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FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks go out to all who helped me get the last issue of Vintage Times out.

In this issue :

David Goldsmith helped me out in the report on the Vintage Glider rally at Bacchus Marsh over the cup day weekend.

And a reminder that if you have any thing to say or sell just drop me an e-mail for the next Vintage Times.

Dave Howse

An important notice about the Vintage Form 2 packs is on the back page.

Vintage Gliders Australia Melbourne Cup Rally



The Melbourne Cup Vintage Gliders Australia Rally at Bacchus Marsh attracted quite a collection this year. Present were Andy Benton's yellow Ka6 from Benalla, flown by Andy's father Rob, and Peter Raphael's red Cherokee II from Bendigo supplemented by the Museum's red Slingsby T31b which had it's evaluation flight on Sunday after completing a survey. Other local gliders enjoying the conditions were the two K13's, one owned by the Geelong Club and the other by Dave and Jenne Goldsmith, the Beaufort Club's unique Zephyrus, and Leigh and Sue Snell's Mark 4 shortwing Kookaburra GRX.



Saturday produced good weather and quite a number of flights took place, up to 5,500 feet. Rob had the longest, in the Ka6, with 2hrs

15mins with an OLC distance of 53km. Both K13's were very busy, Geelong's GPZ logging 4 hrs 24 in 6 club flights and GPY 4hrs 6mins in 3 flights, by Peter Rundle, Peter Raphael and John "JR" Marshall, our VSA President visiting from Millicent, S.A. The Geelong K13 is fresh from a survey and was refabricated after sterling club service for fifty years, logging 16,306 hours in 54,666 flights and ready for another fifty years! Leigh Snell did two Kookaburra flights, one to introduce 10 year old family friend's son, Alexander, who is looking forward to his next flight.

Sunday afternoon was a little windy but some interesting flights took place. Dave Goldsmith and Leigh Snell flew the recently surveyed T31b to 4,500 feet in a flight lasting 46 minutes, only terminated to give others a go. Rob again had the longest flight, 2hrs 20mins and 75km in the Ka6 with the open canopy. K13 GPZ again flew for over 4 hours, mostly with instructor Wayne Mackley and including flights by newly soloed club pilot Hamid Nazari, a K13 convert! Peter Raphael had 88mins in his Cherokee while covering 42km. This ended the 4 day rally two days early as wind, cloud and yes, even some rain (!) moved in.

All round the rally and museum activities were a considerable success and much socialising was enjoyed. Bacchus Marsh provides a good environment with the museum, an excellent airport and clubhouse, and town facilities close at hand.



Vintage Gliders Australia Melbourne Cup Rally

Now firmly established in the annual calendar, we look forward to hosting the events again next year.



Australian Gliding Museum Open Day, AGM and Barbeque

The Museum Open Day attracted almost forty members and friends in beautiful sunny weather. Featured aircraft this year was the Schneider Arrow. Two were on display, one fresh from the Museum paintshop awaiting completion of it's survey, and the other with a two-piece wing completing it's delivery by trailer from Rockhampton the day before, with many thanks to Peter Rundle.

At the AGM a successful year was advised, with activities in all areas making good progress. The volunteer workforce continues to grow, with restorations continuing and 65 gliders in the collection. A toilet block including a toilet for the disabled and incorporating an equipment shed has been finished, and a storage area completed in the JB shed. Groups visiting the museum have increased with three tours - the largest with 45 members – visiting in one week. The Committee has begun investigations on becoming a public museum and is researching development of a suitable spectacular building appropriate to display Australia's wonderful gliding heritage, hopefully in a highly visible area. Thanks are extended to all members and friends for your support, and especially to our dedicated volunteers who work hard with great enthusiasm to make it all happen.

Australian Gliding Museum wood and fabric courses.

The Museum traditionally commences wood repair and fabric covering courses on the Wednesday after the Melbourne Cup, at the Museum. The wood repair course runs for four days and then the fabric course runs for four days. This year there was again a good attendance, with the fabric course being oversubscribed this year – but no-one missed out as we set up for two extras!

The wood course was again run by Peter Raphael and Peter Rundle, with much assistance on some days by Greig Wanless. This course was again run to a very high standard, with in depth classes and demonstrations before much practical experience on props and actual glider structures. The fabric repair course was again commenced by Ex-Polyfiber distributor Russell Darbyshire's inimitable presentation of covering, and a presentation on Orotex fabrics by Peter Rundle.

The following three days saw members working on a wide variety of glider parts, one participant even covering the rudder of a BE2c! Feedback from those attending both course was highly complimentary of the course and the instructors. It is intended to conduct these courses again next year.





Remember to call J R Marshall for your GFA
Form 2 concession approval on 0407 417 747

Vintage Gliders Australia was formed to help and promote the flying and maintenance of older gliders. With their unique flying characters and individual airworthiness problems this group sets out to assist anyone interested in these wonderful flying machines.

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Vintage Form 2 notice

After years of liaising with the GFA to allow us all to benefit from a reduced Form 2 pack, **Alan Patching** has decided to step down. The task now moves on to JR .

We all have a debt to Alan, for all the work he has done over all the years.

Thank Alan.

Upcoming Events

Vintage Gliders Australia Annual Rally

5th to 12th January 2019 at Bordertown

Annual presentation dinner 12th January.

Fun for All! - For information contact John "JR" Marshall on
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