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Articles for Vintage Times are welcomed



Photo Hal Hopkins

Beaufort Gliding Club Zephyrus

Vintage Gliders Australia Melbourne Cup Vintage Rally & Australian Gliding Museum Open Day

Traditionally Vintage Gliders Australia has held a vintage rally at Bacchus Marsh over the four days of the Melbourne Cup long weekend. The Australian Gliding Museum holds it's

Annual General Meeting and Open Day on the Sunday. The following Wednesday the four day wood repair course begins and then the fabric course for another four days.

Unfortunately this year the weather for gliding did not cooperate on the first three days of the rally, with rain showers and strong winds dominating proceedings. However Cup Day on Tuesday came good, with scattered cumulus and pleasant conditions.



The Museum's T31b had 5 flights

Due to the poor weather forecast for the rally, visitors stay away in vast numbers(!), however Tuesday we did see four vintage gliders flying. The Museum's Slingsby T31b logged five flights and the Woodstock had its evaluation flight after a Form 2. Peter Champness soared for almost one and a half hours in his self launching Woodstock and then for over an hour in the Beaufort Club's unique two-seater Zephyrus with Chris Thorpe, one of four Zephyrus flights.



Peter's Woodstock

Despite the weather, the Australian Gliding Museum's AGM and Open Day attracted about forty members and friends and turned into quite a social occasion as no-one was in a hurry to go back outside! The Museum continues in good shape and now has 68 gliders in the collection.



The Wood Repair and Fabric courses aim to train candidates in these essential skills to keep pre-fibreglass gliders airworthy into the future. Each course attracted eight participants, some coming from as far away as Western Australia. The courses received strong support as being well worthwhile, and already bookings are being considered by prospects for next year's courses!

More information can be found at:-

<https://australianglidingmuseum.org.au/>
<https://victoriancollections.net.au/organisation/s/australian-gliding-museum?page=1-3&rnd=cio#collection-records>

Coming events:- Be there!

Vintage Gliders Australia Annual Rally

Members and friends are invited to the annual Vintage Gliders Australia Rally at Bordertown airfield from 5th to 11th January 2020. Social and flying activities will ensure a fun time for all. Winch launching will be provided. Further details are available from VGA President John "JR" Marshall 0407 417 747

Hunter Valley Gliding Club Easter Vintage Rally

Thursday 9/4/20. Informal pre rally day
 Friday 10/4 till 13/4/20 Easter Weekend. Organised Rally.

Tuesday 14/4/20 till the weekend of 18-19/4/20. As much flying as possible!

Contact Rob Moffat on 0418 183 563 or rob-smoffat@hotmail.com

Vintage Glider Club Rendezvous Rally

25 to 30th July 2020 at LSV Lingen, Germany

48th International Vintage Glider Club Rally

1st to 9th August at Achmer, Osnabrucker VFL Germany.

Registration for both Rallies www.vgc2020.de