

## **JULY, 1998**

In spite of the winter, the weather and the end of the financial year, June was a big month for the club. Much of the success was due to Denis Lambert's enthusiasm, effort & persistence in organising the ridge-soaring camp at Watts Bridge. Whilst Denis has covered the long weekend in his report, there was a lot of unselfish effort put in which made the expedition the success it turned out to be. Alec Russell helped to launch the fibreglass two-seaters from Jondaryan on the Friday afternoon then turned up at Watts Bridge and acted as a Duty Pilot. Other Duty Pilots were Ken Stehbins and Shane Anderson. The five club aircraft were tied down, in the open, overnight and each morning saw the early brigade with bucket and chamois in order to make them presentable & serviceable. Particular attention was paid to canopies and these aircraft were all given special treatment with plastic polish. This provided the occupants with good vision in somewhat difficult circumstances, particularly when running along the ridge on the westerly beat towards the end of the day. We should all be mindful of the time of last light on these short winter days and plan to be back on the ground in good time. "Dancing in the Dark" is OK, but landing in it isn't.

### **The Ridge :**

Some good flight times were racked up on the ridge : Peter Holmes (SO) - 2:25 & 3:50, Lars Zehnder (XC) - 2:54, Heinz Zehnder (XC) - 1:56 & 2:10, Murray Knight & David Griffin (IUR) - 3:38, Bob Ward (BW) - 5:00, Denis Lambert & Peter Thomas (RI) - 2:07, Hank Kauffmann (BD) - 2:56, Roly Sundell (ZO) - 3:50. Not bad scores for winter!

### **Blasts from the Past :**

It was good to see Ken Stehbins again as well as Lorraine & Hank Kauffmann. Glen Hart & Bill Bagley were two of Caboolture's tug pilots and they are both well known to some of our longer-term members.

### **Scouts :**

The Scouts day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June went well, in spite of indifferent weather. Tony Barker had his first Grob solo flight. The next "Scouts" day will actually be a Guides day on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Between 25 & 30 Guides, Rover Guides & Leaders will be participating so a 7 AM start (of flying operations) will be essential. Anyone wanting to help can phone Murray and/or turn up on the day (early.)

### **Despatches :**

Discus XOT now lives at Warwick under the parentage of Val & Bill Wilkinson.

### **Testimonials :**

In recent times we have received letters of gratitude from David & Carol Lyall (Scouts), Hughie Dare (Caboolture GC) & Nancy Sommerfield (Toowoomba). It is satisfying to read that we have given sufficient pleasure to people that they take the trouble to put pen to paper.

### **Loss :**

We are saddened by the loss of Libby Matuszczac's son, James, to muscular dystrophy. In spite of all of the effort that Libby puts into her family she still feels enough for the club to help with the production & distribution of "CHAOTIC". Our sincere sympathy & good wishes go out to Libby & her family.

**Communication :**

In the near future we shall be surveying members with a questionnaire. In the meantime, a new format Membership Directory is enclosed. You will notice that this contains provision for mobile phone, fax & e-mail information. Please add/amend & fax to Murray on 07 3868 2517 and we shall be able to improve the effectiveness of our communication and networking. When it is "complete" the directory will be sent to all members.

**President's Message :**

I shall be away, again, from 7<sup>th</sup> July to the end of August. Russell Bennett has kindly agreed to deputise during that period. The Annual General Meeting will be held in Toowoomba on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a dinner to follow. The Burke & Wills motel is a likely venue and we would like this to be an enjoyable social occasion. The annual accounts will be prepared in advance and any member wishing to analyse these prior to the AGM should contact Trevor for a copy.

**Tug Master's Report :**

The Pawnee recently lost brake fluid from one of the lines to the wheels because the disc pads had worn beyond the point where a seal was sustainable. New pads were fitted by Dalby Air Maintenance. Please watch for this in future pre-flight inspections. The radio needs to be checked as transmissions are sometimes indecipherable.

**CFI's Report :**

**Flying** Over the recent June long weekend the club attended a Ridge Camp at Watts Bridge near Esk. This was at the invitation of the Caboolture Gliding Club courtesy of Ian Perkins (club vice president). The 3 club 2-seaters were aerotowed across using a dual tow on the Friday and a single tow on the Saturday. and the 2 single seaters were trailered. The weather co-operated fairly well and everyone managed to get some flying done. There were 16 gliders attending along with 2 tug aircraft (ours & Caboolture's) which flew over 130 launches, so it was a busy weekend. The ridge, itself, is about 16 km long with a couple of changes in direction and this provided a good run that had no difficult areas to cross. The club aircraft flew 45 hrs and the private owners an additional 35 hrs. Our club gliders did 74 flights and our Pawnee tug did 63 launches. Glider hire income was approximately \$1050 and towing income was approximately \$2000. Close on 25 club members attended at various times throughout the weekend. Saturday was a weak thermal day with some pilots reporting climbs of 3-4 knots, followed by dinner and some mixed drinks of port, red wine and beer at the local in Toogoolawah. Takes the chill away! Sunday was a day of strong ridge lift which allowed speeds of up to 80 knots with height still being gained. This was then followed by a roaring camp fire which destroyed my faithful old jaffle iron. Monday had some moderate ridge lift which eventually allowed speeds

of around 65 Kt to be maintained without height loss. We then dual aerotowed the Puchacz and the Grob 103 back to DDSC. A special mention goes to the people who assisted in making this all happen. Stow Kentish (for providing his tug aircraft on the Friday afternoon) Trevor Bange (Stow's co-pilot), John Davis ( tug pilot **extraordinaire** for the whole weekend), Murray Knight/Dave Griffin (troubleshooting, dual towing, instructing, duty piloting), Richard Hoskings (LS7 transport) Dave McManus/ Peter Thomas (Hornet transport), Peter Bell ( K7 transport, firewood, instructing, dual towing) Des Baartz (Hornet transport) and Peter Holmes ( K7 aerotow, troubleshooting). A good club team effort which we should attempt more often. This type of operation is a great way of seeing another side of gliding and could be a good option during winter in the future. There are other Caboolture GC camps on July 11/12 and Aug.15/16 but we have no planned involvement. Midweek flying has been hampered by poor weather and a lack of interest and has not eventuated. Therefore, as it is now winter, we shall stop midweek flying until September. The pylon race scheduled for Sat 13 June did not eventuate due to poor conditions although Shane Anderson and Dave McManus are claiming victory in club class because they actually started.. The next race will tentatively be Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Aircraft:** Members are still not looking after aircraft correctly. The club gliders are being left unwashed, left with batteries and parachutes in them, without canopy covers and with daily flight times not filled in. Equipment needs to be looked after in order to last. A sign reminding members of some of these requirements placed on the inside of the hangar doors may be part of the answer.

**Scouts:** The Scouts appear to be keen to continue with us with July, October and November already fully booked. We have received two new members from them, so far.

**ATC Cadets:** The ATC cadets visited the club on sat 13 June and were given about 11 flights in the club aircraft. All appeared to enjoy their flights although there was very limited thermal activity with Trevor Bange at one stage gaining a huge 400 ft. Trevor has also been negotiating with the ATC to get some of the cadets' flying back to our club. They could expect to be operating during the school holidays in September. The direct spin-off could be that midweek flying may be available during that time. We also may have some midweek courses running during September.

**Currency Checks:** Thanks to everyone who has come forward and got their checks and medicals out of the way. This is an annual check, no more no less. If you have not done both then you are not deemed current and cannot fly from DDSC, under any circumstances.

**CFI Absence:** I shall be away till 24 July. Peter Bell has agreed to be the point of contact during this time and Trevor Bange will take all aircraft and course bookings.

**Radio Frequencies:** I have put together the relevant radio frequencies for use in the club's area of operations. There will be a set placed in each club aircraft in the near future. Be aware that these may change and that the onus is on the individual pilot to ensure they have the correct information.

Well I'm off to the Snow  
Safe Flying - Denis

DDSC CIRCUIT	122.7	DDSC CIRCUIT	122.7
X-COUNTRY - PRIMARY	122.9	X-COUNTRY - PRIMARY	122.9
X-COUNTRY - ALTERNATE	122.5	X-COUNTRY - ALTERNATE	122.5
DALBY/CHINCHILLA CTAF	126.7	DALBY/CHINCHILLA CTAF	126.7
TOOWOOMBA CTAF	126.7	TOOWOOMBA CTAF	126.7
OAKEY TOWER/MBZ	120.1	OAKEY TOWER/MBZ	120.1
OAKEY APPROACH	125.4	OAKEY APPROACH	125.4
OAKEY ATIS	124.3	OAKEY ATIS	124.3
AREA FREQUENCY (BRIS)	123.9	AREA FREQUENCY (BRIS)	123.9

**Airworthiness Officer's Report :**

LS7 - Harness re-webbed & refitted. Puchacz airbrakes now painted reddd! Grob maximum speed now restricted & placarded to 92 Kt until the trim bush is replaced at the upcoming Form 2. We are now in the Form 2 "season" and the teams working on each aircraft could do with some help, even if it is just polishing the aircraft. If you are interested, please contact the leader named in the calendar.

**Club General Meeting :**

Held on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to the following for participating : John Buchanan, Virgil Creati, Trevor Bange, Denis Lambert, Russell Bennett, Robert Bradley, Shane McCaffrey, Murray Knight, John Moore, Peter Bell, Shane Anderson, Ron Brecknell, Rod Crawford, Davis Punshon, David McManus. Apology : Bob Ward. The concept of car pooling from Brisbane was dropped due to lack of interest.

Bunkhouse & caravan site accommodation charges **to members** have been dropped. A fee of \$7 per night will apply to visitors. TIF charges are now : (a) 2,000 ft launch X no more than 20 minutes - \$60. (b) 3,000 ft launch (if necessary) X minimum of 20 minutes - \$80. Price lists for club charges will be posted in the clubhouse & caravan.

**Wave Flying :**

There is a possibility of a wave camp at Kingaroy for one week in August. Daryl Hansen, KSC President is discussing it with his members & committee. He will keep us informed. Murray will notify DDSC of outcome.

**Calendar of Events :**

FUNCTION	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	CONTACT
Committee	Sat 11			Virgil

<b>Club General</b>	-	-		<b>Virgil</b>
<b>AGM</b>	-	-	<b>Sat 27*</b>	<b>Virgil</b>
<b>Instructors mtg</b>	<b>Wed 29*</b>			<b>Denis</b>
<b>Pylon races</b>				<b>Denis</b>
<b>Club Comps</b>	<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>Sat 01</b>	<b>Sat 05</b>	<b>Peter Holmes</b>
<b>Oakey airshow</b>	-	-	<b>Sun 06</b>	<b>Denis/Murray</b>
<b>Scouts/Guides</b>	<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>Scout course</b>	-	-	<b>Mon 07 - Fri 11 #</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>ATC course</b>	-	-	<b>Sun 27 to Sun 04</b>	<b>Trevor</b>
<b>Ab initio course</b>	-	-	<b>Mon 21 - Fri 25#</b>	<b>Denis</b>
<b>Working Bee</b>		<b>Sat 22</b>		<b>Shane McC</b>
<b>Midweek Flying</b>	<b>Fri 17 (?)</b>	-	-	<b>Murray</b>
<b>KSC wave camp</b>	-	<b>TBA *</b>	-	<b>Murray</b>
<b>LS7 form 2</b>	<b>under way</b>	-	-	<b>Peter Holmes</b>
<b>K7 form 2</b>				
<b>Grob form 2</b>				
<b>Hornet form 2</b>				
<b>Puchacz form 2</b>				

(\* held offsite)  
(# tentative)

You've got to be in it.