

# Vintage Times

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Many thanks go out to all who helped me get the last issue of Vintage Times out.

In this issue we cover the annual Easter Rally at

- Warkworth NSW and
- Warwick Qld.

Peter Raphael helped me out again with his article on the Warkworth rally.

Laurie Simpkins provided photos from the Warwick rally.

And a reminder that if you have any thing to say or sell just drop me an e-mail for the

next Vintage Times.

Just a reminder that the membership in July.

Dave Howse

## EASTER RALLY WARKWORTH NSW 2018

### The 'original' Warkworth Easter Vintage Rally

Once again the Hunter Valley Gliding Club, situated at Warkworth in the Northern Hunter Valley region of New South Wales, has hosted the Easter Vintage Glider Rally. Nestled amongst the open cut coalmines of the valley, and at the northern end of the mountainous Wollemi National Park, the region affords very diverse landscape to fly over. It provided those with a reasonable L/D and a little added courage, the opportunities open up to explore even further afield. This year we were also gifted with 4 days of reasonable weather with cumulus cloud and while convection heights limited the scope of cross-country activity, many good and long flights were had.

As is usual, this vibrant club turned on an excellent show, providing tasty evening meals for the main days with the highlight of a Trivia night hosted by club CFI, Paul Dickson. This was designed to test the historical aviation knowledge of those present. Of course, there were unsubstantiated rumours of some subversive 'googling' amongst some less ethical teams! However, both winning and losing teams were treated to rewards for their efforts. Of course the Hunter Valley is also known for its wineries and I suspect that this fact played no small part in the poorer performance of some teams!



This year's highlights included the presence of the ES56 Schneider Nymph prototype with it's beautiful translucent Oratex covering and a

recently refurbished Hall Cherokee II GLU, resplendent in its original 1960's livery. Two K7's, Ka6cr, K6e, SF27m and Pilatus B4 rounded out an eclectic selection of vintage gliders and provided a colourful distraction amongst the clubs usual active fleet of white fibreglass.



With 2 Pawnees towing, little time was lost in launching the gridded gliders, and on one of the days, 42 launches were achieved in what is

believed to be a record for the club.

The presence and enthusiasm for these older gliders is not lost on the unconverted and several club pilots took the opportunity to experience vintage flight, some even so far as to enquiring about available aircraft. Circumstances and a conflicting event this year conspired against a bigger attendance at the rally but all those attending agreed that it was a well organised and friendly event and well worth coming back next year.





## EASTER RALLY WARWICK QLD 2018



Over the Easter weekend a group of vintage gliders got together at Warwick Qld.

Attending was M200, Foka5, Ka6CR, two BG12A, Slingsby Dart and a Hall Cherokee.

They hope to make this gathering an annual event over the Easter weekend.



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Newsletter of Vintage Gliders Australia

Remember to call Alan Patching for your GFA Form 2 concession approval on 03 9817 5362

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.

[WWW.VINTAGEGLIDERSAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU](http://WWW.VINTAGEGLIDERSAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU)

## WANTED new project



I am on the hunt for my next rebuild or restore project.

So if you have a old aircraft or glider that you think is time to move on from, then give me a email .

High on my list is -

- Rutan solitaire kit
- Unfinished homebuilt wood or glass aircraft.
- No blarik's please

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P.S. Don't tell Rosie !

## EP2 VH-IZZ for sale

EP2 VH-IZZ

New Form 2

Trailer and tow gear

Survey carried out this year

Similar performance to a Boomerang

192 hrs 268 landings

\$5,000 ONO

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## Slingsby Dart for sale



VH-IZO

John King's  
Slingsby Dart 17R - 1966

A gentleman's conveyance!  
Only 316 hours and 182 flights.  
10 year survey expired Dec 2016  
Very good condition, comes with a good enclosed trailer  
\$6,000

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