

## **SEPTEMBER 1998**

A lot of consolidation & maintenance work has been done throughout the winter months & this should stand us in good stead throughout the soaring season.

The Puchacz & Hornet have had Form 2 inspections completed & they now join the Grob & LS7 on line.

Serious attempts were made to set up a wave camp at Kingaroy & a ridge camp at Watts Bridge but both were affected by bad weather. Murray Knight took the Grob over to Kingaroy with David McManus in the front seat. The departure was delayed by the best part of two days due to heavy rain. The flight over late on the Thursday afternoon was very scenic, weaving through & above the cumulus clouds as we crossed the Bunyas. We enjoyed the hospitality of the Kingaroy Soaring Club, arose at 5:00 AM on the Friday and Dieter found himself in the front seat on the way back to the range at 8:00. The wind wasn't strong enough at first & then increased to 50kts from the wrong direction ! We met a new farmer called Evan at Brooklands, just east of Kumbia. Peter Bell led the retrieve crew & all was well, that ended well. Rumour has it that Dieter is still dining off the story. Bob Garnett scored a ride in the KSC ASK21 & missed out on joining us on the ground due to good radio communications. Rod Crawford missed out on flying ( maybe he was lucky.) John Moore lent us his oxygen equipment which was fitted to the Grob & worked well. Thanks, John.

One week later, Peter Bell flew the Puchacz to Watts Bridge, on the Saturday, behind Stow's 180. Peter & Stow sure love adventure. The weather acted up & Peter came back the same afternoon. Some good flying was done by the Puchacz & the Hornet, however. Thanks to Stow for both ferries.

### **CFI**

Once a commitment to joining a circuit has been made, you **must** continue the circuit & complete a landing. There is to be no thermalling after the downwind leg has been entered.

There are still some members who have not had annual currency flight checks and/or have not produced relevant medical certification. From 1<sup>st</sup> September they will no longer be deemed current. All instructors need to bring their last two years' flight details to the meeting next week. This is a revalidation requirement.

### **Airworthiness Officer**

LS7 is grounded because of certification requirements. Puchacz was overhauled by Ron Muir, Trevor Bange, Des Cramer, Alf Garrone & Russell Bennett. No air time was lost as it was all done mid-week. The Hornet was completed by Bob Keen. A new seat cushion was donated by Murray Knight.

### **Hornet GMV**

Bob Keen would like to organise a Hornet Pilots' working bee to really spruce up the aircraft. All MV pilots are asked to contact Bob so they can participate.

### **Club Contact Directory**

Trevor, Dieter & Murray are still working on this & still waiting for updates. Please notify us of any changes. We are particularly interested in fax & e mail details.

### **Caravan Annexe**

Has disappeared. Does anyone know where it is ?

### **ATC Cadets**

Morrie Hill is bringing 8 cadets to the club on Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> for a one week camp.

### **Treasurer**

Name badges have been produced for certain key club personnel. They cost \$2 which has been debited to those members' accounts. If you see that you have been "named", your badge is available from me. GFA annual subs of \$145 have been posted to all full member accounts. Please cover this with a payment to DDSC so that the funds can be remitted to GFA.

### **Flying**

Well-know Brisbane radio identity, John Knox, had a heavy weekends' flying on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & went solo in both the Grob & the Puchacz. Well done. John Geddes had a couple of good soaring flights in the ASK14.

### **For Sale**

Share of Mosquito FQR. Contact Max Tews.

### **Website**

The club's website is now up and running and has had over 170 visitors in the first three weeks. For those who are yet to visit, you can find the site at <http://www.powerup.com.au/~shanea/ddsc/home.htm>

If you have any interesting stories about your or others' soaring experiences, or have any photographs of personalities or activities at the club and would like to see them placed on the website, you can contact Shane Anderson on 07 3345 2437 for details, or email at [shane@powerup.com.au](mailto:shane@powerup.com.au) .

Remember, it's your site, so if you have any comments or suggestions, let Shane know.

### **Calendar of Events**

	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>AGM</b>	<b>Sat 12 *</b>	-	-	<b>Bob Ward</b>
<b>Committee</b>	<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Virgil</b>
<b>Scouts/Guides</b>	<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Sat 17</b>	<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>Sat 26</b>	-	-	<b>Denis Lambert</b>
<b>Club Comps</b>	<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>Sat 31</b>	<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>Peter Holmes</b>
<b>* held off-site</b>				