

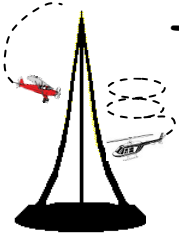
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The David Georgeson Memorial Competition

The David Georgeson Memorial Competition is an annual event held on a suitable flying day closest to the 22nd February, which was the date that commercial pilot David, died in a plane crash in 1983. This year, the event was held on Sunday the 20th February with 9 pilots participating in the event. The weather on the day was great with a beautiful clear sky and light winds. The event commenced with a pilot's briefing delivered by Don McKenzie, where the rules were stated as well as the history of the event and memories of David were shared by the members who had the pleasure of knowing him. With the pilots briefing completed, flying commenced shortly after. Many pilots opted for a 2 minute flight time, with some members selecting 4 minutes. A variety of models were used for the event, from old timers, gliders and I.C. models.

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Above: Don McKenzie delivering the pilots briefing to all present.



Monthly Meeting *Points of Interest...*

- The President has sent an email to the MAAQ requesting that we receive a full page advertisement in the 'Airflow' magazine for our Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition. Also, another email was sent asking for assistance with the CASA height dispensation permit for the Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition and also regarding flood recovery assistance.
- A letter has been received by the club from Helen Hartwig. Helen has been in contact with the club regarding a display at their nursing homes. It was decided that some of our members will provide a display at a date suitable for all interested.
- The President has been in contact with the Rockhampton Regional Council with regards to flood grants. Council has stated that we are not a sporting club (however we are invited to their 'sports expo'), and are not entitled to the grants they have on offer. The council staff involved in the funding have a very vague idea of what our club is all about, so Nick has invited a council staff member to come and fly our club trainer on a Sunday when it is suitable.
- The club has been invited to participate in the Labour day celebrations held at Victoria Park. A motion was put forward that we participate with a static display at the celebrations. This motion was accepted by the members present.
- It was suggested that a working bee be held on Saturday 5th March to repair the pits shade cloth and the road. (This has now been postponed again due to poor weather).
- The pits works tables are almost complete. The frames have been made with the table tops to be installed.

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4 rounds were completed with some tough competition being had between pilots.

1 pilot did not end up flying in the event and 3 pilots did not make it through the first round. Therefore, 5 pilots remained in contention, with Garry deChastel blasting the completion, scoring top results in all rounds. Garry won the event and to determine the 2nd and 3rd placing's, a fly off was completed between Laurie and myself.

I won the fly off, therefore leaving the results as follows:

1st – Garry deChastel, 2nd – Matt Dennis, 3rd – Laurie Chetter

The trophy presentation was then conducted with place getters receiving their awards. This year, Don McKenzie has donated to the club a special award for the competition. The trophy consists of a piece of the aircraft of which David was flying when the crash occurred. This year, the award was presented to Hubert deChastel for all of Hubert's work in organising the event in past years. A sausage sizzle was available for all present after the event and thank you to the cooks (Bert F and Nick) for organising the catering. Also, thank you to John Stevens as contest director for the event and to Don McKenzie for all your efforts.

Matthew Dennis



Social Indoor Flying

At the YWCA Hall

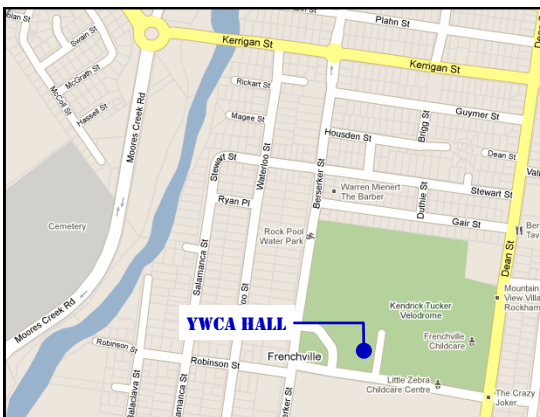
Cnr. Robinson St. & Diggers Lane
North Rockhampton

Every Tuesday Night

Cost: \$5.00 Each

Time: 6.30pm to 9pm

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The first social indoor flying night at the new venue of the YMCA hall was held on Tuesday the 8th March. Approximately 10 pilots came along for the social night out, with all agreeing that the hall is a great size for flying both indoor aeroplane's and helicopter's.

The hall has polished timber flooring and high ceilings with sufficient lighting across the entire hall. All who attended the evening seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly with time being allowed for helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to fly. So come along to the next indoor session for great night filled with indoor flying!

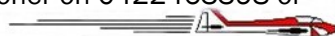


Above: Phil Whiteley and Kelvin Barnes focus on their helicopters with Phil's wife Rhonda and Trevor Fenning watching on.

Gladstone Fun Fly

Sunday 10th April 2011 (7am to 4pm)

Any aircraft can be flown in this flying event held purely for fun. The Gladstone field has a new fully covered pit area 30m x 5m and a fully solar powered under cover charging bench. The main strip, cross strip and heli practice area will be available with plenty of room to fly heavy models. BBQ lunch and drinks will be available. Onsite camping available. RSVP by the 3rd April. Contact Brain Stoner on 0422463398 or email: basonter@bigpond.com



PROPWASH PHOTOS



Above: Pilots and timers on the flight line at the David Georgeson Memorial Competition.



Above: Place getters with Don at the David Georgeson Memorial Competition and Mike Boland's P-61 Black Widow.



Above: Nick Welburn recently flew this immaculate Spacewalker on a beautiful Sunday morning.



Dates to remember

- ◆ 27th March - 11am Club Meeting, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 10th April - Gladstone Fun Fly (RSVP 3rd April)
- ◆ 30th April, 1st – 2nd May – Pylon Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ 14th - 15th May - Terry Phillipson Memorial Competition, Gavial Field
- ◆ 11th -12th June - The Doug Christiansen Memorial Weekend, MADRAMS
- ◆ 24th - 26th June - Tri City Helicopter Weekend, RMAC Gavial Field
- ◆ Every Tuesday - Indoor Flying at YWCA Hall, Robinson Street 6.30pm

