

VINTAGE GLIDER ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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Since the formation of our Association last October, we have not been idle in South Australia. Now it is hoped that the elected State Delegates will soon supply the necessary feed back to us and become involved in the management of Vintage Affairs to our national interest.

Our present Membership is representative of all States except Queensland, therefore it is hoped that we may soon rectify this situation and I have a target of doubling our Membership for 1978.

South Australian Members are invited to take part in "Wings and Wheels" being organised by the Royal Aero Club of S.A. at Parafield on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of March 1978.

Also, we have been asked to nominate space required for a Vintage Aircraft display at the forthcoming Royal Adelaide International Exposition '78, during May at the Wayville Showgrounds, Adelaide.

Mr. Ray Ash was asked to go through the necessary channels to establish the legality of having a "Vintage" delegate to the G.F.A. Council.

From the many letters of appreciation received over our Blanchetown Rally, we hear that Ray Ash of Parramatta is attacking the restoration of his Granau with renewed vigor, while brother Allan of Melbourne has been inspired to get cracking on his H 17 again.

The question now being asked is when and where is the next Rally being held. Rumour has it that it could be a ridge site in Victoria, but as yet no light has been shed.

It is hoped that Members will take time off from making tacking strips or whatever to keep us informed of their work and activities in their area.

Mr. Harold Bradley, our oldest and perhaps most dedicated Member, sends in a paper clipping from A.G. 1952.

That year new aircraft entering service were the Waikerie Pelican 2, the Slingsby T 31 Austral and the rebuilt Munn Falcon.

Also, we note that a Dixon Primary Glider was aero towed to the Camden Air Show.

As we go to press, Leo Boin of Adelaide is about to set off on an Interstate trek to recover an Olympia for South Australia - It is a long while since we had 3 Olympias in this State - so best wishes to Leo for a successful trip.

Our next letter will be forwarded as and when we have something worthwhile to communicate, in the meantime remember that Vintage Gliding definitely has a meaning for a lot of people and your contribution is a valued one.

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