

Vintage Times

Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia

VINTAGE RALLY - HORSHAM 2025



FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks for the feed back on the last issue of Vintage Times. It's a new year and again I did not step back fast enough as the membership voted me back for a another year.

Again at the AGM, I raised my concerns about the rising cost to produce Vintage Times, mainly the cost of printing and postage. It now costs more than the annual membership fees to produce and post.

The option we adopted last year to charge for the print version of Vintage Times did not work for a number of

unforeseen circumstance's. So it was decided not to print Vintage Times and run with just a e mail copy only. The upside of this decision is that we have no limits on photo or article sizes. So send in your photos of your gliders, projects or just what you have been up to.

In this issue :

JR reports on the VGA National Rally at Horsham Vic..

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

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Photo:
JR and Dave Jones, Both have a connection with
the Olympia VH GFW

VGA 2025 VINTAGE RALLY

There were about 20 people who joined us at Horsham for the 48th annual rally. We had some awesome days to fly, only 4 but they were crackers. As usual at our rallies, there is always a sense of fun and mateship to go along with the flying. We had some high days, with heights over 10,000 feet, and some good distances

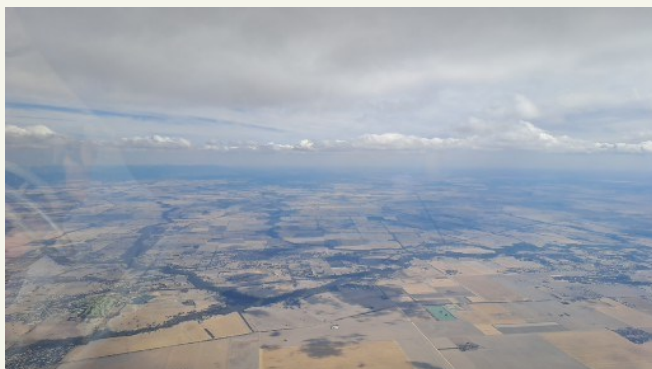
flown, Peter Raphael doing 248 km in his Cherokee, this giving birth to the new theme tune Cherokee nation. Thursday's weather was looking a bit nasty, and with some creative shuffling, we managed to get all the visiting gliders into hangars. It turned out to be not as nasty as something I thought of, but it was nice to have to not worry if it did get bad. I must thank the Horsham Flying Club members for letting us take over their premises. (We had a flag). And a big thanks to the Melbourne Gliding Club for the use of their Pawnee, and to PK for driving it.

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Col Collyer had ¼ scale models of Peter’s Cherokee, Dave and Jenne’s K6e, and the Yellow Witch, and a 2-seat flying wing, and they looked fantastic. I clocked up a total of about 386 km over the 4 days, mostly in the Twin Astir, but I did manage 90 odd kilometres in the Oly on Saturday. Horsham is a great place to fly from, big paddocks (if needed), and plenty of places to fly to. A great meal to be had at the Dimboola Hotel, as well as some of the local pubs. Only another 11 months and we can do it all again. I don’t think that those who were there this year were disappointed, so next year should be even better. JR.



How does this work again?



V I N T A G E R A L L Y H O R S H A M 2 0 2 5

Raywood-Horsham 4th January 2025

by Dave Goldsmith

Jenne and I had been enjoying the Geelong Gliding Club's Christmas Camp at Corowa Airfield, alternately flying our Ka6E VH-GEA as conditions permitted, and having a fabulous time. However the Horsham Vintage Rally beckoned and we planned to avoid a derig by flying across, with an overnight stay at Bendigo Gliding Club, Raywood. Jenne had a nice run to Raywood on the 3rd January - so far so good!

My turn to fly the leg across to Horsham dawned fine, it looked possible but there was a worrying headwind component. Saturday 4th also attracted quite a number of local members at Raywood, and I managed to finish up last in the launching queue. However I launched off and found thermals already going to over 4,000 feet, so set course hoping for better conditions to come!

Initially the most obvious feature enroute was Mount Korong, so I planned the direct route just to the south side. The thermals were rather disorganised and a number of times I was feeling a little uncomfortable as the headwind was starting to manifest itself. Passing over St Arnaud and the airfield at a comfortable height I started to

increase the glide speed to compensate for the building headwind.

Coming abeam of Donald I had a nice climb to just over 12,000 feet, however the headwind was still with me and final glide for a Ka6E was not yet in the bag! Also, the cirrus was starting to thicken up and I tracked to rejoin the highway near Murtoa to ensure Jenne in the Avan with the trailer would see me roadside if I landed, keeping the bases covered.

A sniff of lift at 4,000 put a smile on my dial, despite the long glide the thermals had not all died! Working it for all it was worth soon produced results and I was finally well above final glide despite that headwind! A pleasant tour over the town to refamiliarise myself with Horsham, a nice handy landing near the windsock, the headwind of up to 26 knots still not giving up! Thanks JR and Renna for helping to put the sweet Ka6E in the hangar for a well earned rest, and Jenne arriving on cue so a pleasant day comes to an end!





Lining up to take on that sky!



Vintage Gliders Australia**Minutes of 2025 AGM, 10th January, 2025**

Meeting opened 20:41

Apologies from Bob Hickman

Minutes of 2024 AGM presented and accepted. Moved David Howse, 2nd Michael Renehan. Carried without dissent.

Business arising from the minutes: Nil

Correspondence: Editor of Bungee Cord (USA) E Mail regarding Vintage Times

Letter from Ararat Gliding Club – offer to host a VGA Rally.

Correspondence report accepted: Moved Michael Renehan, 2nd Peter Raphael Carried without dissent.

President's Report presented by JR Marshall. Moved David Howse, 2nd Peter Raphael Carried without dissent.

Treasurer/Membership Registrar Report, outlining a healthy financial position for VGA, presented by Ruth Patching. Moved by Michael Renehan, 2nd Peter Raphael. Carried without dissent.

Election of 2025 Office Bearers:

Chairperson: Peter Raphael

Only one nomination was received for each position.

President: JR Marshall elected unopposed

Secretary: Rosie Howse elected unopposed

Treasurer/Membership Registrar: Ruth Patching elected unopposed

Webmaster: Peter Raphael elected unopposed

Newsletter Editor: David Howse elected unopposed

Place and Date of the 2026 VGA National Rally

Discussion was held for the 2025 VGA National Rally site. Horsham, Ararat and Millicent were discussed as options. JR Marshall will find out regarding the Ararat offer although their Pawnee tug was out of service but have winch launching available. Horsham confirmed we are welcome and was agreed to as the next site. Dates are January 3rd to 10th 2026

JR Marshall and Michael Renehan will provide the catering.

JR was to confirm Stonefield SA as the 2027 VGA National Rally site.

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GENERAL BUSINESS

· Website: domain name registered. NFPO – last domain name. Current is due for renewal on 1st February 2025. Moved to another provider.

MOTION : Ruth Patching moved to accept a new domain provider. 2nd Peter Raphael.

· David Howse spoke regarding the Vintage Times. He suggested we adopt sending via email only (but will also be available on the Website). No hard copies to be sent out. Ruth Patching mentioned there are 24 members who prefer hard copies, 15 of those don't have an email address. Peter Bannister offered to provide hard copies to members with no email addresses. Those members to pay an extra \$10 to cover costs to receive colour hard copies.

MOTION : Ruth Patching moved hardcopies to be sent to members with no email address. 2nd David Howse. All in favour. Carried without dissent.

· Discussion was held regarding a subsidy to a member who transports a glider more than 600km to any Vintage Rally to which the VGA has been invited.

· It was mentioned that we needed to pay for ferry costs for the Pawnee to be transported to this 2025 Vintage Rally.

MOTION : Michael Renahen moved we accept the costs of transporting the Pawnee. 2nd Keith Willis.

VALE: It was sadly noted that Edna Nolan (wife of Keith Nolan) had passed away a few weeks ago.

EVENTS

Raywood in March 2025. Dates: 8TH to 10th March. (Labour Day weekend)

Hunter Valley in April 2025. Dates: 18th to 20th April 2025. (Easter Holidays)

Bacchus Marsh to hold the Melbourne Cup Rally 2025

Warwick in Queensland – Held in October 2025

Meeting closed 21:53

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Having completed its annual inspections (Form2) VH-GHA lines up for it's test flight. Of the 4 built only 2 remain airworthy. HA was the prototype which Hary Schneider got his gold C in.



FOR SALE

Ka6E VH-GGV

Survey undertaken by Emilis Prelgauskas & apart from installation of instm panel, & maybe a tyre pressure check all should be well, except, with all-flying elevator, trim in pitch sensitive so a new- comer to gliding could overcorrect into trouble - but Dave & Jenne Goldsmith have a Ka6E, who will agree the type is a most agreeable bird, & with semi-recline cockpit seat- very comfortable.

Erik Sherwin

Duster VH-HDT

Duster 13m Sailplane VH-HDT

Basic Instruments

Max Pilot 98kg

My logbook says I last flew 2006.

Any offer will be considered.

Peter Raphael

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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 2025

- Bendigo Gliding Club Vintage Rally - Raywood Vic. Labour Day weekend 8 - 10 March 2025.
- Hunter Valley Rally - Singleton NSW, will be held over the Easter long weekend from 29 to 31st March, 2025.

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