

Vintage Times

Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia

VINTAGE GLIDER RALLYS - 2026



FROM THE EDITOR

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

In this issue :

We have had Vintage Glider Rally's at Ararat over the Vic. Labour Day Long weekend and Hunter Valley NSW over Easter.

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Vintage Gliders Australia Rally 2026

This year, with all the world problems affecting fuel and weather we have seen a sharp downturn in vintage gliding activity. Ararat vintage meet saw only three gliders attend and Hunter Vally saw no visiting gliders. I did manage to get to Millicent Gliding club over easter and was present to see the first flight of the BG12B in 18years. I also managed to get a few flights in the Ka7 VH-GNU.

Ararat 2026

The Labour Day long weekend was hosted by the Grampians Soaring Club. The team welcomed us with great hospitality and strong enthusiasm for vintage gliding. However the weather did not 'play ball' with strong winds preventing flying on all but the last day.



Over the last few months the Vintage Gliders Australia has lost a few of its long time members and it is with great sadness that we remember Alan Delaine and Col Collyer

VALE Alan Delaine.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Alan Delaine.

Alan started his gliding journey in 1947 aged 19 years of age, with the Soaring Club of South Australia, which later became the Adelaide Soaring Club.

He was a carpenter by trade, and his wood working skills were put to use in the building of several gliders for the club. At least one of these still exists and can be seen at the Monarto Sailplaners Museum, Grunau Baby 2 VH-GHM. He also helped build the clubs first 2 seat glider S.A.5 (being the 5th glider built by the club) which was designed by club members. Alan and his wife Margret attended many Vintage Gliders Australia National Rallies, bringing his toolkit with him, he would often do repairs around the clubrooms of the host club, just because he could. Vintage Gliders Australia bestowed life membership to Alan in 2024. A true Gentleman, and a great human being.

RIP Alan.

VALE Col Collyer.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Col Collyer.

Col was a long time supporter of Vintage Gliders Australia and often attended the Vintage Gliders Australia National Rallies. His vintage glider models (often of the full sized gliders attending the rally) were legendary. His friendship and wit will be greatly missed by all.

RIP Col.

VH-GYG BG12B



FOR SALE

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.

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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.

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

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Upcoming Events

November 2026

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

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