

## July 2000

In spite of being in the winter doldrums we continue to enjoy ourselves, break records, make progress and pass milestones. We have broken our 1998/98 record of 1365 club hours flown; our target for this year and our unofficial (“unachievable”) target of 1600 hours - - - with a very creditable **1619** hours. The statistics read: club gliders: -1619 hours; private gliders: - 1957 hr.; club towplanes: - 323 hr.; private towplanes: - 9 hours; GRAND TOTAL: - **3908 hours**. Gliders WQX, IUR, GXV and XOW all had record years. This year QX and XV bled hours away from their counterparts, RI and MV, whilst QX and XV were additions to our fleet, part way through the year. RI and MV still had very good performances and their shortfall was more than offset by QX and XV. Club hours have progressed: 96/97 - 947, 97/98 – 852, 98/99 – 1365, 99/00 – 1619 (almost doubled over 4 years.) In the same period, private hours have gone 1353, 1243, 1491, 1830.

### President

As a result of the implementation of the “New Tax System”, DDSC services (flying fees, tows, etc.) will attract a 10% Goods and Services Tax from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000. Unfortunately, the cost structure in gliding clubs does not provide significant opportunities to claim input tax credits. Therefore, with 10% GST added, the price to the end-user (which includes all of us as members) will rise accordingly. Another significant cost is the increasing price of gasoline, which has risen approximately 50% since last reviewed. The committee will publish an easy-to-read (**GST inclusive**) “schedule of fees” and distribute/display copies ASAP to help members. (There is already a “retail” price list in this format on our website.) From 1<sup>st</sup> July members’ accounts will show flying fees at rates that *do not* include GST, with a single-line entry at the bottom of each monthly statement showing the total GST charged.

### Fees

So, for now, glider hire/flying fees remain unchanged (apart from GST) but aerotows have had to be increased to: \$16/1000 ft, \$21/1500 ft and \$25/2000 ft, (+GST.)

### Annual General Meeting

The club AGM and dinner will be held at the Officers’ Mess, Oakey Army Aviation Centre on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Management

Quite a few long-serving or key executives are going to stand down at the upcoming AGM in September. Some of the positions they occupy have expanded over the years to encompass more than one function or discipline. It is time to partition these jobs and to create new positions to spread the workload and effect better management and control as well as developing the club’s potential.

Examples: Treasurer: could devolve as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Marketing and PR should be separate from Newsletter Editor. "CHAOTIC" Editor should be just that, editing contributions from the executive and members, generally. Other positions worthy of creating are Ground Operations Engineer, Operations Officer, Expeditions Officer (inbound/outbound), Elected Flying Members, Social Secretary, Certificates Officer, Aircraft Captains, and Webmaster.

### **Aero Club**

Ann Winter (Secretary) and Joe Baynes (Club Captain) braved a very cold and (cross) windy Friday to attend our "executive" open day on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ann and Joe both had enjoyable soaring flights in the Grob and members of both clubs found plenty to talk about on the flying and club scenes. Joe subsequently took the trouble to send us a letter of thanks for our hospitality. On behalf of the *Toowoomba Airport Users Group*, the DDAC has invited us to a Toowoomba Airport Open Day on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September. It will be mainly static displays but we should get a chance for some aerial work. We were allocated a two-page spread in DDAC's "Slipstream" newsletter this month.

### **Website**

Our first on-line joyflight booking has occurred – a resident of Sydney!

### **Olympic Torch Relay**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> dawned R/S and continued to deteriorate slowly as the morning wore on. We had a "booking" from **Radio 100.7 C-FM** to fly them over the Olympic route along the Warrego Highway. In spite of light drizzle, Will Brackle, Caroline ("The Warrior Princess") Kelly and Hamish ("The Brave") Carter reported to the flight line and we discussed the mission. (Sound cool enough?) After a lot of discussion and a briefing, we loaded 7 persons into 4 aircraft and headed for Dalby at 500' agl. Caroline and Shane Andersen were in the Grob towed by Mark and Dudley in the Cessna, with Hamish and Murray in WQX behind John East in the Pawnee. We picked up the convoy at Kommamurra and "escorted" it to Bowenville where we orbited for a fair while whilst the spectacle unfolded below. The runner, torch and flame were clearly visible. We then went on to Jondaryan where the process was repeated. After that, we climbed (on tow, of course) to Oakey where the media people were whisked from the aircraft and raced into Toowoomba, ahead of the convoy, to continue their live coverage. During the flight, Hamish made four live broadcasts whilst Caroline recorded the event on video. DDSC was acknowledged in each transmission and we subsequently received several days' worth of coverage on air. This resulted in 3 TIF's on the following weekend because "we heard about it on the radio." (As they say, "any publicity is good publicity.") C-FM also transmits to Dalby on 96.5. As a postscript, John East is now seriously current.

### **Toowoomba Airport Open Day**

On behalf of the *Toowoomba Airport Users Group*, DDAC has invited us to the

Open Day on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, between 10 AM and 3 PM. It will be mainly static displays with a possibility of some aerial activity.

### **Congratulations**

To Josh D'Arcy on his first solo. USA member Ron Gaynier won his regional comps.

### **Welcome**

Josh D'Arcy and Peter Hemmings.

### **Thanks**

To so many members for – the “mother of all working bees”, the Olympic Torch Relay and the DDAC open day.

### **Significant Flights**

Peter Hastings 2.00 XOW 2.04 XV, Jim Somerville 2.00, 1.41 MV, George Lee 3.00, 3.00, 3.00, 2.08 YGL (watch it, Dudley) Chris Aniftos 2.00 XOW 2.04 XV, Bob Ward 2.33, 3.23, 3.03 BW, Steve Harris 3.00, 2.44 WQR, Dudley Waters 2.00, 2.19, 2.10, 3.14 XHC, Alan Midwood 1.14 RI, Mike Codling 1.53 XV, Robert Bradley 4.26 XQA, Roly Sundell 3.30 ZO, John East 3.00 MV, John Moore 3.19 LR, Ron Brecknell 2.25 XOW, Josh D'Arcy 1.02 RI, Murray Knight 2.09 FQR, Owen Jones 3.16 EC.

### **Scouts**

Groups from Redcliffe and Jimboomba visited on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and were well looked after, with good flight times, courtesy of Shane Andersen.

### **Advertising**

We have placed weekly colour advertisements in the “*What to Do on the Weekends*” section of the “Toowoomba Chronicle.” They run for 8 weeks from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Style Manual**

(Nothing to do with dressing.) A manual containing images and instructions of club logos, letterheads, colours, faximile templates, “CHAOTIC” masthead, etc has been prepared. When complete, it will be put onto CD. Please refer to this when advertising, printing, signwriting, etc.

### **Weather Station**

After trialling successfully at Wynnum it has been transferred to DDSC, on schedule. E-mails and faxes have been sent to all known interested parties and neighbours notifying them of this facility.

### **CMN Hired**

Ron Mackay, a veterinarian from Hervey Bay and friend of Stow Kentish, took the C182 to Lake Eyre to check out the water, flora and fauna. Ron is a former Cessna 180 owner and was away from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Midweek Flying

Ian Hallt and co are trying to get a week going from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July. Contact Ian or Peter Bell if you are interested.

## Coming Events:

Event	July	August	September	Contact
Midweek Flying	Thu 06 Fri 07	Thu 03 Fri 04	Thu 07 Fri 08	Peter Bell
Committee Meeting	Sat 15	Sat 12	Sat 09	Kevin Senz
Instructors Meeting	Fri 14	Fri 11	Fri 08	Peter Bell
Club General/BBQ	Sat 15	-	-	Kevin Senz
Flyaway Weekend	-	-	Sat 23 Sun 24	Shane Andersen
Scouts	Sat 15 Sat 29	Sat 12 Sat 26	Sat 16 Sat 30	Tony Barker
Qld State Comps	-	-	Sat 23 – Sat 30	SDASC/Peter Bell
Pylon Race	-	-	Sat 02	Denis Lambert
Working Bee/BBQ	-	-	Sat 09	Trevor Hamley
Fly Bne show day	-	Wed 16	-	Peter Bell
DDAC/DDSC Bus Trip	Sun 16	-	-	Murray Knight
TWBA Airport Open Day	-	-	Sun 24	Murray Knight
Club AGM	-	-	Sat 16	Kevin Senz
Ab-initio course	Mon 03 ~ Fri 07	Mon 31Jul ~ Fri 04	Mon 04 ~ Fri 08	Peter Bell
YSS course #1	-	-	Sat/Sun16/17 Sat/Sun 30/31	Trevor Hamley Peter Bell
ATC midweek	Mon 09 – Sun 15	-	-	Ian Hallt