

VINTAGE GLIDER ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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We are happy to announce Vintage Rally '78 is to be hosted by the Victorians, at Bacchus Marsh; with Doug Vanstan as the Organizer. We would therefore suggest that all interested parties make their intentions known to Doug at 33 Franklin St., Bacchus Marsh, Victoria 3340. Telephone 053 673 321.

Although the hangarage is naturally limited to the most needy, the site has many advantages by way of accommodation.

For those who book early, the club house has 20 beds, 6 aerodrome caravan sites are available, along with 5 Hotels, 1 Motel, and one Caravan Park in the town 4 miles away. No restrictions of course, on closed Trailers, and, although a D.O.T. field radio is not mandatory, it must be known that no winch facilities will be available. However, there will be one Auster, one Moule, three Supercubs, and one Calair available for **launching**, along with a S.A. Bungy if required by the purists.

S.A. will be represented by 1 Rhon Ranger, 2 Olympias, 2 Cherokees, and 1 Granau.

Bacchus Marsh already has resident 1 Golden Eagle, 1 Zephyrus, 1 Altair Yellow Witch, Several Kookaburras, a Granau B 2 airworthy, and a Coogee that awaits restoration. With such a grand collection of Vintage Aircraft, in addition to the Aircraft you intend to bring, Rally '78 promises to be even better than Blanchetown.

Valuable correspondence is welcomed from Allan Ash, Alan Patching and Ray Ash who informs us that his Granau is now covered, and painted, and almost ready to go.

Letters are still requested from a broader field, about what is going on, while some requests already to hand ask for drawings etc. of a Primary Glider and of a 2 piece wing Kingfisher of Schneider Vintage.

We are happy to say the "Our Wings and Wheels" display at Parafield sponsored by the Royal Aero Club, was a resounding success, while Adelaide Expo '78 gave the Vintage Association its first award by way of a trophy for the display arranged around Neville Daniel's Cherokee, Cleve Gandy's Rhon Ranger, and my own Olympia, a picture of which we hopefully will see on a future A.G. Cover.

Ray Ash informs us that a 1949 H17 at Camden awaits interested parties, while the grapevine tells us that the Gnome has been acquired by a person unknown, and we wait for someone to fill us in on this one.

We welcome any information that **may** lead to the resurrection of Vintage Aircraft presumed lost or misplaced in some loft or hay stack.

Since our last newsletter, Leo Boin has retrieved for S.A. , Olympia GDQ, and it has now flown more hours in the last three months than

the **previous 2** years. Leo incidentally is S.A. new R.T.O.A elect.

A most recent enthusiastic member is Geoff Osborne, of A.G. Staff, as is our Ex RTO ops, Mike Valentine.

As Rally '78 coincides with our A.G.M., we trust that the organizers might give some thought to the Agenda and the possible format of the meeting.

We look forward to hearing your views relative to the future of our movement, and to the re-election etc. of Office Bearers.

It would further be appreciated if the following tear-off slip could be filled in and **returned** to me in Adelaide.

Kevin Sedgman

Name

Contact Address

Aircraft Type

Approx. Age of Aircraft

State of Resurrection

Information of (lost) aircraft

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