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Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia

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F R O M T H E E D I T O R

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

My reports on the VGA Rally at Raywood and the Easter Rally at Hunter Valley Gliding Club NSW

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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VINTAGE RALLY—Raywood

Held over the labour day weekend at Bendigo Gliding Club. This event allowed many of the local vintage gliders to gather and fly.

Thursday was the day that most of the gliders turned up and we also had a number of gliders that were finishing up their annual form 2 inspections.

This included :

Peter Raphael's Bocian VH-GQJ,

Dave Goldsmith's Ka6E VH-GEA,

AGM's Ka8B VH-GMA, and

Peter Rundle's ES56 Nymph VH-GHA.

I rigged my Boomerang VH-GQO and helped Steve Baldini with his Woodstock VH-GFJ. Ian Grant had his EP2 VH-IZZ ready to go as it lives on field.

On Friday many took advantage of the great gliding weather to get their test flights done and to get some local flying in. The forecast was for the winds to pick up on Sunday so Saturday was the last flying days for the lighter gliders like the Woodstock and the Nymph. Sunday saw the Ka8, The Ka6, the boomerang and the Bocian in the air.





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Lining up for the launch on Friday GHA, GQO and GMA.



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HVGC Easter vintage rally 2025



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Laurie Simpkin's SF27M straight out of the restoration shop.



Dave Goldsmith ready for flight.

Peter Raphael's Bocian with new nose artwork.



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Its not often, in these times, that you get three wooden glider survey/ restorers /builders in the same place so it was a great chance to swap notes. Tigers from Luskintyre dropped in too. Peter Rundle's H28 was the "Peoples Choice Award" winner.



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

November 2025

- Australian Gliding Museum AGM and open day. Melbourne cup day weekend.

January 2026

- National VGA Rally– Horsham Gliding Club.

March 2026

- Ararat Gliding Club Vintage Rally Vic. Labour Day weekend.

April 2026

- Hunter Valley Rally - Singleton NSW, will be held over the Easter long weekend.

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