



(The mini comp on 7th June.)

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Congratulations to Returning Aussie pilots...

Especially the Pre-worlds Team for getting a First place! Although it was an individual award, it was very much a team effort. Hopefully there will be some short articles and photos soon...

AGM:

This is the report from "Not the AGM" where the awards were awarded and food eaten...

A very successful Presentation Dinner was held on Saturday 5th September, attended by 48 members and visitors. The atmosphere was very relaxed and a great evening was enjoyed by all. The following awards were presented:

1. Most Improved Cross Country Pilot: Paul Bart.
2. Most Improved Pilot: Ian Lesch.
3. The Wally Mills Club Service Award: Chad Nowak.
4. The Rex Teakle Award, voted for by the members: Chad Nowak.

After dinner, Allan Barnes, Mike Codling and Charles Downes spoke about their experiences at the Club Class Pre-World Championships at Previdza, Slovenia, in August. Allan, as we all know, won the event, but the whole team contributed to this success, whether flying with him or supporting the pilots on the ground. Team work is essential at this top level of competition flying, and Mike and Allan will continue to practise together for the World Championships next year.

The whole club is a part of this support structure. There will be another fundraising raffle in the new year, and I hope we can make it as successful as it was this year. I invite members to come up with other fundraising ideas too.

Finally, I would like to wish all members a very successful season as we leave the winter behind. Sunday's cumulus and strong thermals gave us a taste of the summer weather to come.

Pam Kurstjens
President
Darling Downs Soaring Club



Chad being awarded the Rex Teakle award by our Patron Stow Kentish.



Paul Bart receiving his award.



Ian Lesch receiving the award – but not the correct trophy. (Apologies but the correct trophy is now engraved and at the clubhouse – Dave.)

Upcoming.

26th September to 3rd October.
Queensland State Gliding Championships
in 5 classes: Standard, 15m, 18m, Open,
and Club Class.

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12th to 16th October: Caboolture Week.

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26th to 30th October: Kiwi Week.

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Saturday 5th December: Christmas Dinner
at DDSC.

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14th to 18th Dec, Caboolture pilots visiting.

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21st Dec to 1st Jan full time flying at
DDSC.

PS. Not for inclusion on Chat...

(He didn't mention chaotic...)

When I drove from the Pie Cart back to the Club house at the end of the day's flying my car was emitting a high pitched tone. I could not isolate the sound and drove home last night with the noise. This morning I took the vehicle to the garage, still squealing and the workshop foreman could not make it out either. I left the car at the garage. This afternoon they phoned to say that they had found the problem. It was a white mobile phone which had fallen between the passenger seat and the console and in so doing had had the # key depressed. It was the phone making the noise. I could not think who's phone it could be until I brought it home and checked the address book. Total cost to me, \$56.00 for the garage, \$15.00 for the Taxi, much anxiety last night, a day without a vehicle and a very red face. And you said yesterday that Duty Pilot was fun?

Anonymous to protect the guilty!



A heavily overcast sky last Sat (19th) with surprisingly good lift still.

Photo Dave Holbrook

Yesterday, after the best flight I've had in months, and feeling pretty happy about it too, I spoiled it all on the landing, with a little help from fate.

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On final for runway 30, I checked the undercarriage handle was in the detent, as I always do.

I touched down and was rolling along, and then the wheel collapsed. It all became very noisy and rough as Papa Mike slid and bumped along her newly re-finished belly.

The undercarriage handle was now half way between the up and the down position.

Gerrit looked at it and saw the problem: the hand grip was loose, and had ridden up about 3 cm. So although I had pushed the lever sideways into the detent, it couldn't go all the way in to the safely looked position. (Because the hand grip was preventing the handle from locating under the prominent moulding of the cockpit edge.)

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As is so often the case, it only takes a small simple thing like a loose hand grip to cause a big dent in one's ego, not to mention the wallet!

Fly safe, have fun, be thorough in your DI!

Pam

OnLineCompetition

Looks like Geoff Pratt will win the Winter Decentralised Comp with only two weeks to go. Geoff's a DDSC member and his morning glory flights in Gulf in the winter have been quite amazing. 14 out of 60 pilots entered in the Winter comp are from DDSC - well done.

Just a heads up that the DCE summer season and the OLC Southern Hemisphere League starts on 13th October. For the OLC League, DDSC needs 3 flights logged every weekend using IGC approved loggers, though there is a bit of flexibility there on what they accept. There will be more info in Soaring Australia. Also, the OLC now has a speed scoring section as well - now there is distance, FAI triangle distance and speed. If we're going to beat GCV, we need to get a head start.

regards
Jenny

Additional... Allan Barnes has now taken the lead in the Winter OLC. I don't want to make any predictions now with the morning glory still happening!!!

(Editor)

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Day	Instructors	Tug Pilots	Duty Pilots
Sat 3rd	State Competition		
Sun 4th	Andrew Huggins		Bob Flood (AE)
Sat 10th	Robert hart (L2/Coach) Keith Allen		Peter Richards
Sun 11th	Denis Lambert (L2) Pearce Mitchell (L1)		Paul Bart
Sat 17th	Richard Hoskings (L2) Jo Davis (Coach/AE)		Craig McGarrick
Sun 18th	Charlie Downes (L2) Barry Daniel (L1)		Richard Armstrong
Sat 24th	Alain Potier (L2) Mike Codling (Coach) Paul Bart (AE)		Bill Smith
Sun 25th	Peter Bell (L3/Coach) Dave Holbrook (AE)		Roly Sundell
Sat 31st	Jeremy Thompson (L2/Coach) David Nash (AE)		John Hook
Sun 1st Nov	Jenny Thompson (L2) Dave Holbrook (AE)		Greg Valler Michaela Valler