

## October 1999

September was another action-packed month, culminating in the AGM & the Teams Challenge. Along the way we managed to cram in an Open Day for the RAAF Air Traffic Controllers & the Army pilots as well as Scouts, ATC cadets & a pylon race. The last weekend of the month, however, turned into somewhat of a public relations disaster when the Sunday's club flying got off to a late start & a lack of organisation & instructing resources saw a number of keen pilots & passengers go away unfulfilled. The club in recent years has set a high standard of performance in these areas and it takes only one lapse such as this to undo a lot of the goodwill. Considerable effort will now have to be expended by senior personnel, who were not involved on the day, to try to rectify the damage. This incident highlights the need for Duty Pilots & illustrates the fact that we are all salespersons for the club & for gliding as a whole. There needs to be an awareness of the order in which people arrive at the field & care should be taken to avoid favouritism or to give precedence to those who are more pushy than others. I don't feel happy about raving on like this but snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory is not going to pay the bills or make for a progressive & developing club. Setting a bad example also causes a drop in standards. On the other hand, we are a voluntary organisation & perhaps, if more members were "involved", the core wouldn't suffer the occasional burnout. The club flew on 16 days during the month which was a great effort & required a lot of organisation. Thanks to Denis Lambert for organising the Teams Challenge.

### Farewell

Ian Young passed away after a long, dignified & courageous struggle. He was a special man who contributed a lot to the club & the community. Our sympathy & best wishes to Sheelagh & their families.

### AGM

Thirty-eight members, plus their guests, attended the AGM at the Railway Refreshment Rooms at Toowoomba Station and everyone enjoyed a great night.

### Election of Committee & Office Bearers

President: Trevor Hamley, Secretary: Kevin Senz, Treasurer: Trevor Bange, CFI: Peter Bell, Airworthiness Officer: Shane McCaffrey, Canteen Officer: Dudley Waters, Tug Master: Mark Robertson, Committee : Shane Anderson, John Moore, Marketing: Murray Knight, Past President: John Buchanan. Thanks to all those who put in the effort last year & welcome to the new faces.

### Awards

Rex Teakle - Most Improved Pilot: **Chris Anifotos**, Murray Noble - Most Improved Cross Country Pilot : **David McManus**, Wally Mills - Club Service Award: **Shane Andersen**, DDSC Outstanding Achievement Award: **Bob Ward** for 1000km flight.

### CFI

The elevator trim on the new Pucacz, QX, is very different from that of RI. It is even more powerful & requires careful setting before takeoff. The aircraft may require re-trimming during climb & certainly needs attention during aerobatics, particularly loops. It will be checked in comparison with RI & reset, if necessary. In the meantime, be careful. There was an increase in initial badge claims (ABC) & higher badge claims, particularly Silver C, throughout the year.

### Tug Master

C182 CMN should be flying by mid October. Thanks to Stow Kentish for helping out during the Teams Challenge with C180 MDK..

### Airworthiness Officer

The clear vision panels on QX are still stiff & one was lost overboard last weekend. Please take & advise care when operating until they wear in &/or have been lubricated.

### Pylon Race

A 150km triangle around Yandilla silos & Dalby airfield was won by: Dudley Waters (national class), with club class being taken out by Michael Codling & Tony Barker in the well-faired Grob IUR. Apparently it went so well at speed that it upset some of the single seaters.

### Working Bee

An intensive & very productive effort on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The new hot water system was fitted (but still needs connecting to the mains), the inside of the shower block was painted & shower curtains fitted, lots of tidying

up which has had a noticeable effect. Thanks to all of those keen members who gave their time & energy, particularly the ones who travelled specially from Brisbane. The ATC cadets also pitched in around the place whilst they were here.

### **Runway Surface**

Dudley organised an "emu parade" of local school children which has made a noticeable improvement to the loose stones on the strip.

### **Whiteboard**

A couple of years ago, a large whiteboard was hung on the club house wall to serve as a notice board and communication medium between members. It is now so fully covered that it looks like the side of a graffitied QR grain wagon. It is divided into four important sections: Airworthiness, Operations, General & Club Info. Will "someone" please erase all of the trivia & obsolete material so that it can be used for the intended purpose? Items such as the lost QX clear vision panel can then be entered (as well as in the "minor defects" section of the Maintenance Release.)

### **Welcome**

Rick Nothard (from hang gliding), Tony Cavannia (glider pilot ex WA), Paul Wetherspoon who flew mutual with brother Anthony. Mike Sheppard who is down from Cairns. John Buchanan back after his success at the World Comps. Pat Sanger down from Gympie with Standard Cirrus GOW. Andrew Georgeson is also back from the Worlds. Errol Spletter brought LS1f (WR) up from Warwick for the Teams Challenge & Maurie Bradney came from Waikerie SA & Malcolm Keys from Taroom to staff the TC. Bill & Val Wilkinson turned up for the comps with Discus XOT, Andrew Ward is back & Bevan Lane paid us a visit & gave his time to the TC.

### **The Flying**

There was plenty of it. Chris Anifto: 5:49, 2:05 (XV) 3:17 (OW) Allan Latemore: 3:08, 2:42 (WQR) Dudley Waters: 4:02, 4:11, 4:34, 3:49, 2:52, 3:25, 3:53, 2:31 (XHC) Roly Sundell: 4:05, 2:04 (ZO) Bob Keen: 2:30 (MV) David Griffin: 2:42, 2:30 (FQR) Lars Zehnder: 3:58 (XC) David McManus: 3:30 (XV) 3:42, 3:23 (XOW) Owen Jones: 4:20 (EC) John Moore: 3:13, 4:32, 2:16, 3:40 (LR) Peter Griffiths & John Knox 2:40 (XY) Robert Bradley & Chris Anifto: 3:37 (XQA) Allan Latemore & Steve Harris: 2:24 (IUR) Peter Thomas & Dieter Gerschwitz: 3:36 (RI) Michael Codling & Tony Barker: 2:51 (IUR) Peter Bell & Steve Harris: 3:21 (QX) Denis Lambert: 3:14 (MV) Shane Andersen: 2:34 (XV) Peter Griffiths & Lars Zehnder: 3:24, 3:31 (XY) Murray Knight: 2:21 (XC) John Geddes: 2:48 (XU) Peter Griffiths: 2:17 (XY) Bob Ward: 2:07, 3:58 (BW) Ian Hall: 3:10, 2:23 (QX) Simone Snell: 3:23 (IUR) Peter Thomas: 2:30, 3:53 (XV) Tony Cavannia: 2:40 (QX) John Buchanan: 3:27, 4:14 (BB) Heinz Zehnder: 4:00, 3:59, 2:22, 2:17, 3:30 (XC) Pat Sanger: 2:36, 3:51, 2:21 (GOW) Paul Owens: 4:04 (MV) Robert Bradley: 2:43 (XQA) Andrew Georgeson: 3:10, 2:20, 3:24 (AG) Malcolm Keys & Michael Codling: 4:14 (RI) Peter Bell: 3:33 (GH) Peter Griffiths & Dennis McCaffrey: 3:11 (XY) Errol Spletter: 2:57, 3:39, 3:53 (WR) Mike Sheppard: 3:01, 2:35 (MV) Michael Codling: 2:38, 2:02, 2:48 (XV) Peter Thomas & Malcolm Keys: 2:47 (IUR) Maurie Bradney & Michael Codling: 2:02 (IUR) Mike Sheppard & Maurie Bradney: 2:25 (IUR) Bevan Lane: 3:09 (XOW) Trevor Hamley: 2:56 (MV) Shane McCaffrey: 2:33 (GH) Denis Lambert & Mike Sheppard: 2:41 (RI) Allan Latemore & Peter Thomas: 2:06 (IUR) C Hostettler: 2:15 (CH). There was plenty of outlanding & retrieve practice during the Teams Challenge week. (Don't mention the weather.)

### **Congratulations**

To Dieter Gerschwitz for his conversion to the Hornet.

### **Air Show**

The Porterfield & Starlet beat up runway 12 on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, laying down sonic booms. We are expecting complaints from the local farming community. We have upward of 15 powered aircraft amongst our membership. Should we have a fly-in, or some other event, to exercise this black side of our culture?

### **More help wanted**

The club is getting busier by the month. Some of the "regulars" are becoming pretty heavily loaded. If you can help, particularly with flying operations, eg. Duty Pilot, Tow Pilot or Passenger Carrying/Instructing, please contact David McManus, Peter Bell or Mark Robertson.