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**FLY AERO CLUB
THIS WEEKEND**

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The Darling Downs Aero Club (DDAC) in Toowoomba, Queensland is the host for the 2006 Australian Light Aircraft Championships (ALACS). Toowoomba, 12 hrs in a C172 or 2 hours drive from Brisbane is situated on the edge of the Great Dividing Range. It experiences a temperate climate similar to the Southern states, a climate that helps Toowoomba to be know as the "Garden City".

Departing Cambridge Monday May 8th no later than 08.00 ACST will head off to contest this years ALACS with a team of 20 members. Depending on weather, track and individual crew choice, the trip can be with one or two overnight stops. Same on the homeward leg, and as it is there to be seen, so do a deviation and go and see Australia,



L: Don Prairie, Graeme Martin, Bernie Samms,

TOOWOOMBA, ACST IS COMING FOR THE TROPHIES!



Streamer cut Winners 1 2 3 '04 Don ,Peter ,Ed

Last year a few of us couldn't compete as we were hosting the event and needed to work on the ground. Our first ALACS away since Newcastle '04 we can relax, enjoy DDAC hospitality and really concentrate on the competition.

This year four training Pilots are putting the 2000+nm trip towards their navigational syllabus. Linden Kurth, Bruce Craig, Frank Leibfried and Rob Fisher will get around ten hours each invaluable experience in long distance navigation and map reading. Australia is a big country and what a Nav it will be, from scenic coastal runs to fringing the outback - a great adventure for all.



Sunday April 9th we need volunteers from 2.00pm to work as a cleaning detail on the Toowoomba bound aircraft. If you have an electric buffer, power block and lead please bring it along as there will be plenty of elbow grease needed to make the aircraft sparkle. We want to present clean, tidy and professional.

Our two private aircraft VH-DEX Rick Gumley's C182 with Ed ten Broeke and Peter Waite also aboard and VH-FWU Musketeer "the Mouse" with Mal Steane, Bernie Samms and Mike Bresnehan will be flying off after the comps on their annual safari. This year the ride takes them to Cape York and return via the inland

DDAC has about 250 club members, 8 aircraft, 5 fulltime and 2 part-time staff providing flight training and aircraft for private hire to Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. Toowoomba airport, 2100ft AGL, is also home to Zuccoli's Historical Aircraft Collection where you can view some of the rarest warbirds in the world. The Flypast Museum at Oakey has one of the best collections of Army Aviation and other unique aircraft. This is where we will be flying our Formation and Aerobatics sections of competition on the Saturday. 20mins by road from Toowoomba.

If you are a bit time poor, travel commercially on Thursday to Brisbane, Bus to Toowoomba returning on Sunday morning. The ACST is arranging for Cabin Park accommodation at nearby Garden City and a couple of mini buses to move us around. 6.00pm Spit Roast Dinner Friday Night and ALACS awards dinner Saturday night at the Cathedral Centre. (Flying programme enclosed).

ALACS is always a tough competition and skill has more to do with it than luck. I say to all combatants Fly Well and Safe Flying.