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## Tin Can Bay 29th April to 1st May, 2017

Regardless of high winds, the **Southern Cross Air Force** pilots flew aircraft at the Tin Can Bay public display during all three days.

The highlight of the display was experiencing the thrill of watching the 1909 Bleriot (pictured below) built and owned by Neil Low, a member of the Tin Can Bay club.



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**Louis Charles-Joseph Blériot** (1872 - 1936)

Auguste Louis Blériot, graduated from École Centrale Paris with a degree in Arts and Trades and went into business manufacturing automobile headlamps.

At 30 he taught himself to fly, in an aircraft of his own design. His skills as a pilot and designer improved by trial and error. He made his first flight in 1907 at Bagatelle, France and in two years his aviation company was producing aircraft known for their quality and performance.

Louis Blériot became famous for being the first to fly an aircraft across the English Channel. On July 25, 1909, in his **Model XI** 25 horsepower monoplane from Les Barraques, France to Dover, England. This 22 mile, 40 minute flight won for him the much sought after London Daily Mail prize of 1000 pounds sterling.



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John Knox (Knoxie)  
pictured on the left  
displays

the

German **Bücker Bü 133**  
**Jungmeister** (*Young*  
*master*) which was an  
advanced trainer of  
the *Luftwaffe* in the 1930s.  
It was a single-engine,  
single-seat biplane of  
wood and tubular steel  
construction and covered  
in fabric.

Russell Mitchell pictured on the right displays

the German **Bücker Bü 131 "Jungmann"** (Young man) which was a 1930s basic training aircraft which was used by the *Luftwaffe* during World War II.

These aircraft are 1/3rd scale.

### Our Thanks

Our thanks goes to the members of the Tin Can Bay club for allowing us to be part of their display. We enjoy their friendship and hospitality when we visit their airfield which has become one of our important events each year.

On the **30th September & 1st October, 2017**, (Queen's Birthday Weekend), the Tin Can Bay club is hosting the **Qld Scale Model Muster** which always has an excellent display of aircraft, many of which are Warbird aircraft. Register for the muster by contacting **Neil Low** on Mobile: **0417 072 878** or Email: **janeilow@eftel.net.au** **Visitors are welcome!**

### The following are some of the aircraft on display at the airfield.

Click on the first photo to see the rest.





**Coming Event**  
**Bundaberg (BASF) 27th & 28th May, 2017**  
**New MAAA registered airfield -**  
**(directions to the new airfield - available upon request)**