

VINTAGE GLIDER ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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We are happy to report that the Vintage Rally held at Bacchus Marsh, Victoria on the 7-8th October 1978 was a great success with a good line up of Gliders from Victoria, New South Wales, and South Australia.

A General Meeting was held on the evening of the 7th of October at which approximately 70 people attended.

Officers elected for the ensuing 12 months were as follows:-

President:	Kevin Sedgman
State Delegates:	W.A. Neville Wynne
	N.S.W. Ray Ash
	S.A. Leo Boin
	Vic. Alan Patching
	Qld. No nomination

Doug Vanstan of Victoria was appointed to act as our official representation at G.F.A. Level.

The Meeting passed a vote of Thanks in appreciation to all the people involved at Bacchus Marsh. The Rally was considered very worth while and the Bacchus Marsh Clubs really did a wonderful job as host for the event.

It is with Regret that we have to announce the loss of a most valued foundation Member of the Vintage Glider Association.

Leo Boin, of South Australia, was accidentally killed in the Barossa Valley, in a Glider collision at a State Meeting, on Sunday 29th January, 1979.

Leo was a Gliding Instructor, and an airworthiness officer of many years standing, and his enthusiasm for Vintage Gliders in particular was well known throughout Australia. He currently owned an Olympia G.D.O., which he flew at Bacchus Marsh and was rebuilding a Kirby Kadit and Gull 4.

As the S.A. delegate of the Vintage Association, Leo was a tireless worker and a most valuable organizer. He leaves a wife Coral, and two sons.

Leigh Bunting of the Balaklava Gliding Club of S.A. writes of the activities of the Spruce Goose which is currently owned by Merv Gill.

The Spruce Goose, and original design by Ted Pascoe, has been a familiar sight in South Australia for more than 20 years. After Ted parted company with this Aircraft it was purchased by a syndicate then changed hands to Merv Gill, who has been flying consistently since.

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A T31 adorns the hangar wall at Balaklava, while two of its owners are busy seeking out the allusive Opal. Don Nottle the other owner is busy flying fibreglass. It is hoped that one day the duster and chamois are run over this valuable exhibit. Leigh Bunting's Grunau is unfortunately gathering dust at present, due to poor soaring conditions. It seems that when conditions are good he has other duties to perform.

Leigh wishes to know if anyone has any record of the GNOME. It was last heard of in the Alice Springs area.

It is hoped that a list of Member's and Vintage Aircraft will be included in a future Newsletter.

H.L. McInnis, of RMB 846 Willura Victoria 3291, has a L.O. 150B that he wishes to sell for \$5,000 or best offer.

A letter received from J.G. Simkin of 11 Phillip St. Woodridge, Q'ld, 4114, states that he is the owner of a T31 B Reg. G.D.W. completely rebuilt and is kept in an enclosed trailer. It was originally built by Slingbys in 1954, but unfortunately he is not able to find time to fly this aircraft due to business commitments.

The Association still awaits information from Queensland people interested in Vintage gliders.

Eric Ehrenberg, a Vintage Glider Pilot of long standing, writes that he has available about 106 copies of sailplane and glider in good condition dating from 1940 to 1953. He would be open to an offer to place these valued Magazines in good hands. Write to

E. Ehrenberg,  
26 Gallipoli Pde.,  
PASCOE VALE SOUTH Vic. 3044

VINTAGE GLIDERS AT 1978 RALLY

VH-GFW	OLYMPIA	"43" Yellow Witch Homebuilt K. Nolan Melb.
VH-GDQ	<del>OLYMPIA</del>	<del>"COLUMBUS"</del> Written off due to collision
VH-GLY	OLYMPIA	Built 1959
VH-GQE	HALL CHEROKEE II	"Ward's Ensigna, homebuilt, from S.A.
VH-GFC	RICHARDSON GOLDEN EAGLE II	A Patching, Melbourne
VH-GDM	HUTTER H17	From Sydney, can be open or closed cockpit
VH-GYX	HUTTER H17	Did not fly
VH-GLI	ALTAIR	
VH-GLL	ES49 WALLABY	B. Bunn, Albury. Homebuilt
VH-?	ZEPHRYUS	Beaufort G. C., Bacchus Marsh
VH-GRC	ES/52/B KOOKABURRA	C/N 41 Built 1960
VH-GLM	ES52/3 KOOKABURRA	C/N 25, Built 1/57 B. Head & S. Andersen, Melbourne

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VH-GLQ	ES KINGFISHER	
VH-GDX	ES56 NYMPH	C/N 28 or 29, Built 1956
VH-GHV	GRUNAU BABY IIIA	Garth Hudson
VH-G	COOGEE	Did not fly
-	RHONE RANGER	Some parts only, main components did not
	PRIMARY	arrive from S.A.
-	PRIMARY	Geelong G.C. - on back wall of hangar
		not flown for many years

Details of the 79 Rally at Benella will be made available in a special Newsletter as soon as all relative arrangements are completed.

As we go to press we acknowledge an application for Membership from Sir Raymond Garratt of Victoria

Fred Gasgoine	Victoria
Harold McInnis	Victoria
Robert Kedzia	South Australia
P. Britten Jones	Northern Territory

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

Kevin Sedgman

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Name.....

Contact Address.....

Aircraft Type.....

Approx. Age of Aircraft.....

State of Resurrection.....

Information of (lost) aircraft.....

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Forward to: Kevin Sedgman  
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