

## **October 1998**

### **President**

The wet weather continues to stalk us and seems to be perfectly synchronised with the weekends. We put one wet weekend to good use, however, when we held our Annual General Meeting at the (former) railway refreshment rooms at Toowoomba Railway Station. The venue, atmosphere & service were great and thanks go to Terry Mosler & Bob Ward for their organising efforts.

New office bearers were elected as follows : President - John Buchanan, Treasurer - Trevor Bange, Secretary - Kevin Senz, CFI - Denis Lambert, Airworthiness - Steve Mountstephen, Tugmaster - Mark Robertson, Canteen - Bob Ward, Committee - Virgil Creati & Terry Mosler, Marketing & Promotion - Murray Knight. It is good to be able to read out some new names along with those of the stalwarts. It is a tribute to the depth & stability of our club to be able to effect such an orderly transition. Thanks to the previous executive for their good work. Patricia Mills presented three awards : Most Improved Pilot - Shane Andersen, Most Improved Cross-Country Pilot - Lars Zehnder, Club Service - Murray Knight. The recipients were grateful for the recognition and to Trevor Bange for having the old trophies refurbished.

### **CFI**

Congratulations go to Shane Andersen who was granted his AEI rating at the last panel meeting. On midnight 15 Sep 1998 the club cancelled its Air operators Certificate (AOC). This means that there will be no "passenger" flights, only TIFs. You will, of course, still be able to fly family and close friends as before. Just a comment on low flying.

You must make a conscious decision to break off your flight and stop thermalling with enough height to do a safe circuit and landing. Between 800 and 1000 ft AGL is about right. If you continue to attempt to thermal you run a very real risk of either spinning the glider or thermalling all the way to the ground. Both results can be extremely unpleasant. Demonstrate situation awareness and avoid the situation.

To reiterate our club's spinning policy with the Puchacz: All spins must be fully recovered above 1500ft AGL. This means 1500ft at the bottom of the recovery dive. A new map is now in the club house with airspace and radio frequencies displayed. Radio frequencies are also displayed in all club gliders. The radio frequency 123.9 is incorrect and has been updated by CASA to 121.2 on the latest map.

We ran a week of training from Mon 21 to Sat 26 Sep which was well attended. Belinda Fordyce came all the way from Longreach to attend and had a great time. Michael Pierce went solo, again. The Qld State Comps and the Qld Teams Challenge events are coming up in late Sep and early Oct for all those keen cross country pilots. Start thinking about dual cross country and entering into the Decentralised Comps. A southern club won last year with a flight of 70 km, surely we can beat that distance?

The monthly Scout day took place on Sat 19 and was a great success with over 10 Scouts turning up. The club pylon race was also on the of same day and was very successful. However, if you re-light, clear the active path on the runway & go to the back of the grid.

The club has purchased a new video recorder for use at the clubhouse by overnight members, please take care of it. Donations of videos would be appreciated.

Please ensure that if you have not signed a medical form or had an annual check flight that this is done before you operate from DDSC. Could all instructors and tug pilots send me a list of dates that they are unable to be rostered on by the 10th October ? The next instructor meeting will be on Thursday 8th October in Toowoomba. All instructors please bring your logbooks as we need to discuss prospective training course candidates.

#### **Spinning**

The GFA (full) spin recovery sequence is -

Full opposite rudder

Ensuring ailerons central, move stick forward until spinning stops

Centralise rudder

Recover from dive

#### **Tugmaster**

The Pawnee will be going to the comps on Sunday 4th October. It will be away all that day & up to and including, the following Saturday 10th. Stow will stand in at DDSC with his C180. Please ensure that you turn off the master switch after flight, particularly when using the strobe, transponder, etc.

#### **Airworthiness**

The Hornet is now our temporary flagship. At the moment its appearance doesn't do its position in the fleet justice. Bob Keen is still waiting to hear from those grateful Hornet pilots who want to put something back into this loyal & faithful aircraft.

#### **General News**

##### **Pylon Race**

Held on 19th in challenging conditions. Thanks to Denis for his organisation. Not everyone was able to complete the task. Murray Knight & Michael Codling very nearly outlanded the Puchacz at Jondaryan township. Barry Daniel won the Sports class in the Hornet. Denis Lambert & Franko Crepinsek took out Club class in the Grob.

##### **Members**

Welcome to Robert Scott. Max Tews has sold his share of Mosquito FQR to Richard Hoskings & Colin Adam. Sad to see Black Max fade from the scene.

##### **For Sale**

Owen Jones has the Diamant on the market at a bargain price.

##### **Desperate & Dateless**

Ron Brecknell is still looking for a mate (partner).

##### **CHAOTIC Copy**

Murray needs all contributions by 20th each month.