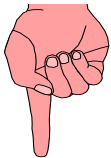




# Glidabout



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Welcome to Glidabout, the newsletter of the Gliding Club of WA (GCWA).

“Learning the secret of flight from a bird was a good deal like learning the secret of magic from a magician. After you know what to look for you see things that you did not notice when you did not know exactly what to look for.”

— Orville Wright



## To Watch Out For:

- Listen to Ingo Renner (multi-world champion) talk about his experiences.

In GCWA terms, Jim Paynter, Kevin Cruickshank and Kevin Saunders are not only three life members but also the three wise men of the club!

## From the President

A very brief report as I have been away for most of the month, down south to Denmark riding my mountain bike and visiting or bumping into other GCWA members. I visited Andrew but whilst in Denmark Dave drove by the coffee shop we were at, so we had to have another coffee and Cake with Dave and Lisa.

I did not have a lot of time to look over the comps as they were running good to see John mixing it with the guns in the Nationals and getting a 3<sup>rd</sup> one day. Not so good results for Swain but I am sure he will come back with some knowledge as to how the others fly, and be able to put their techniques to good use.

I have spent the last 2 weeks visiting various Motorhome manufacturers and whilst flying back to Melbourne from Mildura we were told that we would be flying at 22,000 ft on the way back, it was a stinking day about 42° and I don't think that we were more than 2000 above cloud base. No wonder the speed for the day at Benalla was about 150 kph!

Well done Don for winning the state comps, I saw the results on the penultimate day and knew that he would either land out or blitz the field, apparently nearly the former but instead the latter to win the week. Well done Don.

Don't make my mistake when flying the Jantar. The prelanding checks are Under carriage, Down and LOCKED. It may look down but if the button has not come up then it is probably not locked.

We are planning a trip to Narrogin at the Next Round the clubs, but as far as I am aware they are not fully planned as yet, but keep an eye out for news.

I said it would be brief, back to the remaining 70 emails.

James Cooper

**From the CFI**

## Operations Report for February 09

### Roster.

The new roster goes up to 19th April. Note coaching on alternate Saturdays.

### Membership Activity.

Welcome to new members Andrew Herwig, Ted Cheng, Stephen Lloyd and Andreas Pfenning.

### Cunderdin CTAF Frequency.

The 127.8 crystals have been fitted to the IS28 and Blanik as Channel 1. Thanks John.

Neither of these radios will now work on the old CTAF frequency 126.7 but they have the glider frequencies of 122.7 and 122.9.

As I said in the last issue, while our top priority is always to fly the glider and look where we're going, the proper use of radio helps safety and co-operation with other Cunderdin Airfield users. It gives our club a bad name if gliders refuse to respond on the radio where necessary.

On the other hand, don't use the CTAF frequency as a chat frequency to tell everyone what a great time you're having.

### State Competitions.

Held at Narrogin from 14-24 Jan 2009. Report later.

### Wave Camp, Stirling Range.

Message from Owen Jones, WAGA President:

[Do see if you can drum up a bit more support from GCWA for this year's Wave Camp.](#)

[It is a great chance to get together and the GCWA guys were missed last year.](#)

BSS have notified us that the dates will be Monday 27 July to Friday 7 August. It's a good opportunity to pool club resources and do a different type of flying to the flatlands. Anyone interested in going please advise me.

### Incidents.

Too many recently.

One heavy out-landing, two wheels ups, two instances of canopy loss at take-off and a launch hook-up when the rope wrapped round the nosewheel of the PW6 on the ground run.

Would you all please ensure you do proper and methodical pre takeoff and pre landing checks.

The hookup issue can be avoided by holding on the wheel brake until the glider has started to move before giving 'All Out' and using a front signaller when the Auster is in use.

### Remember.

The next flight you do is the most important you have ever done. Make it your best.

See you at Cunderdin,

Kevin Saunders (CFI—GCWA).

## Upcoming Events



## Notices

### Cirrus Duty Roster

14th Feb	Bob Bignell / Sally Gorta
1st March	Lee Hird / Adam Alexander
14th March	Bob Bignell / James Ross
29th March	Lee Hird / Adam Alexander
11th April	Bob Bignell / Sally Gorta

### Ingo Renner

For those that do not know Ingo Renner he is multi world gliding champion and well worth coming along to on Feb 7pm at the Department of Sport and Rec in Leederville.