

Out of the Blue

Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

September 2007

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.	Aiden Baker	Retires 2009

SAGA Representative Craig Vinall
'Out of the Blue' News Letter Editor: Greg Jackson

New Committee Member

After the recent Club AGM, a vacancy remained on the Club Committee.

Aiden Baker was asked to consider taking on a role as Committee Member. It is pleasing to be able to report that Aiden has accepted the co-opted role and we look forward to his important contribution to the operation of our Club – our future lies with the young members.

Contact the club

Link to 'Operations' section of our web page

We have a new shorter web page address:

www.waikeriegliding.com

Standard operating procedures and other interesting club documentation can be found. Check the constitution. www.waikeriegliding.com.au/docs

Check this out to see who is on the instructing & towing roster. www.waikeriegliding.com/roster/

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

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Notices

1. Open Day

A Club **Open Day** is being planned for Saturday 6th October 2007. The day, which is planned to put **Waikerie Gliding Club** on display, will be publicised in the Riverland press, with an offer of Air Experience Flights at a reduced cost.

Put this date in your diary '6th October'.

DIARY DATES

Annual General Meeting	Sat 17 th May (2pm) 2008
Next Committee Meeting	Friday 5 th October 2007
Member's Flying Days	Saturday 6 th October 2007
Public Hol's L/Weekends	Check WGC web page

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1. FLARM

The Club has made arrangements to purchase 5 FLARM units for installation in the Club's LS-4, LS-7, Discus, 1 Twin Astir and the Tug. These units will have "on-glass" antenna's to provide the best reception.

The FLARM unit is to be used on each flight of the glider in order to provide the appropriate information to both the pilot of the glider and to the pilots of other gliders nearby.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to **Sue and Peter Robinson** on the arrival of **Hamish Jack Robinson**, who won his 1st task at 0441 Hrs 30.7.07, on a handicap of 1 in about 40 minutes.

We look forward to seeing Hamish going solo.

2. Liquor License

Following the wind-up of WISC, the Club (belatedly) applied for a transfer of our Liquor License to WGC. It was not possible to do this and a new application was submitted.

The Clubs application is due to be heard in the Licensing Court on 8 August 2007.

Our thanks are again extended to Graham Francis, who initiated the Licensing process and undertook to see that process to finality. Well-done Graham.

This is a significant License (in the hierarchy of Licenses) and brings with it a high level of responsibility. We have developed a "policy" relating to the responsible service of alcohol and operation of the Club Bar. Members must comply with this policy in order to ensure we may continue to hold this License.

Liquor License (Update)

WGC was recently granted a *Limited Club License*. While receipt of this License results in little change from our past practices, there are some aspects, which the membership must be aware of,

- WGC has been granted a dispensation from the requirement for a Responsible Person to be present while the Bar is open. This dispensation places a high responsibility on members to always act responsibly while the Bar is open and satisfy the License conditions and the published Club procedures.

- persons under the age of 18 years are not permitted behind the Bar.

3. Glider Launch Pads

With the summer season fast approaching, the continuing drought and ongoing water restrictions, our launch pads will be placed under significant stress. It is therefore necessary that we take the following

actions when operating on or near the launch pads,

- a) Only take off from the centre of each launch pad, even if this means moving the glider across to the centre of the pad. This section of the pads receives most water during irrigation.

- b) Limit the use of the launch pads (by cars and other vehicles) as much as possible.

Tug pilots have been asked, and will be continually reminded, to only provide a launch from the centre of the pads.

We all must remain aware of the water restrictions and our water use around the Club. Every effort must be made to minimize water use.

4. GFA Safety Seminar

40 GFA members attended the gliding Safety Seminar conducted by GFA and hosted by Balaklava Gliding Club on Sunday 26th August 2007.

Topics covered included:

- A brief review of gliding accident statistics.
- GFA Happenings and Information dissemination.
- Development of Risk Management Plans.
- Changes to the GFA Flight Training Syllabus.
- Mid-Air Collisions
- Pilot Over-load
- Heavy Landings

A discussion around these topics will be held one evening after flying in the near future.

5. Building Security

On many occasions (too many) the Clubs facilities are not secured appropriately before members depart.

It is also a requirement ;

- a) of the Club's lease of these facilities that all buildings be secured when not in use.

- b) of the Club's insurance policies that all buildings be secured when not in use.

Some members appear to be of the opinion that it is OK to leave the facilities unsecured – if an individual wants to get in, they will break-in.

From an insurance (and Police) perspective however, there is a significant difference – damage or loss from a forced entry is covered by insurance, open access is not.

I recently arrived at Waikerie to find the Clubrooms open from both the northern side (barrel bolts not engaged) and the southern side (door unlocked).

For the Clubs benefit and the benefit of members who do the right thing, **Please** take the time to ensure all doors and windows are secured before you leave.

This is a responsibility of all members – not just Instructors, etc.

Club Fleet Maintenance

We have set out this year to undertake the annual maintenance of all the Club fleet. This is a considerable task and there are many advantages in this approach for the Club.

The advantages include,

- a) Involving Club members in a significant aspect of gliding – the maintenance and airworthiness of the Club gliders.
- b) Enabling members to see the condition of the gliders resulting from the care of the gliders (by Members) over the preceding period.
- c) Enabling members to see the gliders and their systems "up close".

The "Form 2's" have now been completed on the LS-4 and the Discus.

Some points reflecting the "advantages" described above for the LS4 include,

- the "method" used by pilot's to open the canopies on LS gliders results in fingerprints all over the canopy. We should unlock the canopy and lift from centre of the rear end of the canopy frame. Avoid touching any part of the Perspex. LS canopies are inherently "weak" and must be treated with great care.
- Installing the TE probe. This probe consists of 3 separate pressure sensing "probes" – Pitot, Static and Total Energy. These 3 are separated by O-rings. When installing the TE probe, it is vital that it be clean and lubricated (with water, spit etc – but never use oil, Vaseline (these attract dust).
- Wheel brake – there is evidence of the glider being stood on its nose. The heel brake is very effective because of the pressure, which can be applied. Always be cautious when applying the brake and ensure the brake is not applied before touchdown.
To reduce the potential for brake incidents, an adjustment was been made to the brake.

L'Hotellier couplings – these couplings are installed on the ailerons and airbrakes. On the LS-4 XOK, the L'Hotellier couplings are equipped with "Wedekind" safety sleeves – which prevent the couplings coming apart once locked. Locking is achieved by winding a sleeve across the connected couplings. Before the couplings can be separated, the sleeve must be wound off. No safety pins are required.

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.

FOR SALE

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"**.

- a) Orange coloured van, Rego Number TPZ489 expired, \$1200.00.
- b) Green coloured van, Rego Number TST404 expired. \$1500.00
- c) One or two additional vans are available; for further information contact John Hudson.

Events

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

-Joey Glide, Gawler, 16-22 December, 2007.

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.

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SEND YOU'RE NEWS ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST OR ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE

TOPICS TO: gjack@tpg.com.au

Committee Meetings and Members
Flying Schedule, 2007

Members Flying Days Comment/Discussion Topic

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

16.11.07 **Committee Meeting**
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.

POLO SHIRTS

A range of new **POLO SHIRTS**, which feature the Club name, "*Waikerie Gliding Club*" embroidered above the breast pocket, are now available.

The short sleeved **POLO SHIRTS** come in a small range of colours and various sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL), at a cost of \$26.00 each. They are available in the Office.

Sport Aircraft Fly-in :-

The Sport Aircraft Club of SA visited Waikerie during the weekend 15th and 16th September. Around 25 members of the SACSA made up the group.

After arriving on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon was spent with some local flying – both aeroplanes and gliders and reviewing Allen's projects.

The visiting aeroplanes included a range of homebuilt aircraft, including Jabiru's, and an RV4, a Nanchang and a Meta Sokel, an interesting Czech aeroplane, which those present were provided a "guided tour" of.

Allen's project installing the jets on the "AS-W20 Tri-jet" was described as the current most interesting aircraft project underway in the State.

Marie and Jean provided a 3-course dinner on Saturday evening – again very well done. After dinner, a SACSA member provided a video of a recent trip from Adelaide to Darwin and return in his Jabiru accompanied by 2 RV-4's, following which a discussion on "spinning" was introduced. Earlier in the day, Phill Hollick and David Lawley videoed a short spinning sequence in the Twin Astir, which was shown after a short discussion about spinning and the importance of being able to recognize a spin and take the appropriate spin recovery actions.

On Sunday morning after an eggs and bacon and pancake breakfast, the SACSA group visited the "*Tractor Pull*" being held a few kilometers east of Waikerie aerodrome, before returning for lunch.

The plan was for the SACSA group to depart after lunch, however a strong westerly change delayed the departure of the group – most until Monday morning.

Thanks to those who helped in hosting this visit, in particular to Marie, Ann and Jean. We look forward to seeing the SACSA members again in 2008.

John Hudson

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.

MEMORIES

Graham Francis first joined the Waikerie Gliding Club on 24th April 1955. After an absence of 15 years, he rejoined on 29th March 1976.

After learning to fly in the Slingsby T35, having 81 flights off winch launches to solo, which occurred on 4th September 1955, in a flight of 5 minutes duration. His first single seater was the Grunau Baby IV.

Graham's experience in Club gliders includes:
T35 (1955) Grunau Baby IV (1955)
Pelican (1955) Kite 2 (1956)
ES57 Kingfisher (1957) Olympia H (1957)
Olympia (1957) BG12 A (1958) ES52B
Kookaburra (1958)
KA6 & Blanik L13 (1976) Pilatus B4 (1976)
ES60 Boomerang (1976) ASW15 (1976) Libelle (1976)
Cirrus (1976)
IS28 (1977) Astir CS (1977) ASW 19 (1977)
Twin Astir (1978) LS3 (1979) ASW20 (1980)
LS4 (1982) Pegase (1986)
LS1 (1991) Hornet (1999) Astir 77 (1999)
Discus (2000)

Graham recalled his "best" flight in a WGC glider being his Gold C distance and height leg; a flight in the BG12A on 17th January 1959. This also resulted in achieving the Australian record for speed around 300 km and 200 km triangles of 60 km/hr and a SA State height record of Absolute altitude of 15,300 Ft and a Gain-of-Height of 14,500 Ft.

His longest duration flight was in a **Kite 2** glider, with a duration of 5 hours 30 minutes. Graham has achieved the A, B, C, Silver C and Gold C badges.

Graham's most treasured memory of gliding at Waikerie.

Graham recalled two other flights, which have remained fairly vivid in his memory, the first during a flight with **Denby Thompson** on 15th November 1956. During a winch launch in the T35, the glider was struck by lightning, setting the wingtip on fire.

The second involved a huntsman spider, which crawled from an air-vent at 6000 Ft – but was caught by a leg when Graham shut the airvent – where it stayed until he landed.

Graham Francis 2007.

Congratulations we are Seventy

70th year and already looking forward to our 75th and 100. Negotiations with the Council are progressing to renew our lease. If we can gain a 30 year lease that would ensure a secure future for the club. Let's continue to carry on with many of the great things the club has achieved since 1937. Thanks to Rob Moore who provided us with this interesting look at our clubs history

From: "Robert Moore"
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Subject: Congratulations Waikerie

Waikerie Gliding Club you have been a leading light in the Australian gliding movement for the 70 years you have been in existence.

A few things that come to mind the clubs dominance of the competition scene in the 1960s and beyond; Waikerie was the first club in Australia to go "professional" and many clubs followed your example.

It was Waikerie that set the standard of World Championships for many years. It was at the Waikerie Championships that the first World Competition Teams Village was initiated and is now a regular feature at World Championships.

It was from some of the profits \$20,000 that the International teams fund started. This fund now provides funds for Australian pilots to compete in World Championships.

Waikerie had the first Junior national gliding team with pilots from Waikerie competing in National Championships before they were 20, Malcolm Jinks Competed in South Cerney GB in 1965 as a Twenty year old and this was against the big boys. The concept of a junior gliding movement is now an established GFA group but 40 years later.

Maurie Bradney's Legacy as a National coach is legendary with his notes 'Flying further and faster' are sought after all over the world.

Congratulations Waikerie on the occasion of your 70th Birthday the club has been an inspiration to many a Glider pilot from Australia and Overseas.

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