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MBGC Presidents' Report



Mt Beauty Gliding Club conducted its Annual General Meeting on 29 January 2012 at Ian and Susie Cohn's residence. The new Committee for 2012 as elected at the AGM is:

President: Andrew Evans
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Secretary: Ian Cohn
Treasurer / Public Officer: Richard Todd
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Ordinary Committee members:
Kitty Vigo, Steve Bradbury and Mart Bosman



The new Committee for 2012. L to R - Kitty Vigo, Richard Todd, Mart Bosman, Steve Bradbury, Ian Cohn, Andrew Evans, Mark Bland and Terry Knight.

Photo: Andrew Evans

Congratulations and thank you to these members for making themselves available to serve the club and thank you to the previous Committee who served the club so well in 2011. Particular thanks to former Treasurer Steve Bradbury who has stepped down as Treasurer for 2012. This role has perhaps the

greatest workload of all the Committee positions and Steve has done an excellent job in setting up QuickBooks for our financial management system.

Thank you to Richard Todd for taking on this role for 2012.

Thanks also to retiring Committee member Mike Pobjoy for his long service on the Committee.

Congratulations to all our award winners for 2011 as featured in the photos and stories below.



*Attendees at the AGM held on 29 Jan 2012.
Photo: Ian Cohn*

Replacement training glider

With the grounding of the club 2 seater training glider IS28 VH-WVU in May 2012, your Committee has researched suitable replacement and funding options to achieve this. An order has been placed with Schleicher's of Germany for an ASK21 twin seater sailplane.

Canvassing of members to seek interest free advances on flying accounts is continuing, to assist with funding for our new glider. The

advance would effectively be repaid as you incur costs against your account in flying and MBGC membership fees.

A number of members have already generously pledged interest free advances and one member has offered a loan to the club. If you are interested in assisting the club by pledging an interest free advance, please contact President Andrew Evans by email at andrewe@g-mwater.com.au. All pledges are welcome, no matter how small. Pledges from as low as \$100 will help with this project.

Our target is to raise at least an additional \$45,000 above the cash resources we currently hold for the purchase of a new 2 seater glider. Any shortfall in funding will be required to be met from loan funds. Preliminary approval for a loan has been obtained from Bendigo Bank.

Safe flying.

Andrew Evans - President / Alpine Flyer Editor

Member Editorial Contributions

Thanks to Laura Sullivan, Brooke Anderson, Ian Cohn, Craig Collings and Mark Bland for their editorial and photo contributions this month. All members are encouraged to submit stories and photos for publication. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the newsletter, send those in as well. All feedback welcome. It's your publication.

Don't forget to follow club activities on our Mt Beauty Gliding Club Facebook page where you can download photos and comments about your gliding exploits and interact with like minded individuals. If you don't know how to do it, ask our junior pilots, your kids or grandkids.

Any members requiring further details of any of this month's editorial can contact the Editor at: andrewe@g-mwater.com.au.

Mike Pobjoy wins Andrew Mull Sportsmanship Award for 2011

Heather Mull presented Mike Pobjoy with the Andrew Mull Sportsmanship award for 2011 at the AGM in recognition of his contributions to the club over many years including carrying out Form 2 inspections on IS28-WVU and the Pilatus-GCD, maintenance of the winch and gliders and extensive service on the Committee. The award was decided by popular vote of members.



Heather Mull presenting Mike Pobjoy with the Andrew Mull Sportsmanship Award for 2011 at the AGM.

Photo: Ian Cohn

Craig Collings wins Club Class Nationals

Congratulations to Craig Collings for his win at the Australian Club Class Nationals held at Benalla in January. Craig narrowly beat Toby Geiger in second place and Allan Barnes came in at third place.



Craig Collings and his ASW20-XOR in a paddock somewhere.

Photo: Craig Collings

Ben Talbot wins inaugural Darryl Evans Memorial Junior Pilot's Encouragement Award for 2011

Andrew Evans presented Ben Talbot with the inaugural Darryl Evans Memorial Junior Pilot's Encouragement Award for 2011 at the AGM, in memory of his son Darryl who lost his life at age 20 in 1997. The award included \$200 to be paid into Bens' flying account. The award was decided by the Instructors Panel.



*Andrew Evans presenting Ben Talbot with the Darryl Evans Memorial Junior Pilot's Encouragement Award for 2011 at the AGM.
Photo: Ian Cohn*



*Participants at the Mountain Soaring Course at Mt Beauty in January. L to R - Phil O'Bryan, David Wilson, John Buchanan, Graham Levitt, Adrian Ginn, Ian Cohn, Ian Grant and Philip Volk.
Photo: Alex Craig - Kiewa Valley Observer*

Andy Smith wins Greatest Distance Award for 2011

The longest flight award for 2011 was presented to Andy Smith at the AGM for his 716 km flight - Mt Beauty / Temora / Whorouly on 6 January 2011.



*Andrew Evans presenting the longest flight award for 2011 to Andy Smith at the AGM.
Photo: Ian Cohn*

Mountain Flying at Mt Beauty 14 to 21 January

This course was a new initiative for pilots wishing to extend their skills in mountain flying. Supported by the VSA and Mount Beauty Gliding Club, the course offered practical advice and soaring opportunities over the mountain areas covering Mt Hotham, Mt Buffalo, Mt Buller and Mt Kosciuszko. Coaches were Mark Bland, Ian Grant, John Buchanan and David Wilson.

16 year old Laura Sullivan gets her Silver "C" height

Here is Laura's story.

On 16 January I got the Pilatus-GCD out early and got ready to do my five hours. I got off the ground at around mid day and got going pretty much straight away. Unfortunately I missed getting an hour by eight minutes, as the thermals were disappearing. When I was back on ground I was keen to try a second attempt. Sadly I didn't get my five hours on that flight either as I only got six minutes because the sky was completely dead.

So I had a short break and then had a third attempt. This time I managed to get somewhere. I flew around above the golf course for a while gaining 4500ft, then I moved over to Bogong Hill and lost about 1000ft, so then I flew back over to the golf course, but this time got nothing as the cloud I had used had moved. By then I had lost about another 2000ft and started getting ready to land, but then suddenly my lucky spot above the golf course had built up again, so I managed to get back up to 4000ft.

I then flew across to Mt Emu and that's where I really got started. After turning in a thermal for a while I decided to fly back and forth above the ridges. When I left the ground I already knew this flight wouldn't be a five hour because otherwise it would be dark half way through it.

Soon it got really rough, as I had entered turbulence, so I flew across to the opposite side where I started to slowly come down.

After I had landed I saw I had done an hour and twenty four minute flight.



Laura Sullivan with Pilatus B4 VH-GCD.
Photo: Andrew Evans

The next morning Ian Cohn announced at the briefing that I had reached my Silver "C" height, as my highest point I got to was 6780ft.

16 year old Ben Talbot gets his Gold Distance, Diamond Goal & 5 hour flight

Congratulations to Ben Talbot for achieving his 300 km Gold Distance and Diamond Goal with a flight Tocumwal / Morundah / Walbundrie / Tocumwal in Astir CS77 - IKS on 29 December 2011.



Ben Talbot in Astir CS77 – IKS
Photo: Mark Bland

Congratulations to Ben also for achieving his 5 hour Silver "C" flight on 21 January with a 300 km flight from Mt Beauty to Yarrowonga return in Astir CS77-IKS in company with Mark Bland in his Libelle-GUK with altitudes to 10,000 ft.

Laura Sullivan & Brooke Anderson's WIG adventure

No, Laura and Brooke have not been out buying wigs. They have both been to the recent Women in Gliding course at Benalla. Here is their story:

On 27 December 2011 Brooke and I arrived at the Gliding Club of Victoria in Benalla ready to start our week of Women in Gliding. On the first day Brooke and I didn't do any real flying but did a lot of simulator flying which I found good because it helped me with my aero-tow launching, but Brooke found it quite hard because there wasn't any feel to it or any sound.



Laura Sullivan flying the GCV simulator at Women in Gliding.
Photo: Brooke Anderson

At the end of the day, even though we had been inside all day we were hot and tired so we decided to walk back to our caravan park. That was meant to be a five minute walk from the airfield. We decided not to walk there again because it was more like twenty minutes.

On the 28th we got to the airfield as quickly as possible and got sorted into which aircraft we were going to be in for the day flying. I ended up in the ASK21 and Brooke was in the IS28. The first flight I did was with Greg Schmitt who made the comment of "you're pretty good at aero-tow for your first time". Then for the

afternoon I went for a flight in the Duo Discus with Peter Trotter to Yarrawonga and back. We managed to get 7000 ft. from cumulus clouds.



Brooke Anderson (left) and Laura Sullivan concentrating hard at the Women in Gliding course at Benalla

That night we had a BBQ at the club house with a rest of the women. The next morning after the briefing, we got a lift out to the airfield and I went for a few flights and then Brooke went home in the afternoon.

Submitted by Laura Sullivan and Brooke Anderson

ASK21-GVS muscles in on VW Sirocco trials at Mt Beauty

Mount Beauty Airport was the venue for the start of the new VW "Sirocco R" driver evaluation launch.



*Always a Prima Donna when there is a camera around, ASK21-GVS muscled in on a photo shoot during journalist trials of the new VW Sirocco at Mt Beauty.
Photo Mark Bland*

Fourteen vehicles arrived in Mt Beauty on Friday 27 January 2012 by truck and spent the weekend in Mark and Suzanne Bland's hangar being tediously prepared for the arrival of a bus load of car journalists on Monday morning, ready to critique the cars in an organised drive through the mountains.

The journos were supposed to arrive by helicopter, but unfortunately the unseasonal heavy rain prevented this and they had to be bussed down from Albury Airport. Expect to read all about the cars in all the major papers and motoring mags soon!

Submitted by Mark Bland

News from the Committee

Your Committee has been active and met again on 11 December 2011 to consider some pressing issues. Business covered included:

- ▶ Winch replacement.
 - ▶ Sign funded by Community Bank.
 - ▶ Share of ownership of IS28 VH-WVU by Manfred Rueff's and Ray Addinsall's estates.
 - ▶ VSA funded information sign.
 - ▶ Replacement of Club 2 seater glider IS28 VH-WVU with ASK21 glider.
 - ▶ Secondment of Mart Bosman to committee to assist with ASK21 purchase.
 - ▶ Safety issues.
 - ▶ Christmas roster
 - ▶ Sale of Manfred Rueff's motor glider
 - ▶ Continuing occupation of the old hangar
 - ▶ Revision of flying rates
 - ▶ Revision of AEF rates
 - ▶ Application for membership by 10 year old Laura Caesar
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CFI Column



"The Fun Zone"

I always remember an ex RAAF fighter pilot (and gliding instructor) giving a safety briefing at a competition about being in the "Fun Zone".

He described the "Fun Zone" as being more than 2000' above the ground.

When you're below 2000' AGL and this includes mountain tops and ridges, your level of focus needs to be at a higher level. The competition was in the flat country and he was relating to outlanding decision planning and prioritising what needed to be done to ensure a safe landing.

We should adopt this attitude for every flight, even before we take off. Assuming we achieve a successful launch (no C/B etc) we are never guaranteed a thermal and a safe landing will need to be made probably sooner than later.

According to your Basic Gliding Knowledge (BGK) that you all read every night, for a safe landing we need 3 things:

- ▶ A suitable landing area
- ▶ A pre-selected landing direction
- ▶ A final approach path with a safe margin over obstacles.

In order to get the glider on a safe stabilised final approach we need to fly a circuit (read BGK).

What the "Fun Zone" briefing emphasised was DON'T leave your decision TOO late. We all have different levels of experience and some of us need more time and height than others to compose and get ourselves positioned for a safe circuit and landing.

Most Bad Landings start with a poor circuit and a late decision to Break Off.

Safe Flying 2012

Mark Bland
CFI

Upcoming Events

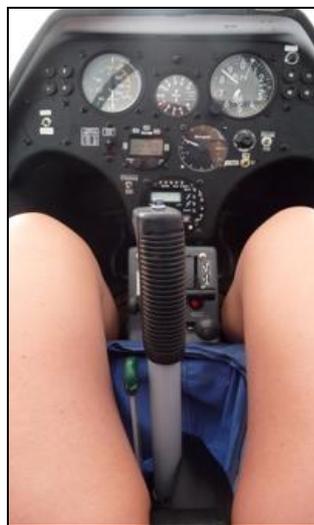
Horsham Week Competition 4 to 11 February

The Horsham Week competition has operated continuously since 1967 and is an opportunity for friendly competition flying in some of the safest country in Australia (nearly every paddock is a one square mile airfield). The Horsham Club wants this competition to be one where pilots who were quite inexperienced at competition flying could be welcome, feel that they were amongst friends and mentors, and where the fear of outlandings would not stop people from having fun. This season there will be opportunities for less experienced pilots to receive coaching in two-seaters during

the competition. Coaches include Ziggy Kusiak and Jarek Mosiejewski.

Further details from Horsham Week website at www.horshamweek.org.au/.

Mark Bland's flight to Mt Hotham



Mark Bland provided this photo of his recent flight to Mt Hotham in ASK21-GVS. Looks like he has started to shave his legs and he flies hands free!



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