

Out of the Blue

Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

JULY 2007

Waikerie Gliding Club

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday 19th May 2007.

New Elected Committee for 2007 – 2008

	Name	Term
President:	John Hudson	2008
Vice President	Peter Robinson	2008
Secretary	Phil Hollick	2008
Treasurer	Craig Vinall	2008

Committee members serve on a two-term rotation

1	Peter Page	Retires 2008
2	Allen Hudson	Retires 2008
3	Greg Jackson	Retires 2009
4	Pete Paine	Retires 2009
5.	Vacant	
SAGA Representative		Craig Vinall
'Out of the Blue' News Letter Editor:		Greg Jackson

DIARY DATES

Annual General Meeting	Sat 17 th May (2pm) 2008
Next Committee Meeting	Friday 10 th August 2007
Member's Flying Days	Saturday 14 th July 2007
Public Hol's L/Weekends	Check WGC web page

Special Notice - Accommodation

For full flying members it is a requirement to bring your own bedding, pillow and linen. Clean the room on leaving. If you wish to use the clubs bedding/linen standard room rates apply. Please give us advanced notice when making your bookings. Standard room rate accommodation information for non full flying members and visitors can be viewed on the Web page.

Contact the club

Link to 'Operations' section of our web page

We have a new shorter web page address:

www.waikeriegliding.com

www.waikeriegliding.com/docs where standard operating procedures and other interesting club documentation reside. Check the constitution.

www.waikeriegliding.com/roster/

Check this out to see who is on the instructing & towing roster.

Waikerie Gliding Club announcements list
wgcannounce@lists.riverland.net.au

Subscribe to announce lists and get the most up to date information on what is happening around the club.

To subscribe, email:

wgcannounce-subscribe@lists.riverland.net.au

To unsubscribe, email:

wgcannounce-unsubscribe@lists.riverland.net.au

For more info,

<http://www.waikeriegliding.com/contact.htm>

Notices

1. **Pets on the Airfield.** Following an on-airfield incident, a Club policy has been developed to assist in avoiding a repetition of this incident. This "policy" is included in this newsletter and will be placed in the club documentation on the Web;

2. **FLARM Requirements.** It is now a SAGA requirement that all gliders in State competitions and events (including Coaching Week) must be fitted with FLARM.

3. For Sale - Club Caravans.

Waikerie Gliding Club owns two Caravans located in the Caravan Park at Waikerie. These vans have not been used for some time, and are offered for sale to interested members, on the basis of **"as is, where is"**.

- Orange coloured van, Rego Number TPZ489 expired, \$1200.00.
- Green coloured van, Rego Number TST404 expired. \$1500.00
- One or two more available enquire to John

4. Some additional operational activities have been considered and now included in the Club's annual calendar. These include (tentatively).

- Club Open Day on Saturday 6 October 2007.
- 5 Day Learn-to-Fly Course, 22-26 October 07.
- Basic Cross-Country Course, 19-23 November 07

5. Working Bee. A Working Bee has been arranged for **Saturday 28th July. This will be a non-flying day**, with the major focus on maintenance and repair of operational equipment, including glider trailers, tow out gear, tractor, etc. A list will be posted on the Briefing Office Notice Board.

6. Air show. A large military air show is planned for 27 and 28 October 2007 at the RAAF Edinburgh airbase. While the show will have some gliding and other civilian displays, the main focus will be on military hardware. A show not to be missed.

7. Coming Events

- Sport Aircraft Fly-in, 15-16 September, 2007.
- Working Bee, Saturday 28th July 2007.
- Joey Glide, Gawler, 16-22 December, 2007.

John Hudson

Caltrop

Please do not drive on the aerodrome – Every time you do you are running the risk of a flat tyre and spreading the seed pods. Check your tyres for sharp spikes that will have penetrated your tyres.

Working bee (thanks)

The club held a working bee on the 2nd and 3rd of June 07. Thanks to those who participated. Unfortunately, the weather was not as forecast - it was flyable all weekend. Alas we have a responsibility to "maintain the facilities in good order and repair", thus it was a good opportunity to do some work - and there were some important tasks completed,

- Modifications to the Members Kitchen septic tank lid, to facilitate easier cleaning in future - thanks to Allen and Graham Marsh.
- Repairs to the Clubroom roof drainage, thanks to Greg.
- Cleaning the Tug, thanks to Cath.
- Sorting the Club's filing, thanks to Graham.
- Winterising the Airconditioners, thanks to Pete Paine.
- Cleaning the hangar door tracks - thanks to Bill Mudge.
- Disposing of empty fuel drums, thanks to Mark Morgan and Ron Brock.
- Cleaning all the windows, thanks to Phill Hollick.
- Preparing Lunch, dinner and lunch again on Sunday, thanks to Jean and Marie.
- Installing new path from Carpark to the clubroom, thanks to Pete Paine, David, Michael and Pete Conway, Allen H and David L.
- Store sprinklers for winter, thanks to Mark and Ron.

It is necessary to have another Working Bee before the next Soaring Season and we started a new list of jobs concentrating on the gliders and trailers. Again, to those who participated, thanks for your help - it is greatly appreciated.

At the end of the day, we were treated to a demonstration of one of the AS W20s jet engines - strapped to a quad bike. There was a big audience for this - was great to hear Pete Conway say (something like) "anything which makes that much noise is good". Maybe at the next Working Bee we'll see the 20 T/O under tri-jet power.

We have received the following books donated to our recently re-established Club Library. Books will need to be signed out as in a normal library to allow us to keep track of them.

Training info

Resource info avail on the Web for pilots - RTO ops Find attached AIRWAYS AND RADIO PROCEDURES FOR GLIDER PILOTS.

A useful and informative resource for pilots.

Available for members to download from

<http://www.gfa.org.au/ops/>

Regards **Paul Mason**

Library

We have just received the following books donated to the revamped Club Library – Past copies of AG are also located in the Clubrooms. Books will need to be signed out as in a normal library; so that we can keep track of them.

Last of the Breed - Brian Creer this is about vintage power aircraft

Adventures in Taurus - Moss Potter, Ruth & Brett Potter

Sepik Pilot - James Sinclair Personal story of Wing Cdr Bobby Gibbes in PNG, Men and planes in Western Desert WW2

Wings across the Tasman - Leslie Jillett

Where no Birds Fly - Philip Wills (2 copies) Gliding

On Being a Bird - Philip Wills Gliding

Down in the Drink - Ralph Barker Story of the Goldfish Club

Reach for the Sky - Paul Brickhill Douglas Bader Story

Met for Glider Pilots - C E Wallington

Practical Air Navigation - Thoburn C Lyon 10th edition

Test Pilot - Neville Duk

Beyond the Blue Horizon - on the track of Imperial Airways - Alender Frater

Weather Forecasting - Instructor Cdr S W C Pack Royal Navy

Manuel of Met - Bureau of Met

Manual of Met Aviation Supplement - Bureau of Met

General Met - Manual of Met Pt1 - Bureau of Met

Some of these of course are a bit old, but still some good stuff in them. Plus 2 books on Bowling if anybody would like them.

Ann Woolf

Calling all Crew :-

Please find in this newsletter and also information available on the Web, dates for full time operations planned over the Christmas, New Year holiday period.

We will need to nominate our services and availability to the club as soon as possible please. We had a very successful and enjoyable summer period at the beginning of this year and would like to further consolidate continuous flying over this coming summer. The weather was great and I am confident it will be even better this coming soaring season. We cannot fly without you the backbone of the club.

Incident report 31 March 2007

ZBY Nimbus was being towed to runway /20 by Cath Conway. Unfortunately unbeknown to Cath, Tim the dog had decided not to stay where he was put and followed the Nimbus down to the power taxiway that crosses our /20 and decided to sit down right in Greg's launch line which by now was well underway.

Luckily for Tim & Greg the tug had sufficient speed for Greg to pull the tug off the ground.

The Tug/ glider combination cleared to dog. Lucky Tim!

Motto of the story - dogs, or any animal for that matter, lose on the field is a no-no for this very reason. We are all to be sure animals are under direct owner control at all times or not there.

Mark Morgan CFI.

Joeyglide :- From the aus-soaring list

Something's happening at this year's JoeyGlide which may also help raise interest; in that a Training Package (hopefully to solo level) is being given away during the comp. Thanks to Simon Hackett & Internode (is everyone on Internode yet?) and Caleb White. We are going to give away the Training Package and train a young pilot from first flight to (hopefully) solo concurrently with the comp. To enter, a form on www.JoeyGlide.com needs to be filled in, and all entrants need to be at Gawler on comp day 1 to be eligible - the winner will be drawn from a hat. We are currently exploring ways to publicise through Adelaide media. So - we will have the drama of a comp plus the trials & tribulations of learning to fly in one.

Nick

AIRSHOW IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Defence Force Air Show: October 27th & 28th 2007. RAAF Base Edinburgh, about \$15 entry.

Two full days of air and ground displays featuring ADF and some allied aircraft, Defence Science & Technology Organisation, Defence Industry with a focus on interactive displays.

We have not had one of these events in SA for a long time and I am looking forward to the event.

Jet

Committee Meetings and Members Flying Schedule, 2007

Members Flying Days Comment/Discussion Topic

14.7.07 - 15.7.07

28.7.07 - 29.7.07

28.7.07

**Working Bee,
Committee Meeting**

10.8.07

11.8.07 - 12.8.07

25.8.07 - 26.8.07

8.9.07 - 9.9.07

16.9.07 17.9.07

Sport Aircraft Assoc
Not scheduled flying W/end

22.9.07 - 23.9.07

5.10.07

Committee Meeting

6.10.07 - 7.10.07

6.10.07

WGC Open Day

21.10.07 - 22.10.07

22.10.07 - 26.10.07

5-Day Course

27.10.07 - 28.10.07

Air show, EDN
Not Scheduled Flying W/End
Committee Meeting

16.11.07

3.11.07 - 4.11.07

17.11.07 - 18.11.07

19.11.07 - 23.11.07

Basic X/C Course

1.12.07 - 2.12.07

14.12.07

Committee Meeting

15.12.07 - 16.12.07

16.12.07 - 22.12.07

Joey Glide, Gawler

26.12.07 - 12.1.08

Fulltime Ops

29.12.07 - 30.12.07

29.12.07 - 05.01.08

Maurie Bradney Week
SA State Comps.

5.1.08 - 12.1.08

Coaching Week

Notes

1. **Comments in bold confirmed.**

2. Comments in italics are tentative, awaiting confirmation.

Working bee (Next One Coming Up)

The next working bee will be held on the Saturday 28th July 07. Normal house keeping activities and odd jobs to be done. We will need to concentrate on the gliders and trailers in preparation for next soaring season. Please come along and give us a hand. Lunch, fresh air, camaraderie and self-satisfaction provided.

P.S. bring some tools drills etc.

The club has developed an op's 'CHILD and PET SUPERVISION POLICY'

An accident or incident involving children and / or pets and gliders or tow planes has the potential to be serious in terms of injury, damage and cost.

The reputation of Waikerie Gliding Club would (at a minimum) be tarnished and the legal consequences are unthinkable.

In order to minimise the risks to **as low as reasonably possible**, parents and/or guardians and pet owners are responsible to ensure children and / or pets are appropriately supervised and restrained, at all times.

The level of supervision necessary varies with the activities,

- a) On the airfield,
To be supervised at all times by a responsible adult and be under effective control.
- b) Around the Clubrooms/Hangars
Be adequately supervised and prevented from venturing onto the airfield.

Club members, guests and visitors alike are required to satisfy the requirements of this policy, at all times.

John Hudson President, 2007-08

A bit of history :- from the WGC chat list

Did you know that Renmark Gliding Club used to have the Rego VH-GHP in the 1950s - 1960s - now our Discus Rego. All recollections are that's the glider they used to call "the brick" . HP didn't stand for "high performance" then.

John Mudge wrote

If that's the 'yellow brick' that was around in 1959-60, I had my first 1 hour flight in this machine as a 14 year old, with Ron Conway as the instructor. I remember him constantly reminding me that it was not wise to go too far from the airfield unless you were fairly high. It was a real step up to actually train in the T35, on one occasion we climbed to 10,000ft over Paringa, what a day for a kid.

MEMORIES

Moss Potter joined the Waikerie Gliding Club on 5th April, 1958 and has maintained continuous membership since then – a total of 50 years.

After learning to fly in the Slingsby T35 and ES52B Kookaburra, he had 99 flights off winch launches to solo. He went solo 15th November 1959, in a flight of 5 minutes duration. His first single seater was the Grunau Baby IV.

Moss's experience in Club gliders includes:

- Austral T35 (1958)
- Grunau Baby IV (1959)
- Pelican (1960)
- ES57 Kingfisher (1962)
- Olympia H. (1960)
- BG12 A (1961)
- ES52B Kookaburra (1959)
- KA6 (1962)
- ES49 (1965)
- Blanik (1967)
- Pilatus B4 (?)
- ES60 Boomerang (1965)
- ASW15 (1974)
- Libelle (1968)
- Cirrus (1976)
- IS28 (1976)
- Austria SH1 (1967)
- Diamant (1968)
- Kestrel (1974)
- Nimbus (1975)
- Astir CS (1977)
- AS W19 (1977)
- Astir Jeans (1978)
- Twin Astir 1978
- LS3 (1983)
- AS W20 (1978)
- LS4 (1982)
- AS W17 (1984)
- Pegase (1985)
- Discus (1986)
- LS1 (1998)
- Hornet (1999)
- Duo Discus (2001)
- AS H25 (?)

Moss recalled his "best" flight in a WGC glider being a flight in the Club's KA-6 from Waikerie to Coomandook, Blyth, Morgan and back to Waikerie – a distance of 456 km in a duration of 8 hours and 10 minutes, on 10th January, 1963. This flight was also his longest duration flight.

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Moss has many vivid memories of gliding at Waikerie, including some he recalled;

During a flight on 26th January 1963, with David Schenke, setting Australian Two-seat Height Records of 12,905 Ft with a gain of height of 12,050 Ft.

His 1000th flight, which occurred in the Club's ES52B Kookaburra with his wife Ruth, on 9th October, 1965.

Being an Instructor at WGC for 27 years. Moss was in-charge of the first weeklong gliding course conducted at Waikerie, from 21st January to 26th January 1963. 45 training flights were conducted during that week.

Being actively involved with the Committee of WGC for many years, during which time he occupied all of the Committee positions at one time or another.

Being able to enjoy such a long gliding career, accident and damage free.

Moss Potter 2007.

We will be running a series of articles on members profiles – thanks to all the members who took the time to send in their memories – this will allow us to record and publish some very interesting stories. ED.

**SEND YOU'RE 'OUT OF THE BLUE' NEWS
ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST OR ANY
SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOPICS TO:**

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