



CHAOTIC

Monthly Newsletter of the Darling Downs Soaring Club

August 2003

President's Report

I must start this month by thanking Allan Latemore, and those who helped him, for their work painting the clubrooms. The place was long overdue for a facelift and Allan has done a great job. Other areas will be painted as part of an on-going program to repaint the clubrooms. While we often talk about allocating funds to building maintenance and upgrades, buying aircraft and flying equipment always seems to come first. Maybe this is the way it should be, so long as that is what the majority of members want.

However, when it comes to attracting new members, having clubrooms that look good is important. I have heard a number of members talk about how their impression of us as a club was influenced by what they saw the first time they walked into the clubrooms. We need it to be a positive impression. Thank you again Allan.

The AGM is less than a month away, on Saturday 6 September. This year there will be two meetings: the AGM of the company, Darling Downs Soaring Club, and the first general meeting of the incorporated association, Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated.

For many months David Hughes has been working on the change over and the process is nearly complete. At present we have two separate legal entities, the company and the association. At the meetings we need to elect officers for both entities. Hopefully they will be much the same people other than the necessary changes. We will also need to pass a resolution allowing for the transfer of

assets and obligations to the new association. Somewhere down the track we will change the name of the association to DDSC. There will be no apparent change in the way we operate, but our administration will be cheaper and easier. We are all members of this club because we want to fly, and the less time we spend on administration, the more time we can spend flying and hopefully the easier it will be to get people to take up management roles for the club.

Included with Chaotic is a form that every member needs to complete to assist with the transfer of members to the new association. Please fill it in, sign it and post it to Jenny as soon as possible.

Needless to say it is important that as many members as possible attend the meetings to vote. We must also have numbers for dinner so please contact Libby as soon as possible.

Please keep the votes coming in for the Rex Teakle Trophy. Bob and I are looking forward to handing it over to the next worthy recipient. It is a very prestigious trophy so please get your votes to Jenny.

Later in September the Queensland State Championships will be held at Warwick. To book a club aircraft please contact Peter Bell. We will be operating the week after the State Championships with towing available each day. The following week we will have a group of visitors from the Caboolture Gliding Club and they have all the club fleet booked for the week.

And let's not forget that we have the two British expeditions coming in November and December.

We have been trying to sell the Cessna for some time without success. We have therefore advertised it for sale in this month's Aviation Trader as for sale by tender. If you know of any one who may be interested in buying it please contact Bob Keen.

At last month's general meeting we decided not to bring forward the delivery date for our Duo to 2004, which was an option available to us. Resolving the Cessna sale is necessary to give us some financial certainty as we start accumulating funds for the Duo. If we are forced into the position of re-engining the Cessna at a cost of up to \$50,000 our ability to purchase the Duo will clearly be compromised. While these are decisions for the future, the first step is the sale of the Cessna. In selling it, we need to be pragmatic about what it is worth and make a decision that is in the best long-term interest of the club.

It has been good to have some thermals over the last couple of weeks and be able to get out and do some cross country flying again. The big wing gliders flew 300ks last Sunday. The mornings may be a bit cool some days, but the thermalling and cross-country weather is steadily returning. We just need to get out there and make the most of it.

I have just received the latest national membership numbers from Terry Cubley. We are listed as having 115 members, 15 ahead of where we were two years ago. This makes us the 4th equal largest club in Australia, behind the Gliding Club of Victoria, Southern Cross Gliding Club, Adelaide Soaring Club and equal with Lake Keepit Soaring Club.

To quote Terry, "Queensland is the stand out winner in terms of membership number increases, with NSW. SA and Tasmania are also showing improvement." We have done well over the last two years

but attracting and retaining members is an on-going challenge for all of us.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the AGM.

Ralph Henderson

From the Tugmaster

Any tug pilots interested in flying our tugs at the Qld Championships from 27th of Sept. to the 4th of Oct?

Also, DDSC requires several tow pilots for Warwick comps, Caboolture week, the RAF and ARMY visits, a total of 8 weeks flying. We have a very busy time ahead, if you can help out please phone me on 0429 639770.

Recently we have had temperatures as low as minus 11.5 degrees in Oakey. As our tug engines are not fuel injected, turning the prop over in the correct rotation before startup, will reduce the load on the electrical system substantially, particularly on these cold mornings, making starting much easier.

Great care must be taken with the screens on our tugs as they are very easily scratched. Please use only the soft cloth provided and Mr. Sheen.

Congratulations to Marty Hurst who recently completed his CPL and has taken a position with Stanbroke Pastoral Co. and is actually getting paid to fly, dreams do come true.

Bob Keen.



From the Student Mentor

Official observers: We had quite a few attendees at Pam's course earlier this year whose names don't appear in the list on the web site. Could you let Jenny know if you are now an Official Observer?

Now is the time of year to start planning those 300k and 500k distance and goal claims. The club has made this easier for you by purchasing some Colibri loggers for use in club aircraft. Don't forget we also have a cross-country resources section on the website that has articles on requirements and preparation for badge flights. It would be nice to see the names DDSC members appearing in the FAI claims section of Australian Soaring on a regular basis as well as in the articles about competitions.

Would you like to do something in particular next time you come flying? Why not contact the duty instructor and discuss it before hand? It will help both you and the instructor to better plan the day.

Lacking direction? Not sure what to do next? Feel free to contact me if you would like some guidance, either by phone, (07) 3262 1961, or by email tonycavanna@ozemail.com.au.

Tony Cavanna

That's the WAY it goes

DDSC recently got two strange new converts from Caboolture Club, namely John Moller and Pearce Mitchell. Peter Davison also joined at the same time but he is normal.

Their early introduction to gliding on the coast ensured they were competent in doing circuits, and they had never reached beyond the dizzy heights of 3500 feet - the ceiling at Caboolture.

So they ventured out to our beautiful club to do some real gliding and got hooked. They both got into cross country using Allan Latemore as a coach, and now are well on their way to better things.

One cross country day a month or two back, young Pearce found himself a beautiful thermal and started thermalling around to his right. He thermalled around and around, believing himself to be the first in, therefore establishing the turn direction, but little did he realise the gliders above him already going the other direction. Many radio calls later with gliders scattering and muttering, Pearce, now somewhat disgruntled, left the thermal and from that day was dubbed "Wrong Way" Mitchell.

Well last weekend, his partner in crime, John Moller ventured off on yet another attempt on his Silver Distance, the day being quite reasonable for a winter's day. John struggled his way out along track but his flight ended when he landed 58 kms out in a chick pea paddock. Nevertheless he was pleased as he did the distance. From that day on he has been dubbed "One-Way" Moller.

Welcome to the best part of gliding – the next challenge is to be dubbed "Long Way".

Jenny Thompson

Please Care for Our Puchacz's!



Cleaning

Please vacuum out the cockpits daily. The dust and mud gets into the ballast screw holes and around the rudder adjustment, other fittings and bearings, and this will increase wear.

Rudder adjustment

The front seat rudder adjustment needs to be operated with care. If the adjustment is pushed hard forward, it goes past the last adjustment point and jams hard. When tall people are adjusting the rudders, ensure they engage the pin in the last hole and don't push the pedals beyond that point. If this happens you have to place your left hand around the cross member tube at the base of the rudder pedals and give it a persuading wriggle and pull towards you until the pin locates in the first hole most (most forward hole).

The rudder pedal assembly can get dirty and dry from dirt, it is a good idea to wipe this tube that the rudder pedals slide along and use some vasoline to lubricate this tube.

Tyre pressures

A bit of trivia:

1 bar = 13 lb pressure (approx)

7kpa = 1 lb pressure (approx)

Main wheel 45 psi = 5 bar = 315 kPa.

The nose wheel you must check by pushing in hard with your thumb at the centre of the tread not the side wall of the tyre. If you can push the centre of the tyre in at all it needs to be pumped up to 35 psi. The reason why this method is used because the side walls are very thick and you think it has pressure in the tyre. The nose wheel does a lot of work.

Main tyre wheel well clogging

The main wheel has a mudguard cover over the top of the tyre that has a close tolerance between the guard and the tyre. When the aircraft is operated on muddy ground, the gap between the top of the tyre and the mudguard clogs up and

severely hinders rotation of the main wheel. Please do not operate the Puch's on muddy ground unless you want to spend hours at the end of the day's flying cleaning it out with the high pressure hose.

Bungees

The main wheel bungees must be inspected on **every DI**. The bungees are the only suspension system for the main wheel. Open the centre inspection panel behind the rear seat. If the bungees are worn/stretched it will be shown by the fact that the retaining shaft has moved forward in the quadrant. The gap between the front of the quadrant and the shaft should be about 30 mm. If you don't know about this, ask someone to show you.

Canopies

Our Puch's have already got quite badly scratched canopies due to lack of correct washing and rubbing the dust off without water. To correctly clean canopies, use a clean chamois or sponge, and squeeze copious amounts of water over the canopy to wash off the dust without rubbing. Once the majority of the dirt is off, use a clean chamois to wash off remaining dirt and dry. *Mr Sheen* can be used with a clean cotton cloth. Sometimes, static builds up after this procedure and wiping the canopy with a damp chamois can eliminate this.

Duty Roster Volunteer

We have another opportunity coming up to become more involved with the clubs operation! If anyone is interested in volunteering to organise the duty roster please contact either Jo Davis (jdavis@aacrc.net.au) or Anthony Wetherspoon (spoontalk@hotmail.com).

Jo Davis

Membership of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated

On 11 June 2003 the new incorporated association was created with the name Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated (DDTSC Inc). At an appropriate time DDTSC Inc.'s name will be changed to the Darling Downs Soaring Club.

The rules of the new incorporated association, which serve the same function as the DDSC's constitution, DDTSC Inc.'s rules can be found on the club's website and on the club noticeboard.

The rules reflect the way DDSC operates. DDTSC Inc.'s rules avoid much of the detail specified in DDSC's objects. Such detail was necessary under the laws of the 1960's that established DDSC but broad powers of corporations are now recognised and DDSC Inc does not need to include objects to print and publish leaflets or purchase horses in order to do these things.

Amongst the next steps in the process of transition are admission of members to DDTSC Inc, election of Committee Members, and the passing of special resolutions necessary for DDTSC Inc to become the operating entity and take the name Darling Downs Soaring Club.

One of the first steps in this process is to obtain agreement from members to join the new entity, the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated. Attached is a membership application, which you must return to me by 6 September 2003.

If you have any queries on this process, please call or email me.

Jenny Thompson

Rex Teakle Trophy

Three years ago the Teakle family donated a trophy in memory of long time member Rex. It is a silver eagle, mounted and cased. The trophy is given to the most popular, worthy, contributing member over the last 12 months. Trophy winners to date have been:

2000 Murray Knight
2001 Shane McCaffrey
2003 Bob Keen and Ralph Henderson (joint winners)

This is an anonymous member-vote trophy. Each member is entitled to one vote and votes should be sent to the secretary, Jenny Thompson, by phone, email or letter prior to the AGM.

A photo of this magnificent Trophy is shown below.

Jenny Thompson



Airworthiness Inspector Assessment Course

The QSA RTO Airworthiness Alwyn Reid is looking for expressions of interest for people interested in a course for:

- Replacement of Components; or
- Form 2 Inspector Ratings.

The course will be held from 11th October for 7 days (10-12hrs per day) and there will be only 12 places offered. You must be sponsored by a current Form 2 Inspector and fill out the application form for your application to be evaluated.

If you are interested in attending the course, contact one of our Form 2 Inspectors for sponsorship, and email me back so I can send you the application form. If you have any queries on what is involved in the course, contact Alwyn Reid on ahr.printing@acenet.net.au, or give Shane a ring.

Applications close on 31st August 2003.



Jenny Thompson

Medicals for All Passenger-rated Glider Pilots

In the last Chaotic it was noted that all glider pilots at DDSC who carry passenger ratings (level 1 rating and above) require a medical from a GP every two years (unless they hold a current Pilots Licence Medical).

I have been asked what is required from the medical. So for everyone:

- The Medical Practitioners Certificate can be found in Appendix 2 of the GFA Operational Regulations;
- The list of medical conditions for which a medical clearance is required appears in Appendix 1 of the same regulations;
- For the information of the doctor, the Medical standards for pilots can be found in the Civil Aviation Regulations, Schedule 1. (GFA repeats this information in the GFA Manual of

Standard Procedures Part 2, page 95 onwards).

All this information can be found on the GFA website at <http://www.gfa.org.au/opsman.htm>

If you have any other queries, they should be directed to Peter Bell.

Jenny Thompson

Congratulations and Welcome!

Congratulations to the following for their achievements:

Sara Tromp – C Certificate

John Moller – Silver C

Ivan Popek – C Certificate

Also welcome to our newest member Ben Bezuidenhout and to Barry Abraham who is doing a three weekend course.

Jo Davis



2003 - 04 Events Calendar

as at 4 August 2003

Date	Event	Place	Contact
9 Aug	Committee meeting	McCaffrey Field	Jenny Thompson
11 - 15 Aug	Course Week, including Brisbane Show Day	McCaffrey Field	Peter Bell
23 Aug	Cross country day	McCaffrey Field	Shane McCaffrey
6 Sep	DDSC AGM	Toowoomba	Jenny Thompson
13 Sep	GFA AGM	Melbourne	Ralph Henderson
20 Sep	GFA safety seminar	Boonah	Peter Bell
21 Sep	GFA safety seminar	Gympie	Peter Bell
27 Sep - 4 Oct	QLD State Championships	Warwick	Michael O'Brien
6 - 28 Nov	RAFGSA III	McCaffrey Field	Ralph Henderson
15 - 22 Nov	NSW State Championships	Lake Keepit	Harry Medicott
29 Nov - 20 Dec	British Army III	McCaffrey Field	Ralph Henderson
28 Dec - 9 Jan 04	Multi Class National Championships	Gulgong	Ralph Henderson
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11 - 23 Jan	Club Class National Championships	Waikerie	Ralph Henderson
9 - 17 Apr	QLD Easter Competition	Chinchilla	Ralph Henderson
25 Sep - 2 Oct	QLD State Championships	Kingaroy	Ralph Henderson
4 - 15 Oct	Multi Class National Championships	Dalby	Ralph Henderson

	Day	Instructors	Tug Pilots	Duty Pilots
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A u g u s t - S e p t e m b e r - O c t o b e r 2 0 0 3	A u g u s t	Sat 2 nd	A Garrone C Downs	M Robertson L McQueen	Jo Davis M Dullens
		Sun 3 rd	T Cavanna S McCaffrey	D Baartz J Geddes	D Ferguson C Gillmore
		Sat 9 th	B Keen R Hart B Hoffmeister	Jenny Thompson A Garrone	P Gliddon P Downey
		Sun 10 th	P Bell R Hoskings	B Keen P Kurstjens	M Hartman K Masuda
		Sat 16 th	M Codling R Hendersen	J Knox M Robertson	H Hoffmeister L Matusczak
		Sun 17 th	K Senz T Lake	R Green B Ward	D McEvoy A Midwood
		Sat 23 rd (X/C Day)	P Bell B Daniel	D Gerschwitz F Ning	N Muspratt J Parslow
		Sun 24 th	Jeremy Thompson A Wetherspoon	D Cramer P Kurstjens	J Robinson R Percy
		Sat 30 th	Jenny Thompson J Grosser	T Barker Jeremy Thompson	B Rolfe R Sundell
		Sun 31 st	T Cavanna E Matusczak	R Bradley TBA	P Wetherspoon Glen Todhunter
	Sep t e m b e r	Sat 6 th . DDSC AGM	S Mc Caffrey R Hart R Hoskings	F Ning TBA	B Flood G Hennessey
		Sun 7 th .	T Cavanna J Grosser B Hofmeister	B Ward M Robertson	F Ning G Valler
		Sat 13 th .	M Codling R Henderson C Downs	L McQueen A Garrone	R Armstrong P Bart
		Sun 14 th .	P Bell B Daniel	R Keen D Baartz	P Blackmore C Booth
		Sat 20 th .	Jenny Thompson B Keen	D Cramer J Geddes	L Day D Edwards
		Sun 21 st .	Jeremy Thompson E Matsuzczak	D McCaffrey Jenny Thompson	D Gliddon C Hall
		Sat 27 th . QLD Comps Warwick	A Garrone T Lake	J Knox R Green	J Somerville A Straume
		Sun 28 th .	K Senz A Wetherspoon	P Kurstjens Jeremy Thompson	S Tromp G Gillmore
	O c t o b e r	Sat 4 th .	Jenny Thompson B Keen	A Garrone D Gerschwitz	B Rolfe R Sundell
		Sun 5 th .	K Senz J Grosser	F Ning J Thompson	P Wetherspoon R Percy
Sat 11 th		M Codling T Lake	L McQueen T Barker	K Allen J Davis	

	Sun 12 th	S McCaffrey C Downs B Hofmeister	P Kurstjens D Baartz	M Dullens D Ferguson
	Sat 18 th	A Garrone R Henderson	B Hoffmeister B Keen	A Midwood N Muspratt
	Sun 19 th	P Bell A Wetherspoon E Matusczak	D Cramer B Ward	L Matusczak J Parslow
	Sat 25 th	Jeremy Thompson R Hart	J Knox M Robertson	P Gliddon M Hatrman
	Sun 26 th	T Cavanna B Daniels R Hoskings	R Green D McCaffrey	H Hufmeister G Todhunter

Notice of the First General Meeting

Saturday 6th September 2003

The Annual General Meeting of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club will be held on Saturday 6th September 2003 commencing at 9.00pm at the Lone Star Steakhouse Restaurant, corner James and West Streets, Toowoomba.

Agenda and Reasons for the Meeting

1. Reports and compliance with Association Rules

To receive and consider reports on the state of the Association including the appointment of the Instructor Panel. The Association rules require that the first general meeting of the Association be held within three months of its establishment.

2. Filling the vacancies on the management committee

The Association's rules provide that the management committee consists of a President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chief Flying Instructor, Tugmaster, Airworthiness Officer and four other eligible members the association. The current committee consists of:

President Ralph Henderson;

Secretary Jenny Thompson; and

Treasurer Richard Hoskings.

A list of eligible members who are prepared to serve on the committee will be tabled at the meeting and this list will be augmented with the names of any eligible members nominated from the floor. Election to fill committee vacancies will be by majority vote in accordance with Rule 20(1).

3. Transfer of assets etc from the Darling Downs Soaring Club

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:

"That the Committee is authorised to accept the transfer and/or assignment the assets, liabilities, entitlements, responsibilities etc of the Darling Downs Soaring Club on such terms as the Committee consider appropriate."

4. Appointment of the Auditor

To appoint an auditor.

Nominations from persons prepared to serve on the Committee are hereby called for each Committee position.

Nominations should be made in writing to reach the Secretary, Jenny Thompson by 5.00 pm on Saturday 30 August 2003 to be included on the list tabled at the meeting.

Jenny Thompson
Secretary



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Notice of the 41st Annual General Meeting Saturday 6th September 2003

The Annual General Meeting of the Darling Downs Soaring Club will be held on Saturday 6th September 2003 commencing at 8.00pm at the Lone Star Steakhouse Restaurant, corner James and West Streets, Toowoomba.

Dinner will be available for members and guests from 7.00pm, prior to the AGM, with pre-dinner drinks from 6.30pm.

Agenda

Ordinary Business

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2002 AGM
3. Presentation of Annual Reports:
 - i. President
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Chief Flying Instructor
 - iv. Airworthiness Officer
 - v. Tug Master
 - vi. Canteen Officer
4. Notices of Motion
5. Election of Committee members
 - i. President
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Airworthiness Officer
 - v. Tug Master
 - vi. Canteen Officer
 - vii. 2 Committee members
6. Presentation of Awards

Special Business

7. Assignment of DDSC's name, assets, entitlements, etc to Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the Directors are authorised to transfer and/or assign the Club's name, assets, liabilities, entitlements, responsibilities etc to the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated on such terms as the Directors consider appropriate."

Nominations are hereby called for all positions and completed nomination forms must reach the Secretary, Jenny Thompson by 5.00 pm on Saturday 30 August 2003.

Notices of Motion are also called for and must reach the Secretary, Jenny Thompson by 5.00 pm on Saturday 15 August 2003.

Jenny Thompson
Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE RELATING TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER AND/OR ASSIGN DDSC'S NAME, ASSETS LIABILITIES ETC TO DARLING DOWNS TRANSITIONAL SOARING CLUB INCORPORATED

Last year the Committee recommended to members that the entity for the club should be changed from a company limited by guarantee under the Corporations Law to an incorporated association under Queensland legislation. The Committee was concerned over the complexity of the Corporations Law and considered that the burdens that the Directors carry under those laws are excessive for a volunteer organisation. The Committee considered that an incorporated association would be a more appropriate type of corporate entity for the club. Members may recall that the Gliding Federation of Australia has recently implemented a similar change.

Following debate at the April 2002 General Meeting a public meeting was called in August 2002 and the participants of that meeting formed an unincorporated association as the first step in replacing DDSC the Corporations Law Company with DDSC the incorporated association. That meeting also resolved the rules of an incorporated association and elected proposed interim office bearers.

The incorporated association was established on 11 June 2003 with the name Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated (DDTSC Inc).

DDTSC Inc.'s interim office holders are:

Ralph Henderson - President
Jenny Thompson - Secretary
Richard Hoskings - Treasurer

DDTSC Inc.'s Rules provide for members of DDSC to become members of DDTSC Inc. The Chairman of the meeting will report on the extent to which members of DDSC have taken up membership of DDTSC Inc and whether DDTSC Inc.'s has any members who are not members of DDSC.

The proposed resolution seeks to authorise the Directors to transfer DDSC's name, assets, liabilities, etc to DDTSC Inc.

DDSC is party to a number of agreements that will need to be varied in order that the rights and responsibilities are transferred and/or assigned to DDTSC Inc. The resolution also seeks to authorise the Directors to affect the transfers or assignments and such terms as the Directors consider fit.

The Secretary

**Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated
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TARINGA Qld 4068**

AGREEMENT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF DARLING DOWNS TRANSITIONAL SOARING CLUB INCORPORATED

Pursuant to Rule 7(1) of the rules of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club: -

- (i) I confirm that on 11 June 2003 I was a *Flying Member/Associate Member/Honorary Member/Term Member of the Darling Downs Soaring Club and/or an Ordinary Member of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Association; and,
- (ii) I agree to become a member of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated with the same class of membership[†] as my membership of the Darling Downs Soaring Club or my membership of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Association;

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: Office Hours _____ Home _____

Email: _____

NOTES:

* Delete each inapplicable class of membership

[†] The Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Association has only one class of member namely ordinary members the equivalent class of membership of the Darling Downs Transitional Soaring Club Incorporated is Flying Member.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SECRETARY RECIEVES THE COMPLETED FORM ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2003