

# Out of the Blue

Waikerie Gliding Club Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2008

## Notices

### 1. Everything Aeronautical

Saturday 25th and 26th October 2008. This event will coincide with the annual Sport Aircraft Club Fly-in.

*See program attached to this news letter*

The club is planned to host a similar weekend on an annual basis - the last weekend in October each year.

### 2. Calling all Crew

There may be some confusion on the Instructor Revalidation requirements. OD 2/06 was issued back in 2006 which removed the 2yr revalidation term. Log book stickers for instructors no longer have an expiration date. If you have an expiration date it should be removed.

Revalidation of your instructor rating for the next 12mths post 31<sup>st</sup> August each year requires an AFR (annual flight review) between 1/6 and 31/8 each year. For instructors it is best to re-align your AFR to somewhere between 1/6 and 31/8. Specific operational items members wish to undertake – such as Dual Aerotowing, Formation Flying, etc. It is also appropriate that training and / or instructional briefings be included (weather permitting). Instructors and tug crews please put these dates in your Diary.

Please add your names to the roster

Send your dates to Peter Siddall [psid@riverland.net.au](mailto:psid@riverland.net.au)

### 3. Polo Shirts

A range of new **POLO SHIRTS**, which feature the Club name, "Waikerie Gliding Club" embroidered above the breast pocket, are now available.

The short sleeved POLO SHIRTS come in a small range of colours and various sizes (S, M, L, XL, XXL), at a cost of \$26.00 each. They are available from the Office.

### 4. Credit Facilities

Please remember all drinks, meals and miscellaneous purchases around the club are cash only – no credit.

## Operations

### 1. AKS 21 Rego Whiskey Kilo India

Members hopefully are now aware that the Club's AS K21 is now in service.

On behalf of the Club, I extend thanks to Craig Vinall, Greg Jackson, John Ridge, Nigel Baker, Graham Francis and Bernard and Christel Eckey who assisted with the unloading of the container and Pete Paine, Phill Hollick and David Lawley who assisted with the inspection work.

I had the pleasure of test flying the K 21, "WKI" on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August. Several members subsequently flew WKI, including Craig Vinall who flew with Pete Robinson to get some air-to-air photos of Craig's new AS G29 (flown by Mark Morgan). Pete and Craig also took the opportunity to do some aerobatics.

### 2. Club Lock Up

It would be great if all users of the club facilities could ensure all doors are secured and locked over night. This is particularly important after using the facilities on a Sunday. Lock up when you leave and check fridges in member's kitchen – left over food and rubbish please place in the wheelie bins. (Just a gentle reminder, same notice appeared in May edition)

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## DIARY DATES

<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May (4pm) 2009
<b>Next Committee Meeting</b>	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2008
<b>Member's Flying Days</b>	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>Public Hol's L/Weekends</b>	Check WGC web page

### 3. Club Trophies

WGC has an extensive list of "Trophies" which for many years were awarded to members to celebrate various activities. Unfortunately, in the latter years, these celebrations have not been celebrated.

I believe this should be an important celebration in the Club's annual calendar, and now make the suggestion that we re-introduce a function to make the various awards and celebrate the occasion.

Perhaps a dinner where the 'Trophies' could be presented and other Club awards, such as wing's presentations, recognition of significant milestones, etc could be celebrated. I encourage your thoughts and views.

John Hudson

### 4. Flight Training

Power Flight Training at Waikerie from Parafield.

Nothing further to report.

### Committee Meetings and Members Flying Schedule, 2008

**Members Flying Days Comment/Discussion/Topic**  
**Check our weekend calendar on the web to ensure a crew is available.**

<b>11.10.08 - 12.10.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>
<b>25.10.08 - 26.10.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>
<b>07.11.08 Friday WKI</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>08.11.08 - 09.11.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>
<b>19.12.08 Friday WKI</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
<b>22.11.08 - 23.11.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>
<b>06.12.08 - 07.12.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>
<b>20.12.08 - 21.12.08</b>	<b>Flying Days</b>

### Next Annual General Meeting 2009

The Club's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2009. The AGM is an important event in the Club Calendar, and we encourage all members to attend.

### Interesting Snip-it

#### **Ron Brock**

It's great to see Ron "back on his feet" after a forced layup. Ron severely injured an ankle getting off his tractor (broke it I believe – the ankle not the tractor).

Soon after Ron was up and about, he was the recipient of a "Living Treasures" award that was presented at the GFA Seminar/AGM on 6<sup>th</sup> September. Well done Ron, and great to see you out-and-about.

### Gliding Federation Australia AGM

The GFA came to Adelaide this year and I am sure the AGM will be back. It was a huge event and very well attended by members from all over the country. At the end of a most interesting speakers program the lecture room was converted to a dinner party for over 100 members and guests. Many of our members attended and were entertained by the future of electronic toys, Jets, simulators, high flying and mountain flying. I found the insight into Gavin Wills life fascinating.

### Club Facilities Upgrade Program

#### **Men's Bathroom**

Following lots of discussion about a "colour scheme" for the Club's facilities, Greg Jackson and Jean Hudson finally determined a scheme which was agreed. With the purchase of paint, the first painting project selected was the men's bathroom.

With Greg Jackson, Peter Paine and Phill Hollick enthusiastically wielding paint brushes and rollers, the bathroom has been transformed – its amazing what a difference some new colours makes. A great job by this small group.

#### **Ladies Bathroom**

The paint-brush wielding trio mentioned above were difficult to stop – and the ladies bathroom was given similar treatment. After John Ridge identified problems servicing the handbasin taps, a new benchtop was purchased and installed, complete with new handbasins, taps, tiles and mirrors. Our thanks to David Jones who installed the benchtop and handbasins – another great effort thanks David. Greg Jackson attended to the tiling – thanks Greg. The bathroom has been painted and now only requires completion of some small jobs for this room to be completed.

John Hudson

### Aerodrome operations

We are surprised how quickly a green airfield has turned to a light brown after the last few weeks of very cold over nights and drying winds during the days. We have a small amount of water left over from the water we purchased last year and can use up to 11% so far from this years allowance.

Caltrop is out there; We need some volunteers to operators to get the new tractor spray unit up and running ready for the first signs of this pest. Members are asked to remove any plants from the airfield by collecting and place the new growth in a bin with as many of the spike seed pods as possible.

## CLUB MEMORIES of Past Members

### Kevin Gillespie

Joined the Waikerie Gliding Club in April 1952 at the age of 22. Learning to fly in the Slingsby T35, he soloed on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 1952, in a flight of around 4 minutes duration off a winch launch.

Kevin's experience in Club gliders includes:

1952	Slingsby T35, Grunau 2, Kite II, H17
1955	Kangaroo, Pelican, Olympia H Grunau Baby IV, ES52 Kookaburra
1957	Munn Falcon, ES56 Nymph, ES57 Kingfisher
1958	BG12 A
1960	Cherokee, Ka6, ES60 Boomerang, Blanik, Spruce Goose, T31, Libelle

Kevin noted that no glider Logbook was kept after March 1953, but he flew other gliders.

Kevin achieved his A, B, C and Silver C.

Kevin recalled many memories of gliding with Waikerie Gliding Club.

- His first aerotow on 18 April 1954, in the Olympia "Yellow Witch" from Waikerie to Mildura behind a Tiger Moth.
- Instructing at Waikerie, which he commenced in February 1954 in the T35.
- Looping the Kite II. The aircraft had been sold to Alice Springs GC, and Ken had the last flight at Waikerie. During this flight, he was asked to perform a loop "to seal the deal". This was his one and only loop in the Kite II.
- His first aerotowing experience was being checked out by Stuart Cox on 24 April 1967 and then towing by himself on 30 April 1967.
- After WGC took delivery of its first Libelle on 14 December 1967, Kevin flew Bob Rowe to Parafield in the Auster VH-KBE, then towed the Libelle back to Waikerie, The glider released near Blanchetown and thermalled back to Waikerie.
- Kevin recalled flying the Pawnee VH-WGC the first time. The Pawnee was purchased from New Zealand and shipped to Sydney. After completing its Australian C of A, it was flown to Waikerie in early June, 1968.  
Kevin, having been given a Pawnee endorsement by Pat Crowther on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1968 and he first flew WGC on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1968, being told it was a "waste of a flight if you don't tow a glider" – nothing like learning on-the-job.

## CLUB TROPHIES (up for grabs)

Akira Kanda Trophy - Best Japanese University student.

Claude Sarre Trophy - Greatest altitude gained in the year by a WGC member.

Frank Jinks Trophy - Longest flight by a WGC member in a Club sailplane, made during the year up to 30 June.

Hard Luck or Heartbreak Award - The pilot must have missed an award of good flight by the smallest of margins. Failure of equipment etc however foolish.

Jenke Brothers Trophy - Best flight of the year.

(Meritous Service Trophy up to 1989) Jock Barrett Memorial Trophy - An Achiever's award for outstanding services to the Waikerie Gliding Club.

Jock Barrett Scholarship.

Longest Flight of the year to a pilot with under 50 hours.

Longest retrieve - Crew with the longest road retrieve

Martin Snailplane (Ryan) Award - Slowest Badge flight of the year.

Marui Award - Fastest speed flight above 300 kms in a WGC aircraft.

Orange Week Cup - Orange Week competition winner (possible now Waikerie members week/State Comp)

Renault Australia Shield (Spirit of Waikerie Award) - Longest flight of the year by an International visitor.

Rex Coates Trophy - Fastest FAI triangle in Std Class Ac.

Ron Thayne Trophy - First 750 km flight of the season Start and finish at Waikerie.

Terk Bayly Award - Longest flight of the year by a Waikerie Gliding Club member with under 500 hours experience.

Toucan Award - Longest of fastest flight by a two seater.

Vasco da Gama Award - Pilot who commits astonishing feats of navigation.

Winter Trophy - Longest flight by a Waikerie Gliding Club member in the winter months. (Jun, Jul, Aug)

# "Everything Aeronautical"

Hosted by *Waikerie Gliding Club.*



***Waikerie Aerodrome, Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>,  
Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008***

Put this annual event into your Calendar – the last weekend in October

**Everyone with an interest in things "Aeronautical" – from kites, aeromodelers & model rockets, balloons, hang-gliders and sailplanes to sport aircraft, micro-lights homebuilts, antiques, vintage, warbirds, gyro-copters, and parachutists to rocketists - everyone is welcome to come to Waikerie.**

**Come for the day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008 - or the weekend.**

**Meet and talk to people with similar interests,  
Pilots, builders, owners, maintainers, restorers, suppliers,  
See a wide variety of "flying machines".**

**See the AS-W20 Tri-jet glider**

**Try your hand in a "Maggot Race" around a (short) defined route to identify objects etc while carrying a data logger (will be provided), to be downloaded for all to see.  
Practice your aviation knowledge in the "Aviation Quiz" after Dinner on Saturday evening.**

**Plenty of aircraft parking, good tie-down facilities  
Light snacks and refreshments available during the day**

**Dinner on Saturday evening for those who wish to stay (Bookings essential) – complete with an "Aviation Quiz".**

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*"When once you have tasted flight, you will always walk with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been and there you will always be" ..... Leonardo da Vinci*



# Everything Aeronautical Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2008

## Program

0600 Hrs	Balloon Flights over Waikerie.
0700 – 0900 Hrs	Visitors arrive
From 0900 Hrs	Aircraft Static Display
	Glider Passenger Flights Helicopter Joy-flights.
1000 Hrs	Model Aircraft Demonstration / Display Model Rocket Demonstration.
1100 Hrs	Sport Aircraft “Race”
1200 Hrs	Dual Aerotow Demonstration.
1230 Hrs	Parachute Display
1300 Hrs	Glider Grandprix Event
1500 Hrs	Demonstration, AS W20 Tri-jet Glider.
1800 Hrs	Balloon Flights over Waikerie
1900 Hrs	Dinner

SA Sports Aircraft Association commence to arrive on the Friday –  
Aircraft will leave late Sunday or Monday morning.

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**SEND YOU'RE NEWS ARTICLES, ITEMS OF INTEREST OR ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOPICS TO:**

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