

November 1999

It is pretty well the end of the year. Hard to believe. Where did it all go?

President

Thanks to those club members and their spouses who gave up their time to help out at the comps. Interstate visitors included: Andrew Ward, Tracey Tabart, Tony Tabart, Ian Barraclough whilst Christian Hoestler was over from Switzerland. Christian is a member of the Swiss national team. Closer to home, strong contingents arrived from Warwick, Kingaroy, Gympie and Boonah. Our competitors included: John Buchanan, Dudley Waters, Bob Ward, Andrew Georgeson, John East, Shane McCaffrey, Robert Bradley, Dennis McCaffrey, John Moore and Peter Griffiths. Special thanks to Bob Keen and Mark Robertson for their superhuman efforts before and during the event, Mike Codling for the start/finish gate and Libby Matuzsak for her experienced and professional handling of the time keeping and the outlanding reports. The official opening ceremony was addressed by former member and neighbour, now Mayor of Jondaryan, Peter Taylor and Lt Col Mark Harnwell from Oakey AAC. The highlight was when member Geoff Brown happened to inspect the runway surface from an F/A18B Hornet (not Glasflugel) en route Amberley-Williamtown. The generous application of afterburner was strictly for the purpose of drying out the runway. The final glides became more spectacular as the week progressed. Dudley enthralled the onlookers as he flew low across the sunset and disappeared behind a farmhouse, not to reappear. He then called calmly for urgent rescue before the giant travelling irrigator in his chosen field engulfed his aircraft. They pulled him out with only minutes to spare!

QSA State Championships Results

Open - 1. Hank Kauffmann 2. Tracey Tabart 3. Bob Ward. Standard - 1. John Buchanan 2. Matt Anglim 3. Tom Claffey. 15 Metre - 1. Bruce Taylor 2. Christian Hoestler 3. Trevor West.

QSA Celebrates 50 Years of GFA

GFA/QSA is to honour 8 people associated with the sport of soaring in Queensland. Each will receive a plaque commemorating their contribution over the past 50 years. Gallipoli Room, Goodna RSL Club, Woogaroo St, Goodna. Saturday 20th November at 12 noon. Contact QSA Secretary, Dave Donald on 3814 3886 or e-mail ddonald@bigpond.com or write to him at 6 Tania St, Redbank Plains 4301 by 13th November.

Christmas Party

Tentative for Saturday 18th December at McCaffrey Field. Catered dinner (\$12-15 per head) which means that the ladies can relax and enjoy themselves. Suggestions for events include - "air show" and/or fly in by all "club" powered aircraft, kids' jumping castle, Santa Claus, dual dawn launches, pylon race and light aircraft joy rides for juniors.

CFI

All aircraft should be landed in the "two point" attitude (main wheel and tail wheel) then the stick should be held BACK. In the case of the single-seaters to maintain directional control and minimise weathercocking/groundlooping. The two seaters should be rolled out by this method to allow speed to bleed off and to avoid "wheel-barrowing" on the nose wheel. Don't forget that I take all aircraft bookings. TIF bookings should be passed directly on to the duty instructor on the day concerned. We have some strong demand for flights in the next two months: ATC on 12/18 December, Toowoomba Air League 28th

November, Ulysses Motor Cycle Club 20 members on 21st November. Anyone rostered for duty on any of these "visitor" days has a great opportunity for plenty of flying and consequently, we are very dependent on your attendance and early arrival. Special thanks to David McManus for looking after passengers so well and enhancing the club's reputation for hospitality and professionalism. The proposed 7 NM Toowoomba MBZ would have no impact on DDSC.

Tugmaster

Just a short reminder that, when in the circuit, keep a good lookout and maintain a minimum of 500 ft when turning base. I have had some reports of erratic flying and excessive braking. If you are having trouble pulling up at the launch point simply land "long" and taxi back. In extreme cases, consider asking the duty instructor to move ops further up the strip. Keep the rope clear of crops on finals.

Airworthiness Officer

Please report/coordinate all airworthiness matters through me. Use the maintenance release to make appropriate notes. A B40 electric audio vario has been fitted to the Cirrus for the duration of its hire and the

minor de-rigging damage has been repaired. Don and Hardy have put considerable effort into the radio and Chris Aniftos has reinforced and secured the instrument panel. Ian White of Adelaide SC is working on the nose wheel fairing for the Grob. It would help minimise wear if the elevators were restrained (using the harness) when towing aircraft out to the launch point. The Hornet water bags are leaking.

Canteen Manager

Prices have been increased, where necessary, to reflect costs.

XC Chairman

The cross country training programme for the '99/00 soaring season is now under way. Any post solo pilot is eligible. It is desirable to be solo and current in the Grob as this is the principal cross country trainer. DDSC requires pilots to have had at least one satisfactory dual XC flight and be trained to a satisfactory standard in outfield landings before flying solo in the Initial Category XC area. They need to be able to provide a retrieve vehicle. Tie down gear and maps are essential and are provided, initially by the club/instructors but your own will eventually be of better use to you. All XC pilots or instructors who have not had an outlanding in the preceding 12 months may be required to undertake an outlanding check flight. (You may even feel that you would be more confident if you had one.) Please contact Allan Latemore on 4635 6558 for any enquiries or bookings.

Treasurer

We have had an approach for a bulk offer of insurance for all DDSC affiliated gliders and powered aircraft. A questionnaire will follow. We are facing a lot of outgoings so please keep your accounts as strongly into credit as possible.

Cessna 182 - CMN

Has been flown north for painting. It is a delight to fly and cruises at 135 knots. Thanks to Alf Garrone and Robert Bradley for getting it there on a difficult day. Any pilot wishing to fly CMN must have a cs endorsement. Please contact Mark Robertson if you are interested so he can arrange a bulk deal in Toowoomba.

Powered Aircraft

Please help us with this list - Pitts Special (Tony Gordon) Beech Baron (Alec Russell) Tiger Moth (John Geddes) Porterfield (Trevor Bange) Corby Starlet (Ron Muir) Cessna 180 (Stow Kentish) Cessna 182 (Des Baartz) Beech Baron (Peter Griffiths) RV6 (Robin Hill) Porterfield (Trevor Bange) Jodel D5 (Paul Dalziel) Rockwell 114 (John Moore) Piper Colt (Des Cramer) Piper Cherokee (Alf Garrone) Mustang Scale Replica (Brian Wager) Rutan Vari-Eze (Bob Garnett) Cessna 172 (Lindsay Richards) Tiger Moth (Trevor Bange) C7ec Champion (Trevor Bange) Piper Cherokee (Robert Bradley) xxx ultralight (Bob Keen) Chinook ultralight (John Mercer) xxx ultralight (Reg Trevor) BD4 (Mike Borgelt) Europa (John Moore) - not forgetting Pawnee 235 and C182 (DDSC!)

Flying

October's weather was "iffy" but the sheer number of days flown kept up our batting average. Mike Codling 2:09 (MV) Mike Codling and David McManus 2:04, 3:21 (IUR) Dave Thomson 2:00 (MV) 4:18 (XOW) Ralph Henderson and David McManus 2:00 (RI) Shane Andersen and Rick Nothard 2:08 (QX) Mike Codling 5:30 (XOW) Allan Latemore 3:12, 2:10 (WQR) Steve Harris 3:31 (MV) Ken Stehbens 2:21 (XV) Alec Russell :52 (IUR) John Buchanan 5:13 (BB) Richard Hoskings 3:49 (FQR) Tony Cavanna 3:57 (MV) 3:58 (XOW) Terry Mosler and Alec Russell 3:04 (IUR) Bob Ward 3:30 (BW) Peter Hastings 2:02 (XOW) Owen Jones 2:04 (EC) Dudley Waters 4:39 (XHC) Roly Sundell 2:15 (ZO) Dieter Gerschwitz 2:36 (MV). (This does not include the comps.) We are ahead of target to break last years' club flying record. We need to increase/maximise private a/c utilisation to set another record in that category as well.

New Members

Welcome to Rick Nothard, Leneese Fardell, Phil Szabo, Craig Finn, Tony Cavanna, Ian Hallt, Geoff Pratt, Antonio Silva and Matthew Wilson.

Visitors (who flew): Michael O'Brien (President SDAandSC), Neil Dunn (CFI KSC) Robert Percy (formerly of SDAandSC) Ken Munro (part owner XV) James Bange (of aviation family fame.)

Internet

Shane Andersen reports that, until very recently, our website was the most visited gliding club website in the world. In the 417 day period to 24th October there were 8730 visitors at an average of 75 per week. The highest week (181) was the current one and daily average has risen from 11 to 36. Thanks to Shane, amen.

On the matter of communication, a lot of the club information is now passing around electronically by e-mail or fax. I have obtained estimates for faxtams (combined fax, telephone, answering machine, photocopier) for anyone who is interested. These use your existing telephone line/number and interrogate incoming calls and respond accordingly.

Scouts/Guides

Big days on 23rd and 30th when 40 were flown. Thanks to Shane Andersen, David McManus and Peter Bell for instructing and to Robert Bradley and John Knox for their huge towing efforts.

Utilisation

The club now has a very desirable fleet but we are still hamstrung by low (mid-week) utilisation. Most of the club aircraft sat idle during the comps and our mid-week flying is usually conducted for a specific purpose, eg ATC, ab-initio training and the single-seaters are not used. Club membership is finite and we cannot expect, or rely, on members (alone) to keep the fleet in the air. Any aircraft not booked within a reasonable time before such operations will be promoted on the Internet to other clubs and members. (I tried this for the week 1-5 November but the notice was very short and the contact list limited. Feedback was very encouraging and some asked to be kept informed of future activity. MK)

Hangarage

An members interested in contributing to the construction of new private hangar(s) please contact Dudley Waters. Estimates are \$5/10,000 per unit.