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## Radio Controlled Warbird Aircraft within Australia

# ***Bundaberg***

*The Home of the Southern Cross Air Force*

***6, 7 & 8th June, 2015***

## The Heavy Fighter Aircraft



**P47 Thunderbolts  
Bundaberg - June, 2015**

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The **Republic P-47 Thunderbolt** is one of the largest and heaviest fighter aircraft in history to be powered by a single piston engine. It was built from 1941-1945. It was heavily armed with eight .50-caliber machine guns, four per wing. When fully loaded, the P-47 weighed up to eight tons, and in the fighter-bomber ground-attack roles could carry five-inch rockets or a significant bomb load of 2,500 pounds; it could carry more than half the payload of the B-17 bomber on long-range missions (although the B-17 had a far greater range). The P-47 was designed around the powerful Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp engine—the same engine used by two very successful U.S. Navy fighters, the Grumman F6F Hellcat and Vought F4U Corsair, itself the first to fly with Double Wasp power in late May of 1940—and was to be very effective as a short-to-medium range escort fighter in high-altitude air-to-air combat. When deployed as a fighter-bomber with its usual "double quartet" of heavy-calibre M2 Browning machine guns, it proved especially adept at ground attack in both the World War II European and Pacific Theaters.

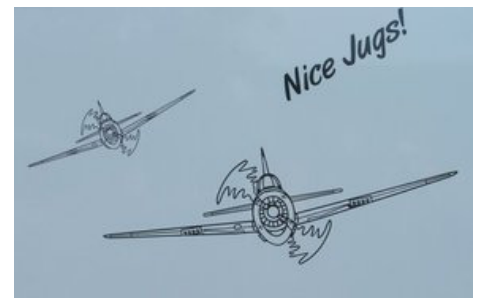
The P-47 was one of the main United States Army Air Forces (USAAF) fighters of World War II, and served with other Allied air forces, notably those of France, Britain, and Russia. Mexican and Brazilian squadrons fighting alongside the U.S. were equipped with the P-47.



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P47 Thunderbolt  
Patti Brown - Bundaberg - June, 2015  
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P51D Mustangs at Bundaberg  
Peter Smith - Chris Daniel - June 2015

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The Mighty Mustangs were there too. These aircraft owed by Peter Smith and Chris Daniel came out of the same hangar.

Although windy, SCAF members were able to make numerous flights over the week-end. Several members decided to stay on until Tuesday or Wednesday to enjoy the better flying conditions before returning back home.

Out thanks must go to the members and friends of the Bundaberg Club whose warm and friendly hospitality, welcomed us back to 'The Home of the Southern Cross Air Force'.

## Other impressive photos of the event !

Click on the photos below to view full shots and the slideshow.



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Relaxed - Robbie Potter  
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Cub - Peter Gaul - Bundaberg June 15



Piper Cub - ME 109  
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**Next Event - Coolum - 4th and 5th July, 2015**