

# A REAL TERRIER

Eric Edwards is the owner of an Australian built Foxcon Terrier, his machine was built in the Queensland factory at Seaforth just North of Mackay at the end of 2003 being flown to it's home base in Wynyard in 2004.

Eric said "It's the only one of it's kind in Tasmania, we've done a bit of work on the flap system since it arrived. The engine is the water cooled Subaru EA81 coupled to a three blade, seventy two inch poly-carbon propeller."

The Foxcon is a two side by side seat recreational aircraft, operating at 4500 rpm it burns around 15 litres per hour, which gives the machine about 6 hours endurance cruise at 110 knots. "That sort of speed puts it up there with the C172, it is probably a little larger in the airframe than some of it's competitors in this style of aircraft." added Eric.

Eric finds the machine flies very nicely, stalls at 42 kts has an impressive climb out, the interior is not standard being fitted in the "Heritage" finish it also has a transponder and UHF CB as well as the VHF radio.



Eric Edwards & his Foxcon "when it's up & trimmed out it flies very nice "

The control column is mounted in the centre console with left and right throttles much like the setup in the Victa. One set of toe brakes on the Pilot's side and room for thirty kilos of gear.

"I fly this one purely for recreation, I bought it just for fun, I am a GA Pilot and the Foxcon is a good fun machine. I owned a Cessna 150 prior to this and I have been flying since 1990. I find Recreational Flying so much more affordable. I fly a lot to S.W. Victoria to a small town called Cobden where I was a member of an Aero Club there as well. To head out over Bass Strait you've got to have a lot of faith in your machine and I do with this Subaru engine. I fly to Victoria often as I've got quite a few friends over there and I find the Foxcon a neat goto machine being that little bit heavier with a good turn speed and very comfortable inside, all trimmed out it's very stable. "

I took to flying rather late, I had a lot of friends who were AG Pilots and the rotten dogs booked me in for a fly, and after the first flight I was hooked from the word go!" laughed Eric.



A: Outside the Wynyard hangar B: Well finished interior with plenty of space and "Heritage" instrument panel in gold.



Sports car seating moulded and adjustable well finished.

## **NO SPATS ! Flying Captain SUE DAVIS**

You will have noticed our three Aero Club planes KSR, SIZ and the Jabiru are no longer dressed with their spats. It is important as part of the daily/pre flight inspection of the aircraft all Pilots are diligent in inspecting aircraft tyres for adequate pressure and signs of wear, this is essential for safe flying.

In order to make this easier we have removed the spats from KSR, SIZ and the Jabiru. If any pilot encounters a problem or is in doubt regarding the condition of aircraft tyres they should consult an instructor or the on duty Club Officer.

Happy flying, Sue Davis.

