



**MBGC Update**  
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### Weather Forecast

**Situation** - A high pressure system south of the Bight extends a ridge south of Tasmania. A trough over New South Wales will deepen on Thursday with a low forming in the trough over the Tasman Sea later in the day. The high will drift towards southern Tasmania Friday night, cradling the inland trough. As the high reaches the Tasman Sea on Saturday, the trough is likely to deepen over South Australia with a low pressure centre expected to form near southwest Victoria Saturday night. The trough will move across Victoria on Sunday as the low pressure system moves south of Tasmania.

**Saturday 03 March** – Cloudy. Areas of rain. Winds east to northeasterly averaging 20 to 35 km/h tending north to northeasterly by early evening.

**Sunday 04 March** - Partly cloudy. Scattered showers. Winds northerly averaging 15 to 25 km/h, reaching 40 km/h at times, tending west to northwesterly up to 30 km/h around dawn.

### Roster – 3-4 March

With over 140 mm of rain so far this week the airfield is very soggy, and more rain is forecast, so there are no scheduled operations this weekend. For an update call Mark Bland on 0417 565 514.

### On The Internet –

[On Line Contest](#) 2012 Report

As we go to press MBGC is running at 12<sup>th</sup> in the World (13<sup>th</sup> last week) and still eighth in Australia with 48,568 points (46,133 last week), still a long way behind Geelong Gliding Club, but well ahead of VMFG. Thanks to all members who uploaded their flight details to the OLC during the week.

Edwards Airbase Air Show

[home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/Edwards09/Edwards09.html](http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/Edwards09/Edwards09.html)

One glider on aerotow is good; dual tows have been done -

[vimeo.com/12335659](http://vimeo.com/12335659) ; but nine gliders behind one tug???

Look at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAdlkB5rbqo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAdlkB5rbqo) .

### MBGC Diary

**Sunday 26th February** - BT, ID, BA, TK, AS and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28B2. Light north westerly winds with occasional rain. Eight octas stratus with variable bases from 2,500 ft. No Lift. Nine flights for 0:38.

**Saturday 25th February** - BH, BT, MP, ID, AS, PD, MBn, AE and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28B2, Pilatus, LS3, Ventus and Libelle. Light west to north westerly winds. Lift average about 1.5m/s peaking at about 2.5m/s. Ten flights for 11:03. OLC points 385.

**Friday 24th February** - KD, BOd, OB, SG, AS and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28B2, Pilatus, LS3, Ventus and Libelle. Light west to north westerly winds. Lift average about 1.5m/s peaking at about 2.5m/s. Eleven flights for 17:27. OLC points 1127.

**Thursday 23rd February** - KD, BOd, AS and MBd crewed to fly the LS3, Ventus and Libelle. Light west to north westerly winds. One octas cumulus with variable bases from 7,000 to 8,000 ft. Lift average about 1.5m/s peaking at about 2.5m/s. Three flights for 12:12. OLC points 556.

### General News

#### Coming Events - Chrysler Car Club Visit

Labor Day weekend Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March - **Mark Bland** advises that the Chrysler Car Restorers Club will be visiting Mt Beauty on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and members have expressed interest in gliding. If you can help out winch driving, duty piloting or helping at the desk, please advise Mark.

**Astir Annual Maintenance** - The Astir is undergoing its annual maintenance and Form 2 inspection. Committee Airworthiness member Terry Knight (03 5754 1233) is coordinating the work in conjunction with Form 2 inspector Mark Bland (0417 565 514). If you can assist with the work please call Terry or Mark to see what you can do. There is plenty of work such as wing and fuselage polishing that can be done by ordinary club members.

**Weeds** - Do your bit to keep our hangar area tidy. Every time you walk near the hangar pull out a weed or three.

**Winch Fuel Valve Saver Additive** – When you get winch premium unleaded petrol please remember to put ValveSaver additive into the container. From the bottle in the hangar, use two capfuls of ValveSaver per 25 litre container of fuel.

### Members and Friends

#### Fashion News

Fresh from his podium finish in the Australian National 15m gliding championship, trendsetter **Craig Collings** has displayed the latest gliding fashion while rigging his ASW-20 “Lucky” at Mt Beauty recently.



Photo – Ian Cohn

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