



Gathering of Eagles

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Report October 2011

This year's AGM will be similar to last year's with a barbeque and an "air show" backdrop and we hope to have a good chat about all things aeronautical after the AGM.

When you drive in the airfield, you will probably notice some earthworks being carried out. This again is being done by voluntary labour. We hope this will improve the drainage on the western side of the airfield.

Bob and Robyn Dennis's air chalet is well underway with the main building now completed and our local builder is now constructing and fitting the sliding doors. Richard and Glenda Faint's chalet is also well underway using our local builder. As you can see, Watts Bridge members do support the local economy whenever they can.

We will be looking for volunteers soon to aid Peter Freeman with the process of increasing the vetiver grass area of the sewage system. This should help with the increase of the planned toilet facilities.

Remember the BOM is always available at their monthly meetings to discuss any problems Watts Bridge members may have regarding the airfield and its operations. Keep safe flying.

Blue Skies.



Bruce Clarke



Thanks to:

Caroline Bowden

Peter Freeman

Mike Nelson

For sending in
photos.

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Last September 17, the lease-holders at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, banded together to run the inaugural Gathering of Eagles Fly-in.

The event was to provide a social experience for any aviator to enjoy and showcase the rich diversity of aircraft types residing in SE Queensland.

A wide spectrum of aircraft types were represented including Antique, Classic, Warbird, GA and the latest offerings from the LSA types.

Numbers were down due to reduced visibility in thick smoke which covered the area, as farmers had also chosen the same date to undertake their yearly controlled burn-offs. However it was pleasing to see 50 aircraft were able to find their way to the field and enjoy the Watts Bridge hospitality while discussing key aviation issues of pass and present.

Every Fly-In is a new adventure and the organisers of The Gathering of Eagles deemed the event a success and will be holding the next Gathering of Eagles in late August 2012

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success

The next major fly-in for Watts Bridge, is the All In fly-in, scheduled for May 2012



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Everybody else was burning off, so this year Watts Bridge decided to join in too.

The pictures at left show some of the action taking place under the supervision of the local fire controller

Following the burn off some earth moving works have taken place alongside the entry road., to better facilitate drainage etc.

A spinoff from this is that the airfield looks much tidier and can drain quicker in the heavy rain.

You did notice when you drove in didn't you?

Many thanks to all that helped for their invaluable assistance.



Sorry can't talk just now I'm putting out a fire!!!!!!



Burn off or not, Peter Biddle just can't get enough air time in his splendid C170



It's THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will be similar to last year's. So come along have your say, chat about all things aeronautical to other members as it is important that we all look after our investment in Watt's Bridge besides our common passion in building and flying. There will also be a barbeque and "air show" movies screaming most of the day for you to enjoy once the AGM is completed.

Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield Inc.

Notice is given that the annual general meeting of members of Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield Inc. will be held at the Australian Aerobatic Clubhouse, Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, on Sunday 30th October at 1000.

Any member whose annual subscription is more than one month in arrears at the date of this meeting is not entitled to vote. Please ensure that your membership fee is paid for the 2011-2012 year prior to the meeting.

Business

1. To receive and consider the reports of the Board of Management and of the auditor, the statements of income and expenditure, assets and liabilities and mortgages, charges and securities affecting the property of the association for the year ended 30 June 2011.

2. Motions on Notice

3. Special Resolutions

4. The election of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Maintenance & Infrastructure Officer of the association (who shall also be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Maintenance & Infrastructure Officer of the Board of Management) and the appointment of the Airfield Council.

5. The appointment of an auditor.

6. To receive and consider the report of the Airfield Council.

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Watch your step. The season has started.

Don't give the snakes a place to hide around your hanger.

- 1.Remove overgrown and creeping vegetation adjacent to hangar walls etc.
- 2.Remove all loose ground cover in the form of rubbish, sheets of tin, logs and rocks.
- 3.Remove all low branches from shrubs and trees so everyone can see what's under there.

Snakes will hide in any ground-level vegetation that straddles sunny and shady spots.

Finally, if you see a snake the best advice is move out of the way and leave it alone, don't take your eyes off the snake and stand at a safe distance (more than 3 metres) out of it's way.



Peter Freeman took this photo of a well feed Black snake enjoying the morning sun just near his hanger on the S.E. end of the field.

MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

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If you have an item you would like added to the new 'Members Notice Board' or you wish to contribute an article please forward to Kerry or Ron Kerry at:

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Edgar Percival's Mew Gull, resplendent in its 1936 King's Cup racing livery - surely not!

Photographer David Gregor.

As we all know sometimes things aren't quite as they seem to be.



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It's only Mike Nelson's 1/5th scale scratch built model - and he hasn't even bothered to place Edgar in the cockpit!

Hangar space available at Watts Bridge, suit GA or RA aircraft.
Contact Peter Biddle: 0402 403 469
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Following the burn off Peter Freeman snapped these fantastic photos of the red sunset. Good work Peter! for the photos and the burn off.

Town Planner overworked.

Framework for Richard and Glenda's new Air Chalet



The building boom at Watts Bridge has forced local council authorities into overtime!!! Pictured below are two buildings near completion.

