

Vintage Times

Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia



VINTAGE RALLY - RAYWOOD 2024

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A pair of 21s, new and old.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for the feed back on the last
issue of Vintage Times.

In this issue :

we report on the VGA Rally at Raywood
Vic.

Vale Martin Simons.

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

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VINTAGE RALLY RAYWOOD 2024



2024 Vintage Rally at Raywood. It was a close call that we nearly didn't have a rally at all this year. You may remember that the weather was hot. Very hot! Melbourne had a Total Fire Ban for the weekend but luckily Bendigo was spared, so we were allowed to operate. Due to the risk of fires, all steel skidded gliders were grounded for the Saturday

and only three operated for the rest of the weekend.

Attending the rally was the T21, Bocian, Ka6e, Woodstock, Nymph and EP2.

There were 20 people who attended, some just for a day, some for the entirety of the rally. The model aircraft crew, including Col Collyer, managed to get some flying in the calm of the morning.



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One way to say cool was a trip to the local pub. Good flights were had over the weekend as strong thermals were available. Flying high was also a good way to cool off.



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Bring on the flying and the fun.

Beards work well in the T21.



VALE Martin Simons

March 2024

Martin was born in England, and as a teenager began his gliding career. He was a keen aeromodeller, an author, and a University Lecturer. In 1964 he joined the London Gliding Club, and as well as flying restored a Skylark 2, and edited the London Gliding Club Gazette. In May 1968 he emigrated to Australia with his family, and worked at the Adelaide University as a Lecturer his speciality being the Philosophy of Education. He joined the Adelaide Soaring Club, and then the Waikerie Gliding Club being a member at Waikerie until he gave up solo flying in 2000. He was a founding member of Vintage Gliders Australia, with the view of rescuing unique gliders and plans from damage and destruction. This led to him putting together a series of three books detailing vintage gliders with amazing drawings and descriptions. In 1971 he became the editor of Australian Gliding magazine. He also designed and built model aircraft, including scale models the he re-engineered from the most basic plans. Martin's contributions to aviation was recognised with a Pirat Geh-riger Diploma award by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in 2006, and induction into the Model Aeronautical of Australia Hall of Fame in 1993. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership to Vintage Gliders Australia in 2021. He passed away on the 19th of January after a short illness. He is survived by his 2 daughters, Pat and Margret, and 4 grandchildren. Martin was cremated, and his ashes were spread from a glider over the Horsham airfield. A life well lived.



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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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Upcoming Events

March 2024

- Hunter Valley Rally - Singleton NSW, will be held over the Easter long weekend from 29 to 31st March, 2024.

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