



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast

Situation - A low pressure system will intensify as it tracks away across the south Tasman Sea on Saturday. The next high pressure system will move over Bight waters on Sunday and extend a ridge through inland Victoria on Monday.

Saturday 26 May – Cloudy. Isolated showers, falling as snow above 1200 metres. Winds westerly 25 to 35 km/h.

Sunday 27 May - Partly cloudy. Isolated showers from the morning mostly near the ranges and falling as snow above 1500 metres. Winds west to southwesterly 15 to 25 km/h tending south to southwesterly by early evening.

| Duty Roster | Duty Pilot | Duty Instructor |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Saturday 26 May | Peter Deane | Ian Cohn |
| Sunday 27 May | Brendan Judd | Andrew Evans |

Operations commence at 10:00!

On The Internet

On Line Contest 2012 Report

As we go to press MBGC is running at 24th in the World (17th last week) and still seventh in Australia with 58,530 points (58,237 last week), a gain of 293 points for the week. We are slipping down the World list as the northern hemisphere soaring season gets going, but only have to gain another 17 points to move into 6th place in Australia. Contributors this week have been Bernie, Mark and Ian.

Blue Angels - www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=W6tB8Lf7YoU

How are gliders made? –

www.youtube.com/watch?v=atJwXxcrU&feature=related

Youth gliding training in Lithuania? –

www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=GjdQhNHsJps&NR=1

More on RedBull gliders and wingsuits -

www.spiegel.de/video/wingsuit-extremportler-fliegen-mit-segelflugzeug-in-formation-video-1197150.html

Committee News

IS-28 Life – Thanks to the efforts of **Mark Bland**, the GFA have pushed the withdrawal from service date for our IS-28, VH-WVU, back to 25th July, 2012 from the earlier notified date in May. Good work Mark.

Committee Meeting – A Committee meeting is scheduled for 09:00 on Sunday 27th of May at 135 Simmonds Creek Road, Tawonga South.

Operations

Rubbish – Members are reminded to take all food and food wrappers with them when they leave the field after flying. Don't encourage rodents!!!

Winch Starting – Be careful to check that the winch is out of gear when pressing the starter button. It is possible to start the engine with the winch in gear.

Winch wire Tow-out Weak Link – Check that the tow-out weak link is not frayed or otherwise damaged. If it is too weak it can break on towout under normal towout loads causing a tangle at the winch.

Members and Friends

High Launch - **Mark Bland** is claiming a local winch launch height record. His launch height in his Libelle on Wednesday was 2,000 ft above ground.

Checklist Corner – A variation on FUST



How Low can you go? From Ian Dealy



MBGC Diary

Wednesday 23rd May - KD, IC and MBd crewed to fly the ASW-19 and Libelle. Surface winds were light NW increasing to around 25kt at 7,000 ft. There were very weak thermals, ridge lift and very weak wave lift with occasional heavy sink and turbulence. Max alt 8,200 ft. Two flights for 4:16. OLC points 267.

Sunday 20th May - RL, DA, HM, SB, KF, MBn and MBd crewed to fly the DG-400, Pilatus and IS-28B2. Sixteen flights for 3:38.

Saturday 19th May - AE, POB, MP, SB, BT, LS and MBd crewed to fly the ASW-19, Pilatus and IS-28B2. Sixteen flights for 2:33.

Friday 18th May - AE, BOd and MBd crewed to fly the ASW-19 and LS-3. Four flights for 1:02. OLC points 27.

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