

September 2000

August, in spite of very cold overnight temperatures and seasonal strong winds, turned on some remarkable weekend soaring days with two consecutive weekends of 8-10 knot thermals to 8500/10000 feet. The Grob and Puchacz RI have both completed annual Form 2 inspections and are back online. Shane McCaffrey had been hospitalised with a back injury but is now at home. Best wishes for a full and speedy recovery, Shane. Thanks to Peter Bell, Dudley Waters, Josh D'Arcy and Bob Keen for working on the two-seaters.

Significant flights

Michael Codling 1.48, 1.51 XOW, Barry Kruyssen 1.00 QX – 1.16 RI, Dudley Waters 5.40, 4.35, 3.42, 3.28 XHC, Chris Aniftos 5.30, 2.35 XOW – 4.45, 3.00 AG, Andrew Georgeson 3.27, 3.08, 3.58 AG – 1.09 RI, Nick Kranenberg 1.07 AW, Owen Jones 5.02 EC, Heinz Zehnder 3.40, 4.19 XC, Tony Cavanna 2.20, 2.10 MV- 1.38 QX – 3.33 XOW, Allan Latemore 2.00 WQR, J (or J) Thompson 1.05 AW, John Moore 1.40, 3.07 LR, Mike and Debbie Codling 1.44 IUR, Peter Thomas 3.07, 1.28 MV, Ron Brecknell 1.34 XOW, Steve Harris 4.23, 4.23 WQR, Bob Ward 3.06, 3.45, 4.06 BW, David McManus 5.17, 4.10 XOW, Richard Hoskings 4.28 FQR, Josh D'Arcy 1.40 QX – 1.00 RI, Peter Griffiths and Lars Zehnder 3.27, 2.38 XY, Roly Sundell 3.45 ZO, Peter Griffiths 3.33 XY, Jim Somerville 1.23 IUR, Trevor Hamley 3.40 XV. We are, quite obviously, in the grip of a drought (rain-wise, that is.)

Toowoomba Flyaway Day

Puch RI and CMN visited DDAC at Toowoomba Airport on Saturday 5th August. It was a day of 25-knot easterlies with some morning cloud cover. The scenery was very interesting and good lift was encountered over the range, Picnic Point and Table Top Mountain. Carole Knight found the landmarks and terrain a lot less boring than the flatlands and she was able to locate all the shopping malls of note. The Aero Club hosted the day and provided an unexpected and delicious BBQ lunch, courtesy of Club Captain and Chef Joe Baynes. Six DDAC members flew with us and David McManus had the pleasure of taking (his power) Instructor Tim Berry for a 26-minute flight in GRI. Barry Kruyssen had his first airborne encounter with DDSC there, with 34 minutes in RI and joined up the next day.

Aero Club

We received lots of coverage, complete with photos, in the August-September "Slipstream" newsletter. DDAC members have been invited to our AGM.

Toowoomba Airport Open Day

Actually is/always was, Sunday 24th September, not the Saturday. (Brain fade.) Parachutists will be jumping at noon and the DDAC monthly comps (balloon burst) will start at 2.PM.

NGS Instructors Meeting

RTO-OPS, John Clayton, CRTO Kevin Olerhead, Bob Gray, Ivor Harris, Allan Latemore and Bob Revell met at DDSC during a weekend in August and had some flying on the Saturday.

Aerotech Visit

Matt Handley brought a Winjeel out from Toowoomba and flew a few circuits with the owner, Alan, from Deniliquin. A DDSC member (plumber) was observed in the jump seat with a lot of sunlight reflecting off his teeth.

CMN Airtours

Mark Robertson is taking the 182 to Birdsville, Innamincka and Lake Eyre on Friday 1st September for a few days. (Not to be outdone, Stow Kentish is over in WA with MDK.) Come on Peter G.

Milmerran Flyaway Weekend

Our visit to Milmerran on 7-8 October will also be the weekend of the Australian Camp Oven Festival. Last year the festival attracted some of Australia's top camp oven cooks, some great entertainment and over 3000 visitors. The current Australian camp oven champion is from Millmerran. The festival is held in the Millmerran Showgrounds, which are right next to the airport. A great weekend for families to combine the food and fun of the festival, a little

flying and to showcase the club. If you are interested in visiting or would like further details about the festival or the flyaway weekend, contact Shane Andersen (tel. 3345 2437 or e-mail: shanea@powerup.com.au).

Website News

The website celebrates its second anniversary this month and what a two years it has been. This year has been a revolution for the site with a new look and some new features, including online bookings and shopping, and of course the weather station. The weather station is fast becoming our 'signature' with website visits up 50% since its introduction and inquiries from other gliding clubs about how to set one up. It even rated a mention in *The Australian* in August in a feature on 'gliding and the weather.' We have also negotiated sponsorships with Australis Internet to provide free Internet and e-mail access to the club, Dick Smith Electronics for the weather station hardware and are currently negotiating with a large national computer organisation to supply us with a new computer system for the weather station. This project was initiated and made possible by, generous donations from DDSC members. For those statistically minded among you, over 15 000 visits (and approx 235 000 hits) have been made to the website this year with an average visit lasting 4mins 23sec; approx 50% of visitors are from Australia and Oceania, 20% from North America, 5% from Europe, 5% from Asia; the most visited page is ... (answer next month!)

Yearly Planner

The DDSC 2001 Yearly Planner is in the process of being put together and we need your input. The planner is particularly useful when organising your family, social and flying activities for the coming year. In the true tradition of 'be prepared', the Scouts have already submitted their 2001 *Air Activities* dates! If you have an event or activity you would like to add to the planner you can send it in, call it in or add it via the website. Visit the Members Page and follow the links. Events may include any meetings, flyaway weekends, midweek flying, learn to soar courses, any visits, expeditions, Form 2 dates, social activities etc ... anything you can think of that involves DDSC and you would like others to know about. If there is an event or activity that you would like to see DDSC participate in (ie a festival, promotional activity) you can also let us know. Contact Shane Andersen for details.

Promotion

We flew 4GR roving reporter, Amber, around Jondaryan Shire on Friday morning 1st September whilst she (as Little Bo Peep) looked for her lost sheep. Who said glider pilots are conservative? DDSC 40th Anniversary commemorative coffee mugs have been commissioned and will be distributed to members shortly.

Brisbane Airport Tours

A few DDSC members have been for an excursion around Eagle Farm Airport with Aerodromes Airside Tours. 1½ to 2 hour tours cost \$25. Contact Murray Knight if you are interested as going in a DDSC/DDAC group.

CFI

A Cirrus 75 has been offered to the club for use "on-line." We need the extra hangar space for this type of opportunity. Pre-take off checks – remember that "ballast" is part of the "TRIM" check. The Nimbus2C is about to officially go on-line. This could give us 8 "club" aircraft for the summer soaring season. Check your medical certificates and annual flight check currency.

Tugmaster

The Pawnee went unserviceable on Sunday 27th and a full day's operations was possibly only through the availability of the C182. SWR will be back in the air 1st weekend of September.

Committee

The airfield extension land deal has been finalised. The hangar extension foundations will be started at the upcoming working bee.

Bunya Wave Airstrip

Denis Lambert led a working party to our new site and readied it for the wave season. It is located at S26.57.41 E151.31.18. "Lock it in!"

Working Bee

Saturday 9th September from 8.00 AM to 12 noon. Tasks: - spring clean of clubhouse, bunk house, caravan, kitchen and work on the hangar extension foundations. Bring whipper-snippers, mowers, paintbrushes, ladders, gardening implements and cleaning requisites. Contact Kevin Senz on 4630 1884 to offer assistance and check out what is needed.

Office of Sport and Recreation

This organisation offers up to 50% subsidy on works of \$10000 or more. We would have to prepare a submission. Contact Trevor Hamley if you are able to work on the *grant application team*.

RAFGSA Visit

15 pilots will be visiting over a three-week period November/December this year. The British Army GA may be back late next year.

QSA State Comps: Mike Codling has booked the LS7.

Notices of Motion to the AGM

Denis Lambert has proposed 2 motions: (1) That the position of Vice President be created and (2) that a new committee position of Publicity Officer be created.

Rex Teakle Trophy

Closing date for nominations extended to 15th September. **VOTE NOW!**

AGM Guest Speaker

Be at Oakey Officers Mess Saturday 16th September to catch up with club founder and now Cessna pilot, **Lindsay Richards**, who remembers it just like it was only yesterday. It is rather nostalgic that we shall be celebrating our fortieth, with someone like Lindsay, at the very birthplace of the club.

Coming Events

Event	September	October	November	Contact
Club AGM	Sat 16	-	-	Kevin Senz
Working bee	Sat 09	-	-	Kevin Senz
Teakle trophy vote	Fri 15	-	-	Kevin Senz
OSR grant team	Fri 15	-	-	Trevor Hamley
Instructors AGM	Sat 02	-	-	Peter Bell
Pylon race	Sat 02	-	Sat 12	Peter Bell
TBA airport day	Sun 24	-	-	Murray Knight
Ab-initio course	Mon 04 – Fri 08	Mon 02 – Fri 06 and 30 Oct to 12 Nov		Peter Bell
Midweek flying	Thu/Fri 07/08	Thu/Fri 05/06	Thu/Fri 02/03 Mon30	Peter Bell
Cabool GC visit	Mon 11 – Fri 15			Peter Bell
Scouts	Sat16/30	Sat 14/28	Sat11/25	Tony Barker
QSA State comps	Sat 23 – Sat 30	-	-	Peter Bell
Week-long flying	Mon 18 – Fri 22	-		Peter Bell
YSS course	Sun 24 – Fri 29	Sat/Sun 14/15, 21/22, 28/29		Peter Bell
BGI corp visit	-	Sun 01	-	Trevor Bange
Milmerran flyaway	-	Sat/Sun 07/08	-	Shane Andersen

Instructors meeting	-	Fri 13	Fri 10	Peter Bell
Committee meet	-	Sat 14	Sat 11	Kevin Senz
Snowy Mts safari	-	October 29 through to November 12 (tbc)		Ken Stehbens
Club general	-	-	Sat 11	Kevin Senz
Club BBQ	-	-	Sat 11	Trevor Hamley
Dalby flyaway	-	-	Sat/Sun 18/19	Shane Andersen
RAFGSA visit	-	-	3 weeks Nov-Dec	Allan Latemore

Editor's farewell: This is my last of approximately 30 "CHAOTIC" newsletters. I have enjoyed writing them but now need to shift my attention elsewhere. I started off mailing hard copy to Trevor Bange, then sending floppy discs and finally, e-mail. Along the way, Shane Andersen created his fabulous website and this opened up the newsletter to other media. If/when "someone" takes on the "editor's" rôle the task would be pretty simple, particularly if contributions (executive reports and minutes would be a good start) were to be e-mailed as Word documents.

I would like to thank Trevor Bange and Shane Andersen for their contributions and Libby Matuszczak for collating and mailing.
Murray Knight