

Uni Gliding

MEETINGS

The next General Meeting is on the first Wednesday in March there will be details in the next Newsletter.

The next Executive meeting is on 29 January at Mandy Wilson's; 6 Neptune Avenue, Modbury Heights, at 7.30pm. This is a week later than normal due to the Sports Class Nationals.

ON FIELD

- The crop has been reaped in our paddock which should make operations much easier from now on.
- A lot of people will be away for the Sports Class Nationals so there may be no flying at Lochiel during this time. (13 to 24 January). Phone the contact person as normal each Thursday for information.
- The AUGC Regatta is on 22-23 February if you can help in any way let Dave George know as he is looking for people to organise; registration, to man the start and finish lines and to act as timekeepers
- The Club Libelle is due to arrive from Narrogin this month and will be available for flying soon.

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Hello, Goodbye.

Mary Willmott and Andrew Huggins are leaving us. Mary is leaving for NSW and Andrew is heading North to Darwin. Both pilots will be sorely missed, and we wish them well in their new careers. Mary has worked tirelessly as Treasurer, and until recently as contact person. I'm sure our accounts have never looked better.

Andrew has only recently gained his Level 1 Instructor rating but has worked hard to put in as many hours as possible before he leaves.

In the short term the Treasurer's position will be shared by Peter Cassidy and Catherine Conway, but at the AGM in April we will formally elect a new Treasurer. So if you're available and want to serve on the Executive come along to the AGM and get yourself nominated.

On the other hand Anthony Smith is back. He is based at RAAF Edinburgh and will be flying at Lochiel. I've heard there are plans to train him as an instructor, but I don't know if Anthony knows about that yet.

- The new hangar has been delivered to Lochiel and is currently being stored in the Puchatek hangar. Once the ground is levelled we will need to organise a working bee to erect it. It will be sited to the West of the Puchatek hangar

'O' WEEK

It's coming soon, and we will need people to man the AUGC 'O' Week desk during this time. If you are available, even if only for half a day let someone on the executive know. 'O' Week is the main source of new members for the club, and a good way to raise the club's profile, so we need to do all we can to make it a success.

ACCOUNTS

Included with this newsletter is your AUGC account. If you are in arrears PLEASE PAY NOW.

CONGRATS

- ☺ Dave George flew his 300km Gold distance, and 3000m height gain
- ☺ Andrew Huggins and Peter Cassidy both flew a 500km flight for diamond goal and distance.
- ☺ Peter Temple flew to Wilpena Pound and back, something he's been trying to do for many years.

This Month on Field

Wednesday 25 December

Dave George and Andrew Huggins each had two and a half hours in CY whilst the rest of us were at home eating turkey and Christmas pudding.

Thursday 26 December

An early sea breeze reduced flying to circuits after only one long flight.

Friday 27 December

A reasonable cross country day. Dave George declared a 300km flight; Lochiel, Redhill, Owen, Georgetown. He outlanded about 10km away and after much fiddling with the GPS, and much cross checking of co-ordinates it seems he flew 300.5km, and the barograph worked too. Peter Temple flew 309km and made it home.

Saturday 28 December

A much busier day, but not such good weather, we had thermals to 4000' early before the sea breeze came in. Peter Cassidy declared a 500km flight so it's probably his fault.

Sunday 29 December

A very similar day to Saturday, ther-

mals to 4000' early on followed by a sea breeze.

Monday 30 December

Chaos from what I've heard. The winch had to be towed out to the launch point as it's gear box refused to work. Then at the end of the day there was a huge tangle when both cables became airborne together

Saturday 4 January

Thanks to great efforts by Andrew Huggins on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a new gear box was fitted to the winch and we were able to fly. Which was just as well as Saturday was a truly outstanding day. Peter Cassidy declared and flew a 500km task in CY, Andrew Huggins flew QZ up to Rawnsley Park, another 500km task, and I flew a 300km task in TJ. There were gliders everywhere and the lift was unbelievable. At one stage Andrew had a climb 13.5kt on the averager.

Once everyone got back we rigged the Puchatek. It reached 39° at Lochiel, not very pleasant for those left behind.

Sunday 5 January

The forecast for Sunday was not

promising, a change was expected by 1.30pm, and thunderstorms were forecast everywhere by early afternoon. Undeterred Peter Temple declared a 650km task, and Dave George a 300km goal flight. They tried to launch early because of the forecast, but this resulted in several circuits, and a late start. We had problems with the brake on the drum holding the new cable. So that when it fell off the drum it resulted in a bad tangle every time. Eventually we operated with a single cable which slowed operations down but was probably quicker in the long run. Sunday reached 40° and made for a hot day on the ground. In fact although there were several thunderstorms and lots of rain and hail, the day was better than forecast, although not as good as Saturday.

Towards the end of the day the front radiator on the winch overheated and put an end to operations. Once everyone landed, (Peter made it to Rawnsley Park, but flew 560km, rather than 650km, and David flew to Jamestown and back.), we had to derig; CY, PN, QZ and ZM, ready for Renmark next weekend. It made for a very late night, I doubt if anyone got to bed before 1.30am.

So you want to fly this weekend?

- You must ring the club contact person, Michael, on the Thursday before, strictly between 8.00pm and 10.00pm, on 018 810 963 or (08) 8345 4159, so that he can organise instructors and transport for those intending to fly. Please try the mobile number first. Remember if the call is less than one minute it only costs 25 cents
- A lift is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.15am, or from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield road, Bolivar at 7.30am
- Directions to the airfield are available from the contact person.
- Remember to phone the contact person or you could be forgotten.

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