



## **Alpine Flyer Mt Beauty Gliding Club Inc May 2017**

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### **MBGC President's Report**



Hello to all the Mt Beauty Gliding Club members and readers of our newsletter.

I understand that with the onset of cooler weather, comes the onset of less gliding. Members tend to go away to other places on holidays, the rain tends to flood our strip and the cold

tends to discourage volunteering extra duties. At this time of the year, I find myself extremely busy with work, which restricts my availability to go gliding and keeping in touch with weekly operations.

There is an upside to the winter weather. We can look forward to some great ridge soaring days. When the snow finally comes, the surrounding mountains and high plains will become a spectacular backdrop where we have the opportunity to have the best seat in the house. Bring on the snow!!

Cheers,

Atila Kerestes  
PRESIDENT

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### **CFI Report**

A quiet month for gliding but I've just returned from an enjoyable ten days touring Tasmania showing my Father in Law around.

The GFA is currently in the process of introducing a new pilot training booklet for current and new students and I have a complimentary hard copy that appears to be a well presented source of information and record of training that will compliment the Log Book. It covers all the syllabus items required for the GPC (Glider Pilot Certificate) and I recommend all existing GPC holders refresh their knowledge.

[http://www.doc.glidingaustralia.org/index.php?option=com\\_docman&view=download&alias=2267-glider-pilot-training-](http://www.doc.glidingaustralia.org/index.php?option=com_docman&view=download&alias=2267-glider-pilot-training-)

[record&category\\_slug=manuals&Itemid=101](#) . With winter starting today it's time to start thinking about annual check flights due in the next few months. We've already had the first decent snow falls and there are still opportunities for the odd soaring flights.

Mark Bland  
CFI

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### **VSA Operations Meeting**

From Ian Cohn

In early May I attended the Victorian Soaring Association Operations meeting held at Bacchus Marsh.

Topics discussed were:

- The annual check system
  - Recency requirements
  - Search and Rescue formal notification and requirements
  - Independent Operation levels and qualifications
  - Navigation training especially in relation to motor glider qualifications
  - The revised Basic Gliding Knowledge book
  - Touring and Self Launching Motor Gliders
  - Safety reporting
  - In flight distraction devices
  - External distractions during pre-flight preparation
  - Knowledge of the Manual of Standard Procedures
  - Requirements for Radio Qualifications. A controlled airspace radio qualification?
  - Misuse of the Gliding radio safety channels
  - Landing circuit training
  - Carriage of parachutes
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### **Airworthiness and Maintenance**

Maintenance musings will be short this month. The primary focus of Winter is to ensure that daily inspections of our winches (both) and motor vehicles is performed well.

Should radiator top-ups be required, the first question is: Where did the water go? The fault will need fixing. Whenever adding fluid ensure that two parts water

(the tank water is perfect) to one part green anti-freeze/lubricant/coolant concentrate is used.

Ensure the transmission fluid is at the correct level. Check when warm and with the engine running. With brake ON, engage gear and then disengage. Brake then OFF, check fluid, add if required to about half way between low and high marks on the dipstick, using red transmission fluid.

Check there is AT LEAST enough fuel for two launches. (Nor sure? Add more).

If you are taking over the winch from another operator it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to ensure there is sufficient fuel before YOU attempt a launch. This MUST be a visual tank check by YOU. The word of the last operator is insufficient. The high octane fuel purchased from the servo must have Valve Saver fluid (20ml minimum, per 20 litres fuel) added at the time the fuel is brought to the hangar. Use this fuel for the Charade as well, as the winches.

The winch motors must be at operational temperature before a launch, especially on a cold winter morning. Do not be rushed. If necessary, the pilot awaiting a launch will simply have to wait until the radiator feels hot.

Our "new" Toyota 4x4 Tercel has been lavished with much care and attention to motor, brakes, radiator, electrics, wipers etc., and is now in safe working order, except for the need for a new muffler to be installed in a couple of weeks. Continue using the Toyota 4x2 Hilux until then. I believe it will serve us well. The old Tercel will be relieved of essential parts shortly and until then it will remain on the field.

#### Reminders:

The Tercel's two cable and aircraft towing points are the heavy duty fixed rings located below each end of the rear bumper.

Do not be tempted to use the rear tailgate latch as an anchor. Until a cable inspection device is fitted, do not drape the cable to be inspected from the moving vehicle over any part of the vehicle especially the rear vision mirrors.

To open the tailgate, a key is necessary. This will be permanently located in the lock.

On a freezing morning it is probable that the hose from the tank outlet will be frozen. At this stage it is not insulated. Wait until it unfreezes before expecting water to be available.

Enjoy our crisp winter days and get in heaps of precision circuits when the thermals are feeble.

TERRY KNIGHT  
T/O OPERATIONS / AIRWORTHINESS / RADIO

## Rules Corner

### From the GFA Manual of Standard Procedures (MOSP)

#### 16.1.3 Vehicle Requirements

Winch-drivers must ensure that members of the public are not permitted to remain in close proximity to the winch when launching is in progress. The winch or auto-tow vehicle, together with its associated wires or ropes, must receive a daily inspection before flying commences. This inspection must consist of, as a minimum, checking that there is sufficient fuel, oil and water in the vehicle and that the engine is warmed up and running properly. The vehicle must be fitted with a serviceable fuel contents gauge or simple dipstick.

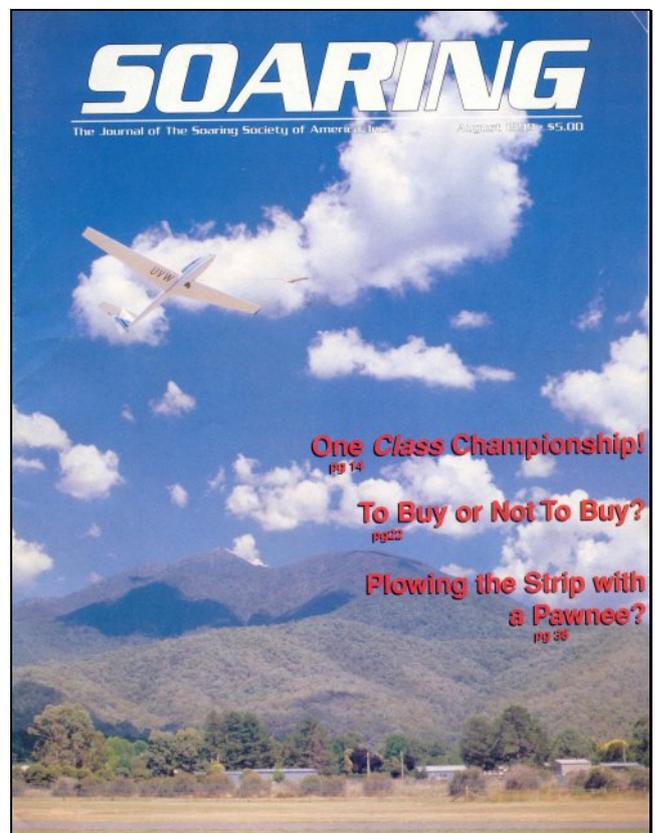
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## Blasts from the Past

From last month's **Blasts**, eagle eye Ian Douglas and Detlev both noticed that the picture of Manfred's boat was actually taken on Lake Hume not the Mt Beauty Pondage as stated.

Regarding the question about the cover from the American Magazine "Soaring"  
*"What is wrong with this picture of our IS-28 on the August 1999 cover of "Soaring"?"*

The answer is that the picture is reversed left to right.



## Mt Beauty by Night

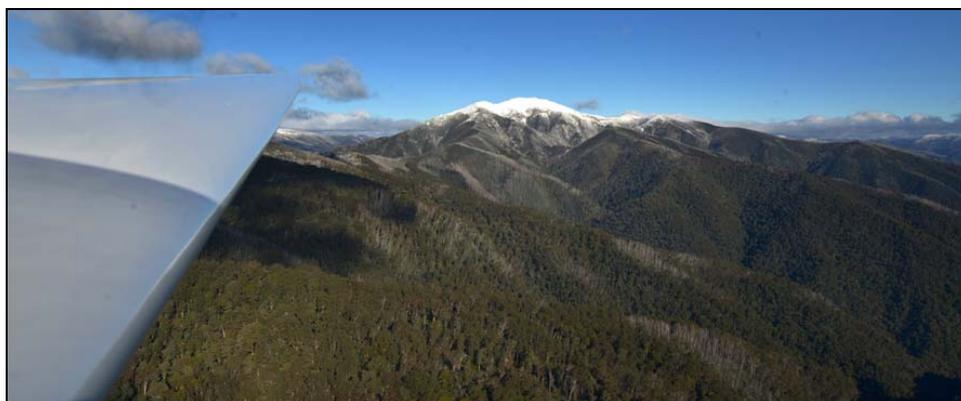
Inspired by George Skarbek's heavenly picture in March Alpine Flyer, Secretary Peter Deane has submitted his picture of Mt Beauty by night, taken from Sullivan's lookout.



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## May Pictures from Detlev Rueff

There was reduced flying activity during May mainly due to bad weather but Mark and Detlev managed a good flight on 31<sup>st</sup> of May after some snowfalls earlier in the week. Here are pictures from the flight.



Mt Bogong from Mt Emu



A snow capped Mt Bogong



Mt Feathertop in the distance.

## Winch Driver Tally

Thanks to Greg Wilson for compiling these statistics.  
Winch Launches to 31 May 2017

Winch Launches 2017	
<b>Total</b>	<b>633</b>
Detlev Rueff	188
Mark Bland	115
Greg Wilson	114
Al Dickie	45
Andrew Evans	31
Richard Grohmann	29
Atila Kerestes	23
Terry Knight	14
Reuben Lane	13
Olli Barthelmes	10
Bernie O'Donnell	10
Ian Cohn	7
Peter Demeo	7
Mike Parkinson	5
Mike Pobjoy	5
Graham Lovett	5
Carrick Gill-Vallance	4
Gary Mason	2
Brendon Lovell	2
Adam Bland	2
Brendan Judd	1
Steve Bradbury	1
January 2017	218
February 2017	148
March 2017	103
April 2017	110
May 2017	45

## Humour



How does a Russian fighter pilot know when he has landed with gear up?

Answer:- When full afterburner is needed to taxi!!



The world's fastest plow?

## Internet Links

From Mark Bland -

[www.jamescooper.com.au/Gliding/articles.htm](http://www.jamescooper.com.au/Gliding/articles.htm)

## For Sale

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## Instructor & Duty Pilot Roster

### Prior to the Day

If you are unable to be Duty Pilot on your rostered day, it is up to you to arrange a replacement and to let Peter Deane know who you have swapped with. Peter can be contacted by email at peter@deane.net.au or SMS on 0418591351.

**Duty Pilot responsibilities** - refer to Members' Manual, 6.5 Duty Pilot Role, Pp.17, 18.

Please SMS or phone the Duty Instructor for the day if you want to fly and if you require instruction.

### On the Day

All pilots wishing to fly are requested to arrive at the airfield by approx. 10.00am to assist with setting up and to attend a daily briefing, unless prior arrangements are made with the Duty Instructor. Please be available for the daily briefing which occurs at 10:30 am.

#### Duty Instructor contact details

Mark Bland	0417 565 514
Ian Cohn	0408 379 939
Andrew Evans	0409 277 328
Mike Parkinson	0413 736 145
Mike Pobjoy	0402 075 131
Bernie O'Donnell	0431 529 633

Day	Date	Duty Instructor	Other Instructor	Duty Pilot
Sat	3/06/2017	Bland		Deane
Sun	4/06/2017	O'Donnell		Gill-Vallance
Sat	10/06/2017	Bland		Grohmann
Sun	11/06/2017	O'Donnell	Demeo	Robertson
Sat	17/06/2017	Bland		Rueff
Sun	18/06/2017	Instructor not available		
Sat	24/06/2017	Bland		Murphy
Sun	25/06/2017	Instructor not available		
Sat	1/07/2017	Cohn		Wilson
Sun	2/07/2017	Bland		Dealy
Sat	8/07/2017	Bland		Hochwimmer
Sun	9/07/2017	Pobjoy	Bradbury	Gill-Vallance
Sat	15/07/2017	Bland		Grohmann
Sun	16/07/2017	Evans		Robertson
Sat	22/07/2017	Bland		Rueff
Sun	23/07/2017	O'Donnell		Moig
Sat	29/07/2017	Bland		Deane
Sun	30/07/2017	Cohn		Deane

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