



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast – 18/19 September

Situation - A strong and slow moving high pressure system is centred south of Western Australia. Meanwhile, a series of weak cold fronts embedded in a southwesterly airflow will clip southern parts of Victoria.

Saturday - Partly cloudy. Local early morning frost patches. Isolated showers about the southern ranges. Winds west to southwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h.

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Patches of light frost during the morning. Isolated showers about the ranges from the late morning until evening. Winds south to southwesterly averaging 10 to 20 km/h.

Operations

Sat 18 September – Duty Instructors Ian Cohn and Steve Bradbury.

Sun 19 September – Duty Instructors Mark Bland and Richard Todd.

Check that Winch Parachute – Sometimes the strop gets wound the parachute and can prevent it opening leading to a tangle on the winch. So check that the parachute is untangled prior to every launch. This is everyone's responsibility especially the launch crew.

Walk Round – Pilots are reminded that a walk around inspection is mandatory for every launch - especially check that the tail dolly is removed. Recently a tail dolly attached launch was prevented by alert ground crew.

Committee News

Hire of Astir – The Committee is negotiating with Wagga Gliding Club to hire their Astir single seat glider to provide more aircraft for MBGC members to fly. The aircraft is expected to be available around the beginning of October.

Bendigo Club visit – Bendigo members will be visiting from Friday 8th October to Monday 11th October. A welcoming BBQ at the airfield will be held on the Saturday after flying organised by Shirley Knight, Kitty Vigo and Suzanne Bland. Members please support this event and make our visitors welcome. Advise Mark Bland regarding your attendance.

Maintenance - Richard Todd has produced a new wool bale parachute. Please look after it. Steve and Mark have administered some TLC to the 4WD Toyota retrieve vehicle and it is now providing useful service in the current boggy conditions on the airfield.

New Accounting System - From this coming weekend members will be emailed an 'Activity Record' whenever they fly. These are generated by our new Quickbooks Online system when the flight sheets are entered. The Activity Record will show all the usual details of your *recent* flights (on a single email) but will not show any credits or a total account balance; these will be listed on a monthly (or as requested / required) statement.

Advantages for members will be the ability to check, agree or query the records from the flight sheets *within a day or so after flying*.

Some advantages for the club are easier input of detail that can be done online (from any location and by more than one person), data is secure and current, and outstanding debt can be managed quicker.

The club Treasurer(s), Steve and Mark, have been setting up this system over recent weeks and expect a smooth transition!! Any Quickbooks queries to Steve or Mark.

At the same time Ian Cohn will maintain and continue to use the existing system until any problems are ironed-out.

Would all members please satisfy themselves that their most recent account from Ian is correct. If not let us know.

It Was a Good Winter for Flying - but "where was everybody?" says Steve Bradbury, who notes that he flew on four of the last six weekends (7th Aug to 12th Sept). His totals were 9 launches for over 11 hours flying including flights of 3 and 2.5hrs. Heights to 6000' and hours below 3000' in 1kt hill lift were good for fine tuning skills.

Diary

12th September 2010 - SB, GV, BT, and MBd crewed to fly the Libelle, Pilatus, and ASW-19. Total flight time was 2:18 from 4 launches. Conditions were cloudy with some light showers and a 5kt NW breeze with weak ridge lift. Max altitude 4,000 ft.

11th September 2010 - SB, IC, GV, BT, AE, and MBd crewed to fly the Libelle, Pilatus, ASW-19 and ASK-21. Total flight time was 12:23 from 12 launches. Conditions were partially sunny with a 5kt NW breeze with weak ridge lift and thermals. Max altitude 5,200 ft.



BT flying in the Pilatus over Big Hill on 11th September photographed from the Libelle by MBd.



The MBGC Ski Team about to take-off and do some low flying.

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