



CHAOTIC

Monthly Newsletter of the Darling Downs Soaring Club

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President

The club's Annual General Meeting was a very pleasant evening with an excellent meal provided by Dave's Steakhouse. We took a gamble on holding the meeting in the restaurant rather than paying hundreds of dollars for our own room and it was a little noisy, but everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening despite this. Details of the new committee and the list of award winners appear elsewhere in Chaotic.

I would like to thank every one for the vote of confidence and for giving me the honour of another year as President of this great club. Last year was very successful, but we face many challenges in the year ahead.

Four committee members retired at the AGM, secretary Denis Lambert, Tugmaster Trevor Bange, Canteen Officer Dudley Waters and Committee member John Moore. I would like to thank them all for all their good work for the club over the past year. We welcome four new committee members and look forward to their contribution over the next year. To those who were re-elected congratulations and I look forward to working with you all again.

The Grob IUR is back in the air after a fabulous repair job

by Shane, Craig and Bob. We took the opportunity to repaint all the fuselage, which has led to a new colour scheme and with new upholstery throughout, and new canopies it looks like new. I have had the pleasure of flying it already and it not only looks good but also flies well. While Shane and Co have been repairing the Grob they have also put in a lot of work on both Puchacz and the 3000-hour inspection on the LS7. This has been a lot of work and all the aircraft now look better, and with the new seals on the Puchacz are flying better.

The Astir Jeans is now out of the air for its Form 2 and when it comes back into the air it too will be resplendent with a new canopy.

The competition season has begun with the State Comps at Kingaroy. DDSC will be well represented as always with a number of pilots and a mixture of club and private aircraft. Some of our private aircraft will be flown by some visiting New Zealand pilots who will be out to prove that kiwis can fly. Dudley isn't too sure which side of the Tasman he is representing.

The change over of committee will require some adjustments. The club's postal address will remain unchanged. The club has had this postal address for at least

30 years and there is no reason to change it. All mail will be redirected to our new secretary Jenny Thompson. This will result in some minor delays. If you want something to get to Jenny or Richard or any other committee member quickly I suggest you send the mail direct to their personal addresses.

The first British expedition of the summer is due to arrive on 30 October, which is not far away. The Army group is 10 pilots, which will be a nice lead in to the larger RAFGSA expedition when we expect 22 pilots. I would like to thank all the private owners who have agreed to hire their gliders to our visitors. I doubt if the visits would go ahead if we couldn't offer an expanded fleet.

Organising and managing these two expeditions will require a fair bit of effort and help from club members will be needed. If you can spare a few days during this time please make yourself available.

While we now have our three 2-seaters back on line we continue to operate the Blanik. Whether it is worth keeping on hire as a fourth 2-seater beyond the end of the agreed three month hire depends on a number of things: the owner being prepared to continue the hire, the amount of utilisation,

whether it is financially worthwhile for the club and whether there is hangar space. If you have a view on the subject please let me know.

It seems there may have been some confusion over how we are using our tow planes. The Pawnee is the number one tug and the Cessna is available for towing whenever there is demand for a second tug.

Finally a very big thank you to some members who put some real hard work at the club last weekend. Mark Robertson, Bob Keen and David Hughes replaced the box gutter on the clubrooms and lifted and insulated the annex roof. This was a big job and thanks go to Mark for the initiative to organise the work. Thank you also to Robert Percy for giving the club rooms a big clean up. Thank you all again.

Ralph Henderson

Club awards

The following awards were presented at the AGM

Rex Teakle Trophy
Most Improved Pilots - Chez Hall and Andrew Barker
Murray Noble Trophy
Most Improved Cross Country Pilot - David Hughes
Wally Mills Club Service Award - Des Cramer
Rex Teakle Family Trophy - Shane McCaffrey

Congratulations to all of the award recipients.

New Committee

Following the AGM on 8 September, the committee for 2001-2002 is as follows

President - Ralph Henderson
Secretary - Jenny Thompson
Treasurer - Richard Hoskings
CFI - Peter Bell
Airworthiness Officer - Shane McCaffrey
Tugmaster - Bob Keen
Canteen Officer - Craig Jordan
Committee - Mark Robertson
- David Hughes
Congratulations to all on their election, especially the 4 new committee members Jenny, Bob, Craig and David.

Mark will takeover responsibility for looking after our buildings, Craig will take responsibility for the airfield and David will be responsible for membership.

A number of non-committee members also have responsibilities around the club and a full list will be printed in next months Chaotic.

To the retiring committee members

Secretary - Denis Lambert
Tugmaster - Trevor Bange
Canteen Officer - Dudley Waters
Committee - John Moore

thank you for all your hard work over the last year.

Fred Hoinville Award

Trevor Bange has received the Fred Hoinville Award from GFA, for services to GFA Operations. This award recognises his contribution over a period of some 36 years to the club, and to gliding in Queensland. For those who are unaware of his contribution, the following

goes some way towards detailing the work that he has done.

Trevor started gliding at the age of 16 at the Southern Downs Aero and Soaring Club (SDASC) near Warwick in 1963 and was one of the foundation members of the club. Four years later he commenced and completed his powered aircraft flight training in a Cherokee and achieved his pilots licence.

In 1967 he changed clubs and commenced flying with the Darling Downs Soaring Club (DDSC) which was then based at Oakey, where apart from his personal flying, he also took on tug pilot duties. In August 1968 Trevor completed his instructors' course at Kingaroy and was soon on both the instructing and towing rosters for the club.

In 1969 DDSC moved to its present location at McCaffrey Field and, in the same year, Trevor commenced his long association with the Queensland Air Training Corps, which was to last for 30 years. In his role as a new gliding instructor he taught at his first Air Cadet training course at Warwick. During his 30 years as an Air Training Corps instructor he was a Flight Commander at Gatton and Oakey and an instructor at Toowoomba.

In 1976 he was also appointed RTO/A for Queensland and held this position for approximately six years. During this time he was instrumental in organising and running the Airworthiness courses that were held at Kingaroy for nearly 10 years.

He has held numerous positions on the committee of DDSC over the last 34 years and was until recently an active committee member in the position of Tugmaster. Since being a member of DDSC he has held the positions of Treasurer (15 Years), Secretary (2 years), Airworthiness Officer (2 years), President (1 Year) and Tug Master (1 Year).

Of the 34 years that Trevor has been with DDSC, 32 years have been spent as a tug pilot and instructor. During this time he has still found the time to do some flying and has currently logged 1300 hours in gliders and 1300 hours in power.

Trevor has been active in other areas of club management including the positions of Club Subsidies Officer, where he gained the necessary financial assistance to acquire additional hangarage, and Club Insurance Officer. He was instrumental in organising the administration and smooth running of the club training courses that were introduced six years ago and is very active in promoting gliding in the local area.

An example of this was the large amount of work that he carried out in getting the Youth Scholarship Scheme up and running within our club. This scheme has seen the introduction of four new young pilots into the club scene, all of which are still flying actively within the club and are progressing towards C Certificate and beyond.

He has been an active member of the Sports Aircraft Association of Australia,

Toowoomba Branch since 1975 and organises the annual fly-in at his private airfield near Clifton south of Toowoomba, which last year saw 135 aircraft attending. He currently owns and flies a Porterfield light aircraft that he has rebuilt. This aircraft was previously owned by Reg Ansett who flew it in the 1936 Brisbane to Adelaide air race as the winning aircraft. Trevor flew the aircraft in the 60th anniversary race in 1996.

In 1989, Trevor was recognised for his services to DDSC when he was awarded Club Life Membership.

Trevor was recognised by the award because of his tireless efforts in the areas of club administration and operations, and because of his investment in youth training and advancement, which is the future of the sport.

Denis Lambert

Keep it Clean Gliders



We have a good, well-maintained fleet of gliders and it is important to vacuum out the cockpits daily and keep the gliders clean, especially now in the dry and dusty conditions. It is up to everyone to develop this practice and keep it going. There is a vacuum cleaner, and plenty of chamois and buckets. Please take the time to clean the aircraft when the aircraft are being DI'd.

Shane McCaffrey

Tugs



Detergent, a bucket and broom have now

been purchased and placed in the fuel shed and all tuggies will be expected to wash the tugs after flying. Washing the tugs indicates a pride in the fleet, and helps identify oil leaks and faults. Keeping canopies and screens clean makes for safer lookout.

Bob Keen

*Remember, this is your Club
and your Fleet of Aircraft*

Recent achievements

This is not a complete list, only the ones I know about:

Andrew Barker - Silver C
Brian Hofmeister - 300K
Brian Rolfe - Hornet conversion
Andrew Barker - LS7 conversion
Paul Bart - Astir conversion
Sara Tromp - First solo

Congratulations to all of you.

New members

We welcome the following new members:

Keith Brown
Paul Dampier-Crossley
Pam Kurstens.

Increased charges

The committee has increased the charges for private hangarage and for the hire of the Cessna 182 CMN.

Hangarage increases from \$33 to \$38.50 including GST. This is the first increase in hangar charges for at least five years and will help to pay for the new hangar extension.

The cost of hiring CMN has increased from \$165 per hour to \$176 to better reflect the cost of operating this aircraft. The cost of tows remains unchanged for both tugs.

Club Goal

Last year we had a goal of 2000 hours, which we achieved with a week or two to spare. For this year we have set a goal of 2300 hours in club gliders, a 15% increase on last year. After the first two months of the year we are well ahead of last year.

Some things need to be said

I don't expect anyone to enjoy reading this, and I don't enjoy writing it, but some things need to be said and I guess its part of my job to say them.

We are getting a bit lax and need to tidy up our act in the following areas.

Please look after our **gliders** better, they **need to be washed and cleaned often** in these dusty conditions. Our glider fleet is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars and our lives depend on them, please take good care of them.

The launch area gets congested at times. **All cars are to be parked downwind of the caravan.** The tugs are parked up wind. Tug/car collisions are avoidable, but if they do happen they are expensive and unpleasant, as we have recently found out. Please park away from the aircraft.

There are often not enough hours in the day for all the flying we are doing. There is a simple way to get more hours, start earlier. I ask all the duty crew, instructors, tow pilots and duty pilots, and those members intending to fly to **be on the field by 9.00 am.** If you can get there

earlier and get started earlier so much the better.

The caravan is a bit of a mess at times. **It is not a rubbish bin.** If you have rubbish at the launch point please put it in the bins at the clubrooms, or take it back home with you. Remember that we have no paid staff, if you don't keep the place tidy, another member has to do it for you, and I'm sure they would rather be flying than cleaning up.

Please put the **canopy covers** on the gliders at the end of the day.

Ralph Henderson

Club promotion

We now have three new club promotional products available for members to purchase.

We have copies of the video *Soaring, you sport for the new millennium* available. In the spirit of this promotional initiative we are selling these below cost for \$5 including GST. It is a great video to show friends or lend to anyone who is interested in soaring.

We also have exclusive DDSC wines, the Darling Downs Cumulus Chardonnay and the Darling Downs McCaffrey Field Red. Both are available at \$12 per bottle, or at a reduced rate if you buy a dozen. Great for your own consumption or as a truly original gift, especially with Christmas coming up. I and a number of other club members are prepared to vouch for the quality of the wines!!

To order your copy of the video and your supply of wine

please contact me on 3843 6178 or email at rhenderson@austarmetro.com.au.

Ralph Henderson

Events Calendar 2001	
12 Oct	Instructor panel Peter Bell
13 Oct	Committee meeting Jenny Thompson
22 - 26 Oct	Caboolture Gliding Club visit Allan Latemore
30 Oct - 16 Nov	British Army Visit Peter Bell
9 Nov	Instructor panel Peter Bell
10 Nov	General meeting Jenny Thompson
26 Nov - 14 Dec	RAFGSA Visit Peter Bell
7 Dec	Instructor panel Peter Bell
8 Dec	Committee meeting Jenny Thompson
15 De	DDSC Christmas Party Ralph Henderson
28 Sep - 5 Oct 2002	State Gliding Championships McCaffrey Field

DDSC Instructor / Tug Pilot / Duty Pilot Roster October – November 2001

October 2001	Instructors	Tug Pilots	Duty Pilots
Sat 6	S McCaffrey B Keen	J Knox A Garrone	R Henderson
Sun 7	G Brown T Lake	D McCaffrey B Kapernick	D Waters
Sat 13	Jeremy Thompson D McManus	T Barker Jenny Thompson	A Midwood
Sun 14	R Bennett A Wetherspoon	D Cramer B Ward	L Matuszczak
Sat 20	P Bell M Codling	M Robertson D Baartz	J Hook
Sun 21	D Lambert C Jordan	N Kranenburg J Geddes	D Hughes
Sat 27	K Senz T Lake	R Muir D Cramer	B Rolfe
Sun 28	T Cavanna A Wetherspoon	R Bradley D Gerschwitz	C Hall

November 2001	Instructors	Tug Pilots	Duty Pilots
Sat 3	P Bell T Lake	J Geddes R Muir	R Percy P Downey
Sun 4	D Lambert A Wetherspoon	D McCaffrey B Ward	B Kruyssen R Armstrong
Sat 10	R Bennett R Henderson	T Barker D Cramer	J Somerville B Hofmeister
Sun 11	Jeremy Thompson C Jordan	N Kranenburg Jenny Thompson	L Matuszczak N Muspratt
Sat 17	S McCaffrey B Keen	J Knox L McQueen	J Hook S Tromp
Sun 18	K Senz D McManus	M Robertson D Baartz	D Hughes P Hughes
Sat 24	T Cavanna T Lake	A Garrone D Gerschwitz	R Henderson K Houghton
Sun 25	G Brown M Codling	R Bradley B Keen	A Midwood D Pinel

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