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Peter Rundle's ES56 Nymph  
(photo Peter Raphael)

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As you see the vintage times has a new (Stand-in) editor. Andy Benton our editor was finding it hard to get the next edition of vintage times out due to his time constraints. So I asked Andy if I could help. Now this is the first time I have done this so please bear with

me as I learn the ropes. If you have a story to tell or just a photo to share you can e-mail me at any time. As we head into the winter most of us seem to spend more time in the workshop than in the air. Photos and stories of what you find help us all learn. In my

own case I have just finished the 50 year survey on VH-GQO, my Boomerang, and have started the survey on the EP2 VH-IZZ. In the mix I hope to get the AGM's K4 VH-IKK flying again. I will up date you all on how this is going.

Dave Howse.

## HUNTER VALLEY EASTER RALLY 2017

A large turn-up of vintage gliders and visitors, a forecast for warm weather, light winds and scattered cumulus and a very enthusiastic local team provided the ingredients for a memorable Easter Vintage Rally at Hunter Valley Gliding Club, Warkworth, this year. Some extra standouts included a number of firsts, including the first flight by prototype ES-56 Nymph VH-GHA in thirty years. The Nymph had long been roosting in the rafters of a furniture showroom, and was facing extinction as the demolition bulldozers were called in. Fortunately some Nymphomaniacs from the Central Coast Soaring Club were on hand, and the glider was saved, refurbished, and now, flown! The K7's were much to the fore, with four in the



VH-GLJ KOOKABURRA



VH-GHA NYMPH

line-up! Attending were K7 GQP with Ron Kingston, HNT with Dennis Meyer, GPG with Rob Moffat and John McCorquodale, and GCQ having it's first flight in 3 years with Robert and Wayne Hare. Phillip Brown could not bring K7 GFR from RAAF Richmond, last flown in January 2015, but did get to fly it on the last day of April at Richmond. GTU, the Central Coast Club's K13, sported a nice new tinted blown enclosed canopy – or for wind in your hair you could choose the cabriolet two-holer!

Peter and Helen Raphael with red Cherokee GPR and Dave and Jenne Goldsmith with Ka6E GEA came from Victoria. Local Warkworth SF-27M ZOT with Peter Rundle, was the only self-launcher

present among the vintage gliders. Mark III Kookaburra GLJ, with Len Diekman and Richard Pincus, had it's evaluation flight as it approaches 60 and looks good. Boris Jovanovic with Pilatus B4 GJV, also came from the Central Coast Club. Many long flights were made during the rally, with two or three of the craft sharing thermals on many occasions, sometimes with an eagle or two. A number of flights were made above cloudbase as convergence lift sometimes appeared a mile upwind from the cumulus. Generally heights were maxing out at up to 5,000 feet, and a few flights exceeded 100 km. The Nymph was in demand, proving to be a delight to fly and with a rather novel take-off and a short landing on it's

Flight line - all ready to fly



## HUNTER VALLEY RALLY 2017



Roast Greek lamb

skid. Performance is surprisingly good and identification not a problem once it's unique spoilers – a short one above the wing and long one below, were deployed. The local operation was well managed with over thirty flights on a number of days, using the club's Pawnee tow-plane.

Evening meals were a delight, a

particular favourite being the roast Greek lamb with salad. Evening entertainment including a well researched and rather rowdy aviation trivia night, talks on getting the Nymph from the rafters through restoration to aviation by Peter Rundle, and physics and space flight by Boris Jovanovic were well appreciated.

Thanks are due to the Hunter Valley Gliding Club members, instructors and tow-pilots for their hard work and support. Regular rally visitors Warren and Lynne Morrow from Grafton were kept busy helping and flying, but they couldn't bring the club's K7. The clubroom and airfield facilities, now including new bunk-rooms, were first class and much appreciated by all. Particular thanks

go to the organisers, Peter Rundle, Arie Van Spronssen and Paul Dickson and their assistants



WHERE IS THE LIFT?

for their efforts that resulted in a lot of people having a lot of fun! See you next year!



VH-GC0 K7

VH-GQP K7



Flight line

## FROM THE WORKSHOP



As part of the survey on my Boomerang I decided that my poor back was over lifting the wings about.

Now, one man rigging tools have been about for some time, but most are set up to lift very heavy glass wings.

So I built a lighter version for the Boomerang. The Mk1 lifting and rigging tool was tested at the post survey rig.



One man rig tool that takes 3 men!



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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.

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## FOR SALE

### Cherokee VH-GLU



Cherokee VH-GLU  
Tow out gear  
Portable Icom Radio  
Tasman vario  
Full Form 2 till Oct 2017  
Tie down gear and Covers  
Max pilot 81kg  
Stalls 32kts  
1700 hrs 3400 landings  
\$3,200 ONO  
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### EP2 VH-IZZ

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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### Boomerang VH-GTK



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**Wing walker** tow out dolly.  
**One person handling tools,**  
**GPS Volks Logger and accessories,**

**Wing Covers, Box of Spare ES 60 metal fittings**

**Variometer Borgelt B-40 electronic variometer. Tie down kit**  
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