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We are now heavily established in Perth, ready to race. It has been a fast a furious time between the two races so far.

We got the aircraft to Jandakot, had our spare engine delivered to Perth, Lenny completed a full engine change, mounted a new and larger battery, worked on our wheel pants and antenna fairings, and last but not least, I put about 12 hours flying time on the new engine!

In the meantime, Dave has been extremely busy running our media and internet sites, and getting our merchandise on line shop running....Wow...

**For me, this is the most special race of the year. I was trained to be a Military pilot here in Perth nearly 20 years ago, and have also attended every Red Bull Air Race that has been staged here. I was involved in the last race here, as a demonstration pilot, and found out only days later that I would become a race pilot in the 2009 Championship. I have been looking forward to this race ever since.**

The plane is going well now, hopefully just as fast or slightly faster than it has ever been. I feel fit and healthy and we have a strong team and plan in place.

I will be a very busy boy over the next number of days leading into the race with all of my media commitments, sponsor meetings and fan meeting times, though these things are all worth it to me, as they keep everything in perspective for me.

Bottom line, I like being able to meet everyone who has supported me so well to get me where I am.

As far as the track is concerned, it looks interesting. Should be a pretty good track for us, quite technical with lots of turning and reversing of directions. A unique thing about this track is it has four vertical turns in it, with most tracks having only two. It should be quite spectacular. I would also keep a close eye on the first chicane (gate 2) and the very next gate 3, as I think these gates will be the ones causing the most grief for the pilots.

Remember, it is a free event for those who just want to come down and watch from a spot on the shoreline. If you have the options, you can get better views and service by purchasing tickets, all the way to the High Flyers which is front and centre of the action. However you watch, just make sure you get there, wave an Aussie flag, and cheer me through the track!!

**Stay tuned, Matt.**



**MEDIA  
RELEASE**

## Australian Top Gun launches iPhone App

Red Bull Air Race star Matt Hall has catapulted himself into the developing world of mobile technology by launching his very own iPhone application.

The former Royal Australian Air Force fighter pilot, who served in combat on exchange with the US Air Force in the Persian Gulf, is amongst 15 of the planet's best pilots contesting this year's Air Race World Championships. In 2009 the Australian became the first rookie pilot to win a spot on the World Championship podium and Hall has now created another slice of history - the first pilot in the Championship to have his very own iPhone application and one of just a handful of elite sportsmen and women around the globe with an application.

Contained within the app can be found all the news from Matt Hall Racing, the latest from the Red Bull Air Race, Matt's blog, Twitter and Facebook, a gallery of racing images as well as Matt's schedule and the latest race results.

Hall, who is in Perth, Australia, preparing to contest the second round of this year's series, said he was very excited to have entered the mobile IT world. "When the opportunity came up to launch my own iPhone application I jumped at the chance," Hall said. "I have had an iPhone for a few years now and I can't live without it. I also have a website so creating an application was a natural progression.

"The aviation industry, Red Bull Air Race followers and motor sports fans around the world in particular have a thirst for information and news about our sport and with this application I can help all of them learn more and keep pace with what's happening in the track."

Aviation fan and mobile guru Robert Brus of AppSolutely Mobile Development helped Hall get his application up and running.

"Matt Hall is as highly respected an aviator as there is and we wanted to work with him to create an application that allowed him to continue to build his profile and spread the word about his ongoing list of achievements," Mr Brus said.

"Online and mobile development is exciting and engaging and that is exactly how I would describe Matt Hall and his skills in the air."

Hall remains focussed on one day becoming the first ever Australian to win a round of the Red Bull Air Race and ultimately the World Championship.

[The application is available at the iTunes store for \\$4.99AUD by clicking HERE.](#)



This edition's *Hotpic* is from former RAAF fighter pilot, current QANTAS pilot and photographer John Absolon

PERTH COASTLINE – Somewhere west of Perth, April 11, 2010

Images like this one can be found on [www.matthallracing.com](http://www.matthallracing.com).

**HOTPIC**



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THE MACHINE

**Team Tech Lenny Rulason has been in Perth for two weeks – read about what he's been doing:**

Here we are in Perth, WA! I arrived from Dubai March 31st and the race planes all arrived here April 1st from Abu Dhabi after the first RBAR of the year.

The first thing to do was remove the current engine and change all of the fuel and oil fittings to the new race engine then install the race engine to the airframe. It has a few new race bits that should help with the power output of the engine. New 10:1 lightweight pistons have been installed in this engine and a few other bits also.

This change took about three days and all went well. After installing the new engine in the aircraft I finished assembling the rest of the plane, installing the elevators, rudder then the wing. The first engine start and first test flights were uneventful with everything working perfectly. No changes or adjustments were needed. *(see pic of the engine below)*

The next thing to do was to change the size and location of the battery for the aircraft. After a no start in Abu Dhabi we decided that this change was a must do before the race here in Perth.

John Westby from the MX factory was kind enough to hand carry a new battery tray from the MX factory in Wilkesboro, NC to Jandakot Airport in Perth, WA for us. The installation went well and allowed us to remove some ballast weight we carry in the aircraft to meet the minimum aircraft weight requirements of the race. This change should resolve the starting issue that we had in Abu Dhabi. John flew to Perth to install new custom-made tail HD camera mounts in all six of the MXS race aircraft. John and I did the first five planes then finished with N540MH so not to stop the new engine break-in during this time.

The engine seems to be doing well and has been working flawlessly at this time and we are looking forward to getting the plane out on the track on the Swan River here in Perth.

## RACE WRAP

In the *Race Wrap* Team Coordinator Dave Lyall will bring you up to date reports on all things in the Red Bull Air Race World Championships including an event wrap from every race on the circuit.

While Abu Dhabi didn't end how Matt or the team would have hoped, overall it was an exciting race to be involved with. Exciting in that nobody at the Race Airport, let alone at the Track, knew what was going to happen next with drama piled on top of drama.

Four disqualifications and three Did Not Starts and suddenly almost half the field were out of the race. To say that things were getting heated is an understatement – and I am not talking about the 45 degree air temperature!

Paul Bonhomme, as is his way, flew calmly and precisely under pressure and took the win from compatriot Nigel Lamb and veteran Peter Besenyei who looked unlikely to progress at least once but was brilliant in the Super 8.

One of the interesting things from a result perspective was the form at different stages of the week of Matt and his fellow rookies from 2009 – Pete McLeod, Matthias Dolderer and Yoshi Muroya. Expect bigger things as the season goes on from this quartet.

For our team, Perth is going to be as busy a schedule as is possible. From media commitments to Air Race meetings and briefings, public appearances, catching up with the sponsors, family and the good folk on our Official Supporters Tour we all have little time for anything else. Then there is the small matter of Matt performing in the aircraft. It will not be easy but it will be fun and it will be worthwhile and that is something that is important to us all.

One HD has already announced they will broadcast the whole shebang on Sunday, Race Day, live. It is scheduled for 2-430pm on the east coast and 12-230pm here in Perth. This is outstanding news and means those that can't make it down to the race can watch all the action as it happens. Stay tuned and don't forget to check the website daily during race week.

## RESULTS AND SCORES

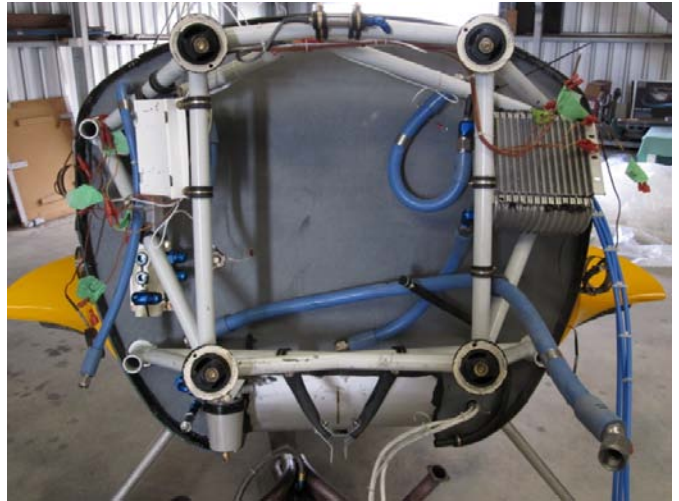
Perth Timetable	2010 Rankings	Pilot	Nationality	Race #	Points
<b>April 15 – 1st Training Day</b>	1	Paul Bonhomme	GBR	55	12
<b>April 16 – 2nd Training Day</b>	2	Nigel Lamb	GBR	9	10
<b>April 17 – Qualifying Day</b>	<b>3</b>	Peter Besenyei	HUN	5	<b>9</b>
1st session @ 230pm Sydney time	4	Michael Goulian	USA	99	8
2nd session @ 330pm Sydney time	5	Pete McLeod	CAN	84	7
<b>Public Pit Walk @ 430pm PERTH Time</b>	6	Kirby Chambliss	USA	4	6
	7	Matthias Dolderer	GER	21	5
<b>April 18 – Race Day</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Matt Hall</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>4</b>
Top 12 @ 238pm Sydney time	9	Nicolas Ivanoff	FRA	27	3
Super 8 @ 319pm Sydney time	10	Yoshi Muroya	JPN	31	2
Final 4 @ 353pm Sydney time	11	Hannes Arch	AUT	28	2
	12	Alejandro Maclean	ESP	36	0
**Times are scheduled times only and may change	13	Martin Sonka	CZE	8	0
	14	Adilson Kindlemann	BRA	7	0
	15	Sergey Rakhmanin	RUS	18	0

# HAPPY SNAPS

Check out our *Happy Snaps* section each edition for photos you might not see anywhere else (not if we can help it anyway!).



The new engine before it even left the box



The engine firewall before the new engine went in



Aircraft Bouncers!! What a motley crew!



Former world champ Hannes Arch caught reading the Matt Hall Racing Team Guide.

The guide is now on sale on the MHR website.

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