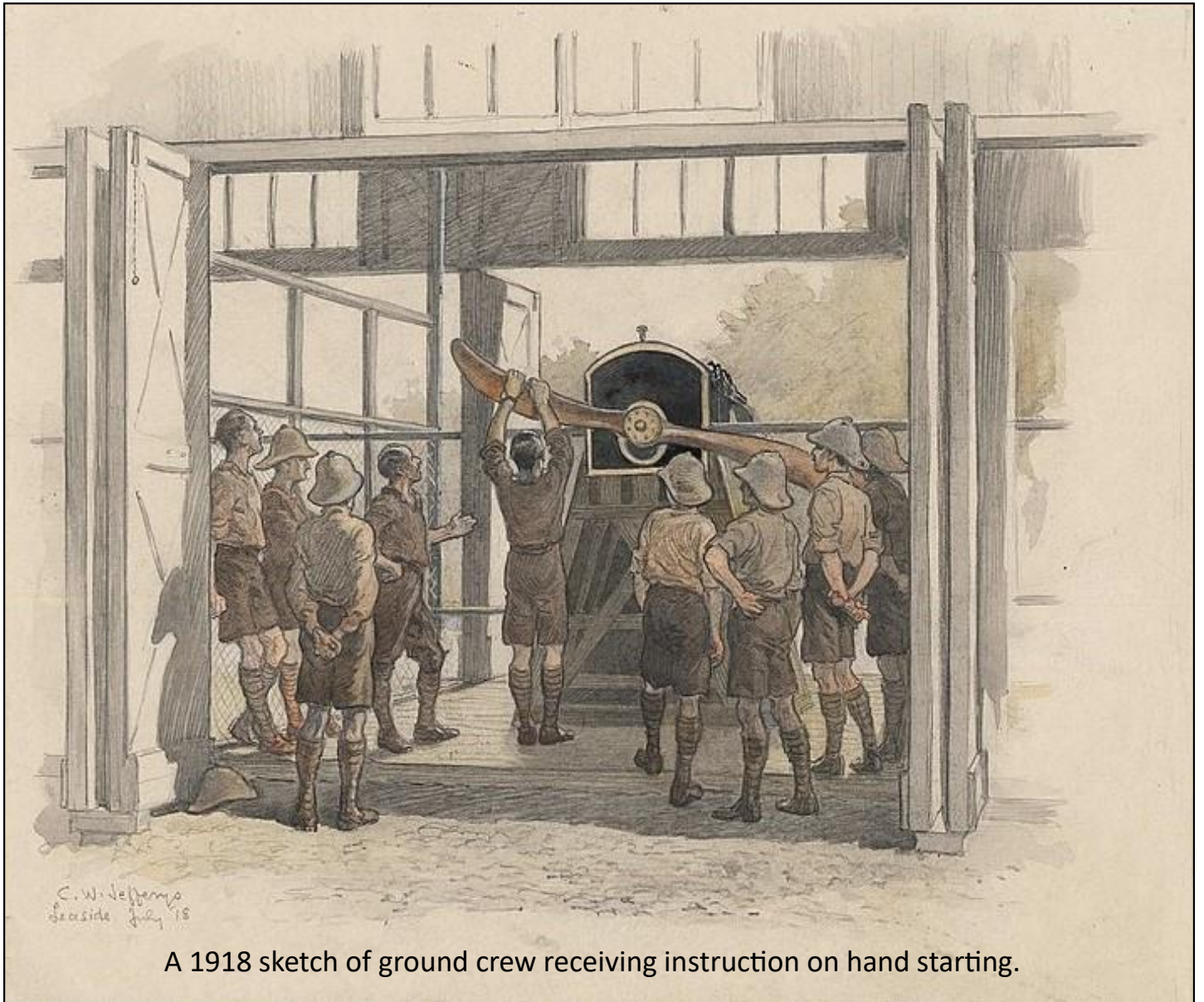
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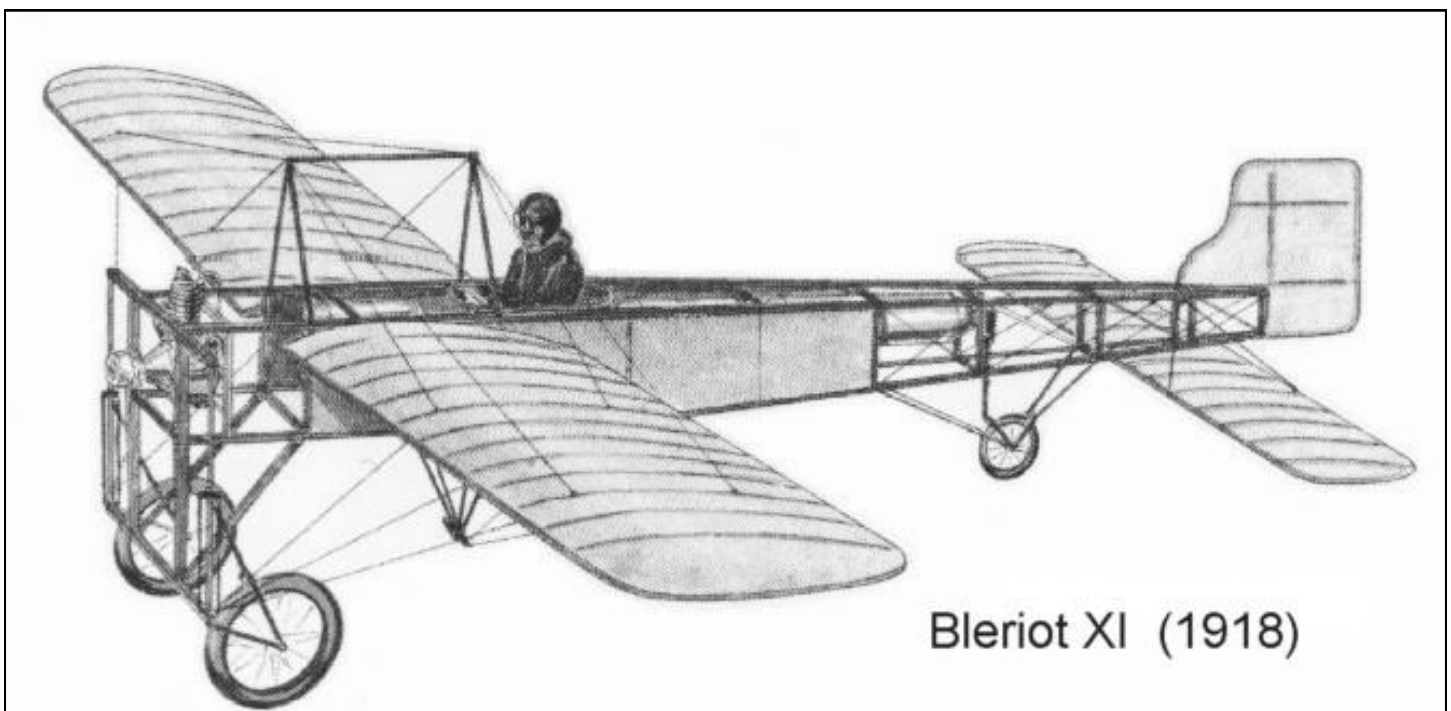
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A 1918 sketch of ground crew receiving instruction on hand starting.



Bleriot XI (1918)