

## May 1999

Thanks to Trevor Hamley & Denis Lambert for keeping 'CHAOTIC' going whilst I was on holidays. When you are taking your times off the time sheet, spare a moment to note some "remarks" about your flight so that this newsletter can be made more interesting. April was a busy month, in spite of some unkind weather. For the first time in a while, the club continued to operate at home as well as participating at the Easter Comps at Thangool. Peter Bell, Dudley Waters, Andrew Georgeson, David McManus & Bob Ward went up to Thangool & Bob got a first placing. CQ kindly gave David a ride in their Jantar. A new radio has been installed in the pie cart. The Grob & the Puchacz were the two top revenue earners in February.

### **GFA/HGFA Proposed Amalgamation**

Plenty has been written about it, including the "L/D" supplement to "AG" containing the minutes of the last combined national meeting. The next publication will include the financial statements of both the existing organisations. Make sure that you vote when the time comes.

### **Publicity**

Hope you are making use of the poster which went out in the March "CHAOTIC." We need to stimulate activity over the winter months as we have to pay off the new Puchacz & then save up for a down payment on the next aircraft after that. Advertisements have been placed in the Toowoomba "Chronicle" & "Star" newspapers offering Mothers' Day Gift Vouchers for DDSC. We need to form a Marketing Sub-Committee with members from both Toowoomba (the Downs) & Brisbane. Anyone interested please contact Murray. We have received a letter of thanks from Frank Thoma, an expatriate German of Woosung, Korea. Frank flew with us and had a memorable time & said he'll be back.

### **Committee**

A blue reflective sign will be installed at the Masons Road/Highway turnoff & a gravel turnout lane will be installed when government funds permit. A trial area of African Star grass has been laid on the airfield just to the west of the hangars. The new pergola is fabricated and awaiting installation & the new septic system is in progress. The entry road from Masons Road into the strip has been resurfaced & widened to two lanes.

### **Lost Property**

We are still missing Puchacz & Diamant canopy covers, LS7 ballast weight & the microphone from the clubhouse radio. The Grob & Puchacz were the top revenue makers in February.

### **Scouts/Guides**

There is an annual Air Activities weekend at Chinchilla 5/6 June & we shall be taking a two seater. Another successful day was held at DDSC on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Airworthiness Officer**

Volunteers needed to work on club aircraft. A course is being conducted at Kingaroy later this year. Contact Robert Scott

### **QSA State Comps**

We are hosting the October comps. Volunteers needed. Please contact John Buchanan. E-mail - [jbukes@ozemail.com.au](mailto:jbukes@ozemail.com.au)

### **Membership**

Welcome to Ian Perkins of Caboolture Gliding Club. Farewell to Sandy Sanderson. Lars Zehnder has returned. Tony Newton turned up & had an annual check flight.

### **Chief Flying Instructor**

122.5 is now the official local gliding frequency & "McCaffrey Field" the call sign as this is as shown on charts etc. This is how we are known to the civilian & military aviation communities who are confused by "Jondaryan Base." Chris Anifots has converted to the Hornet & has his C certificate. Ken Stehbens & Shane Andersen are now Level 1 instructors. Congratulations to Simone Snell (solo - C certificate) & Stephen Gee (first solo.)

### **Duty Pilots**

The system & the roster are proving their worth. We need a few more people. Please contact David McManus.

## **Planning**

A one day strategic planning workshop will be held in Toowoomba on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

## **Treasurer**

Trevor will be away on leave from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & well out of range. Please leave the flight sheets with Denis Lambert during that period.

## **Visitors**

Brian Major dropped in on the 26<sup>th</sup> for a look around. Brian was a DDSC member 20 years ago & has a 5/8 scale P51 Mustang which he built himself. He also owns a Cessna 182. Judy Lentle was over from South Africa & converted to the LS7 in which she had a good cross country flight with "the boys" on Anzac Day. Dieter Hidenbrand from Hunter Valley brought his Mosquito up for a few weeks & fell in love with our club whilst Ted McNally from Tarwan SC at Taroom has based their club's Libelle at McCaffrey for a while. Ted lives in Dalby. Trevor west brought his ASW20 up from Lake Keepit & showed the locals how it was done. Doug Brooks had a flight in RI with Trevor Bange & vowed to return & go solo again. Doug has been flying a Skyfox out of Redcliffe.

## **Flying**

There have been some good long flights, right up to the end of the month & well into autumn - John Buchanan - 4:15, 5:30, 4:40 (Discus SO) 4:14, 5:28 (LS8-18 BB), Brett Buchanan - 4:16, 4:54, 4:40 (LS8-18 BB), Trevor West - 3:45, 3:32, 4:38 (ASW20 UKJ), Lars Zehnder - 4:30 (Janus VX) 5:00, 3:54, 3:10 (Kestrel XC), Peter Holmes - 3:20, 4:27, 4:25, 4:14 (Discus SO), J Prosser - 5:13 (Nimbus AW), Chris Anifitos - 3:02 (Grob IUR) 3:00, 3:29 (Hornet MV) 3:50 (Puchacz RI), Roly Sundell - 3:50, 3:49, 4:25 (Mosquito GZO), Reg Trevor - 3:30 (DG101 WQR), Peter Bell - 4:00 (LS7 XOW), Owen Jones - 4:09, 3:30, 4:15 (Diamant EC), Andrew Georgeson - 4:08, 4:14 (LS8 AG), John Moore - 4:08, 3:57 (Ventus 2CM LR), Bob Ward - 4:00, 3:56, 4:20 (Ventus 2CM BW), M Hurst - 3:18 (Libelle JW), Dudley Waters - 5.10, 4:50 (ASW20 XHG), Ted McNally - 3:07 (Libelle JW), Shane McCaffrey - 3:43 (Janus VX), Judy Lentle - 3:23 (LS7 XOW), Murray Knight - 4:05 (Mosquito FQR), Michael Codling - 3:50 (Hornet MV), Ken Stehbens - 3:50 (LS7 XOW)