Official Newsletter of The Caboolture Aero Club

# AIRWAVES

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

*WEBSITE*

Due to issues with the email links on the website please send all emails to cabaero@optusnet.com.au.

*SECURITY*

There has been a number of attempts made to break into the buildings on the airfield. Please take all possible steps to protect your property whilst on the airfield.

If on the airfield after 5pm the club's security patrols, Unique Security, may request to see your membership card and some form of photographic identification.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our President, Dave Walsh, is enjoying a break with his family at the moment and is unable to submit his usual report. He has promised to catch everyone up in the April edition.

## ON THE AIRFIELD

Fire Safety

Under legislation the hangars are considered class 7 - storage type buildings and as such require to be inspected for compliance with the fire safety requirements every six months.

For the majority of hangars the initial inspections, which included the installation or replacement of extinguishers, occurred in the middle of last year.

The maintenance inspections are due in the next month and will occur every six months from then on. This inspection is a general maintenance check ensuring that the hose reels have not developed a leak, that wasps have not made nests on or in them and that the water pressure is correct, the fire extinguishers will also be inspected to ensure they are free of corrosion and maintaining the correct pressure.

All hangars, the Clubhouse and office are to be inspected as one property over a couple of days. The committee will be contacting hangar owners with the details.

It is very important to note that failure to comply with this requirement can result in a fine from Queensland Fire and Rescue and in the unfortunate event of a fire any insurance on either the hangar or aircraft housed in the hangar may be considered invalid.

Security

As mentioned earlier in Airwaves, there have been a number of attempts to break in to buildings on the Airfield.

We realise this is not necessarily a new

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occurrence, but it is appropriate that we remind the members of the security arrangements in place.

The airfield, including the Leightons compound and other businesses adjacent to the airfield, are patrolled on an average of three times a night by security guards.

These patrols occur at no given time and follow no set route. The security officer will investigate any hangars left open, or obvious signs of disturbance, and will talk to anyone on the airfield to ensure that they should be there, so keep your membership card and some form of photo id handy.

In light of the thefts please double check before leaving that you have locked your hangar and removed the key from the door. There have been a number hangars found open by the security patrols.

Please do not leave valuables unsecured in vehicles or hangars.

Please be vigilant, but remember your safety is paramount, do not approach anyone acting suspicious, call the police.

The club has monitoring and security lights on the Clubhouse, clubroom / office and sheds.

Water

The club has been reminded of the penalties for breaching *The Water Act 2000 Qld* which Prohibits the use of Fire Hose Reels for any purpose other than for use in an emergency.

Under this Act a penalty of up to $75,000.00 can be imposed on a person found to be in breach.

If you require any additional information on any of these items please contact a member of the committee.

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Thanks to the member who contributed the humor below and story on the following page.

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# A TRUE STORY

Many years ago, Al Capone virtually owned Chicago. He wasn't famous for anything heroic. He was notorious for enmeshing the windy city in everything from bootlegged booze and prostitution to murder. Capone had a lawyer nicknamed "Easy Eddie" whose skill at legal manoeuvring kept Big Al out of jail for a long time.

To show his appreciation, Capone paid him very well. He and his family occupied a fenced-in mansion with live-in help and all of the conveniences of the day. The estate was so large that it filled an entire Chicago City block.

Eddie lived the high life of the Chicago mob and gave little consideration to the atrocity that went on around him. Eddie's one soft spot was his son, whom he loved dearly. Eddie saw to it that the boy had clothes, cars, and a good education. Nothing was withheld. Price was no object. And, despite his involvement with organized crime, Eddie even tried to teach him right from wrong. Eddie wanted his son to be a better man than he was. Yet, with all his wealth and influence, there were two things he couldn't give his son: he couldn't pass on a good name or a good example.

One day, Easy Eddie decided to rectify wrongs he had done by going to the authorities and telling the truth about Al "Scarface" Capone in order to clean up his tarnished name and offer his son some semblance of integrity.

To do this, he would have to testify against the Mob. He knew the cost would be great, but he did testify. Within the year, Easy Eddie's life ended in a blaze of gunfire on a lonely Chicago Street. But in his eyes he had given his son the greatest gift he had to offer at the greatest price he could ever pay. Police removed from his pockets a rosary, a crucifix, a religious medallion, and a poem clipped from a magazine which read:

> "The clock of life is wound but once,
> And no man has the power
> To tell just when the hands will stop
> At late or early hour.
>
> Now is the only time you own.
> Live, love, toil with a will.
> Place no faith in time.
> For the clock may soon be still."

# ALSO A TRUE STORY

World War II produced many heroes. One such was Lieutenant Commander Butch O'Hare, a fighter pilot assigned to the aircraft carrier Lexington in the South Pacific.

On 20 February 1942 his entire squadron was sent on a mission. After he was airborne, he looked at his fuel gauge and realized someone had forgotten to top off his fuel tank. He would not have enough fuel to complete his mission and get back to his ship. His flight leader told him to return to the carrier. Reluctantly, he dropped out of formation and headed back to the fleet.

As he was returning to his carrier, he saw something that turned his blood cold: a squadron of Japanese aircraft were speeding toward the American fleet. The American fighters were gone on a sortie, and the fleet was all but defenceless. He couldn't reach his squadron and bring them back in time to save the fleet. Nor could he warn the fleet of the approaching danger.

There was only one thing to do. He must somehow divert them from the fleet. Laying aside all thoughts of personal safety, he dove into the formation of Japanese planes. Wing-mounted 50 calibre's blazed as he charged in, attacking one surprised enemy plane and then another. Butch wove in and out of the now broken formation and fired at as many planes as possible until all his ammunition was finally spent. Undaunted, he continued the assault, diving at the planes, trying to clip a wing or tail in hopes of damaging as many enemy planes as possible and rendering them unfit to fly.

Finally the exasperated Japanese squadron took off in another direction. Deeply relieved, Butch and his tattered fighter limped back to the carrier. Upon arrival, he reported in and related the event surrounding his return.

The film from the gun-camera mounted on his plane told the tale. It showed the extent of Butch's daring attempt to protect his fleet. He had, in fact, destroyed five enemy aircraft. For that action Butch became the Navy's first Ace of W.W.II, and the first Naval Aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honour.

A year later Butch was killed in aerial combat at the age of 29. His home town would not allow the memory of this WWII hero to fade, and today, Chicago's O'Hare Airport bears his name, a tribute to the courage of this great man. So the next time you find yourself at O'Hare International, give some thought to visiting Butch's memorial, which displays his statue and his Medal of Honour. It's located between Terminals 1 and 2.

SO WHAT DO THESE TWO STORIES HAVE TO DO WITH EACH OTHER?

Butch O'Hare was Easy Eddie's son...


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# Coming Events

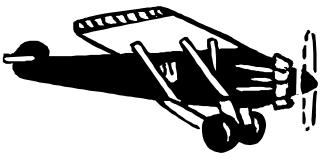
## 2nd Annual Wings & Wheels - Caboolture Airfield

Sunday, 27 May 2007, in conjunction with the MG Car Sunshine Coast.

Held at Caboolture, the MG Club of the Sunshine Coast will be hosting this years event.

All members of the Aero Club are welcome to join in for the day by either displaying your aeroplane or by coming along and enjoying some beautifully restored cars and aeroplanes.

A trophy will awarded to the “Best Car” and “Best Aeroplane” and we will hopefully taking the opportunity to take photographs of a precession of cars and aeroplanes. Last year the Chipmunk of Rod Blievers took out the “Best Aeroplane” trophy from the 10 aircraft that participated in the day.



Breakfast and morning tea will be available from the Clubhouse.

For more information please contact Lesleigh Fisher on 0423 310 669.

## Queensland Combined Council of Historic Car Clubs Rally Static Display - Caboolture Airfield

Monday, 11 June 2007 (Queen’s Birthday long week-end)

This static display of classic cars and bikes is to be hosted the CHACC group located in the Sunshine Coast / Caboolture area.

An invitation is extended to all members of the Aero Club to join this group and display their aeroplanes, or to come along and enjoy the vehicles.

Commencing at 10:00am Morning Tea and Lunch will be available from the clubhouse.

For more information please contact Geoff Smith on 5496 7559.

## Wide Bay Australia International Airshow - Bundaberg Airfield

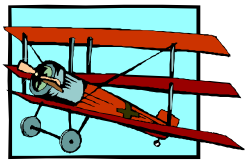
Friday 3 to Sunday 5 August 2007

The Wide Bay Australia International Airshow is fast shaping up to be the premier aviation event in Queensland. The three day show consists of a trade / practice day on the Friday and performances on both Saturday and Sunday, with a night show on the Saturday night.

The vintage formation group based here at Caboolture have confirmed that they will be performing, after receiving a warm response to their performance at the 2005 show. The Mustang group will also be participating in the performance and will also be taking bookings for joy flights over the weekend.

There are many other aircraft expected to perform, fly-in and be available for joy flights.

Accommodation is being booked quickly so if are thinking of attending you will need to book soon.



For more information please visit the website www.widebayairshow.com.au.



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# 2007 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| *April* | | | |
| 13-16 | Narromine<br>YNRM | www.narromine.nsw.gov.au | NATFLY (National Ultra Light Fly-in) |
| 15 | Rowland Flat,<br>Barossa Valley | www.barossaairshow.com | Barossa Airshow – Fly-In |
| 21-22 | Echuca | www.antique-aeroplane.com.au | AAAA National Fly-In & Airshow |
| *May* | | | |
| 14-27 | El Questro Station<br>YEQO | www.piper.org.au | Australian Piper Society's<br>Western Australia Coastal Adventure<br>El-Questro to Esperance |
| 27 | Caboolture<br>YCAB | Contact:<br>Lesleigh Fisher<br>0423 310 669 | 2nd Annual Wings & Wheels |
| *June* | | | |
| 11 | Caboolture<br>YCAB | Contact:<br>Geoff Smith<br>5496 7559 | Queensland Combined Council<br>of Historic Car Clubs Rally<br>Static Display |
| *August* | | | |
| 3-5 | Bundaberg<br>YBUD | www.widebayairshow.com.au | Wide Bay Australia International Airshow |
| 25-26 | Watts Bridge | www.qvag.org.au | Festival of Flight |
| *October* | | | |
| 13-14 | Wentworth | www.antique-aeroplane.com.au | AAAA - Auster Rally and AGM |
| *November* | | | |
| 11-12 | Goolwa<br>YGWA | www.antique-aeroplane.com.au | AAAA Chipmunk Rally |
| 24-25 | Various Locations<br>around Australia | www.antique-aeroplane.com.au | AAAA Toy Run |

The Events listed are taken from the aeroclub.com website, the websites of clubs in the region and from members of the Caboolture Aero Club.

If you have an event you would like included in Airwaves please contact the Editor at airwaves@cabaeroclub.org.au or by telephone on 0437 832 814.



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Please Contact: Andrew Griffin
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Wanted to Rent
Hanger Required For As350 Helicopter
15 Metres X 11 Metres with
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Wanted to Buy or Rent
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# CLUBHOUSE

*OPEN HOURS*

*Wednesday*
5.00pm to 8.30pm
for Meals & Snacks

Bar open until 9.00pm

*Weekends*
8:00am to 2:30pm
for Meals & Snacks

Bar Open from
10:00am to 3:00pm

Hours extended when clubhouse is hosting a function or on the last Sunday of each month.

*MENU*

All day Breakfasts

Morning & Afternoon Tea

Burgers

Chips & Wedges

Light meals / Snacks

Sandwiches

Cold Drinks

Ice Blocks

Tea & Coffee

*Pressed for Time*

Feel free to pre-order or phone an order in & pick up at an appointed time.

*We can cater for groups* try the smorgasbord breakfasts.

*Clubhouse and catering available for meetings, parties or fundraisers*

*Live music last Sunday of the month*

Members, Their Guests and bona fid Visitors Welcome

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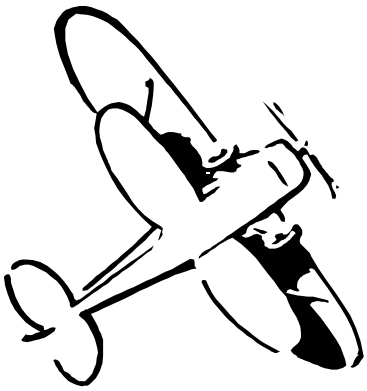

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