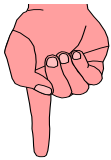


# Glidabout



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**W**elcome 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



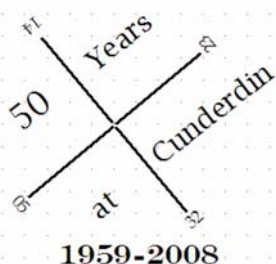
### To Watch Out For:

- Have you met Marie O’Leary?
- Who has been nominated for this years committee positions?



What is wrong with this photo? According to Marie O’Leary—nothing at all.

## From the President



Sometimes we hear that there is a load of AEF's coming up and we give a sigh that we have to look after another batch of joy riders. Ok it's good for the money and pays off the PW6 but sometimes it is more than that. We received an email from a lady who had major paralysis and Andrew took her for a flight, for some a joy flight is just another thrill in a life of action for others it is something special and for this lady it certainly was. Thanks for those at the club on the 12<sup>th</sup> who made this special day for someone whose life must be so hard.

### AGM

The AGM is on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Please make a point of being there, this is our special day of the year, vote for new committee members but also to present trophies to winners. This night and the Christmas party are our big ones so let's keep it that way. We will be having the AGM at the Etamoga pub Meeting starts at 6:00 with Dinner at 7:30 with trophies during dinner.

Please inform me if you are coming and if you want Steak or Chicken. Ring now on 042 999 2468 or email [james@jamescooper.com.au](mailto:james@jamescooper.com.au)

### WAGA

It is the time for meetings. The WAGA AGM will be held this year at 7pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August at The Winsor, South Perth. It is your organisation so please be there, a good opportunity to catch up with members from other clubs.

### Publicity.

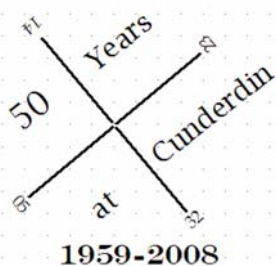
How many times do you go to the Dentist, Doctor, Physio, etc and sit and look at rubbish mags. Wouldn't it be better if they have gliding mags!

I will print a batch of stickers to put on your old mags publicising GCWA and I will leave them up at the club in the van. Please take some and stick them on your mags and take them somewhere where they will get read, perhaps even the local coffee shop.

*James Cooper*

**From the CFI**

**Operations Report for August 08**



**Roster.**

There have been reasonable roll-ups for Saturday only operation. It's a good time of year to do your annual flight review rather than leaving it to the soaring season. The review should result in revalidation of all your endorsements such as Independent Operator and Passenger Carrying.

The new roster goes up to 2nd November and reverts to two day a week operations in September. We're also resuming coaching on second and fourth Saturdays.

Bob Bignell has re-arranged the teams to try to spread the reliable and active members more evenly.

**Cunderdin CTAF Frequency.**

The scheduled date for the change to **127.8** is **28<sup>th</sup> August**. This will be confirmed nearer the date. We will still need to monitor 126.7 on our base station and advise incoming pilots who may still be on the old frequency.

Our primary method of avoiding other aircraft is still a thorough lookout.

**Loose Objects.**

The following British Gliding Association accident report was forwarded by a friend to Rob Hanbury and contains lessons for us all, not just instructors.

*Summary:*

*The student had been given a trial gliding lesson as a gift. The instructor did not notice that the student had taken a camera and had placed it on the cockpit floor in front of his control column, between his feet. The take-off roll proceeded normally, with the student recalling that it was bumpy as the glider accelerated over the grass runway surface. Once the glider was airborne the motion was smooth, but, as FWN started to climb above its normal position behind the tug aircraft, the instructor found that he was unable to move the control column forward when he tried to correct this. The tug pilot, meanwhile, noticed a progressive 'heave' on the tug aircraft just as it was leaving the ground and that the force intensified. The tail of the tug aircraft began to rise, so the tug pilot released the tow rope. The glider was seen to climb steeply to a height of about 100 feet, whereupon it stalled, dropped its left wing and entered a turn to the left. As the glider picked up speed the wings levelled and the nose pitched up. FWN then struck the ground on its wheel in a level attitude and bounced back into the air. Again it climbed steeply, reaching a height of about 40 feet. The glider stalled a second time, the left wing dropped again and the glider pitched nose down striking the ground in an almost vertical attitude left wing first, before settling back on the ground the right way up. The nose of the glider had been crushed and the student had suffered severe injuries to both his legs. The instructor had sustained chest and back injuries. The results of the investigation indicated that the student's camera had become lodged in the gap between the aft edge of the cockpit floor and the front seat control column as the glider accelerated and bounced over the runway surface during the take-off run, thus preventing forward movement of the instructor's control column.*

I will be away in the UK for a few weeks until 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Zoltan will be acting as CFI when I'm away.

See you at Cunderdin.

Keep it safe.

*Kevin Saunders (CFI- GCWA)*

## More than an Air Experience Flight

Dear Andrew and all the Cunderdin Gliding Club Members, I spent the final three years of the 1950's, as a Junior Primary School Teacher at Quairading. During that time one of my colleagues drove me to Cunderdin to visit the Gliding Club. After studying your web page I discovered that the Gliding Club in Cunderdin began in 1959, so that was obviously the year I first visited your club.

When my niece told me she and her sister were going for a Joy Ride in a Glider; I told her of my visit to Cunderdin all those years ago. She told me they were driving to Cunderdin on 12th July to have their Joy Rides; and their Dad was going too; and she suggested maybe I would also like to go. I jumped at the idea.



My three family members had their rides. Had I not been able to go up I would have been extremely disappointed. My Bone Disease has prevented me being doing a lot of things that others find quite easy. The seven years of my Primary Schooling were spent at a One Teacher school in WA. How well I remember the excitement of myself and all the other students; when a Monkey Bars was bought for us to play on. How equally well I remember my disappointment; to find that pain prevented me playing on the Monkey Bars.

I take my hat off to the Gliding Club Members, who despite a struggle managed to get me into the Glider, and at the end of my trip of a life time got me out again. My heartfelt thanks to all you gentlemen; for all the wonderful help you gave me in such a kind and caring way. I was amazed that I felt absolutely no pain while getting into the Glider; and none while getting out of it, which is a credit to your expertise. Last but not least Andrew who took me up in the Glider. Thank-you so much Andrew for giving me the ride of my life. I was amazed when no sooner were we off the ground; than you gave me charge of the controls. In my thirty minutes up there I learned quite a lot about how to fly a glider. However it always felt reassuring Andrew to know that you were the one really in charge. Today there was a lot of cloud cover. Despite this to my great excitement you were able to find me some thermals; and our Glider reached 3,500 feet. Now here is something you did that was very kind indeed Andrew. Soon after we became aloft you pointed out something for me to see on the left; however when I told you I could not turn my head to the left you then turned the glider to the right so that I could see what you were pointing out. When I told you I could not turn my head to the right either, you made sure from then on to position the glider so that I got a good look at everything; despite my inability to turn my head. How very kind you were Andrew when you got our Glider within range of the Silos at Quairading; the town I had taught at all those years ago. When you kindly pointed them out; I was unable to see them due to forgetting to wear my glasses!! My sincere apologies Andrew. I promise to bring them next time I come. Yes Andrew I'm determined to come again. That is if you and the other gentlemen in the club will help me into the Glider again.

In 1959 when I visited the club I was very interested in all we were being taught about gliding and thoroughly enjoyed watching the Gliders in the air. At the ripe old age of 22, in my wisdom I remember saying that there was no way anyone would ever talk me into getting into one of those things! That was 49 years ago. Why is it I wonder that the fears we have as youngsters disappear as we age. Thanks be to my family; and to Andrew and his colleagues; today will long live on in my memory; as one of the happiest days of my life.

Many thanks to you Andrew, and to all your colleagues, for the part you played in bringing so much happiness into my life today Wishing you many more days of joyful Gliding

Marie O'Leary



## Notice of Annual General Meeting of GCWA (Inc) At Cunderdin on Saturday 16th August 2008

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting to be held at The Etamoga Pub (Cunderdin) starting at 6pm to discuss the following business:

1. Approve the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 August 2007
2. Business arising
3. Office bearers Reports
4. Election of Committee for 2008/ 2009

The following committee positions are to be voted on:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominations received:</u>
President	James Cooper
Vice President	Zoltan Beldi
Secretary	Lee Hird
Treasurer	Dave Ellett
Log Keeper	
Publicity Officer	Marek Dukowicz
Amenities Officer	Bob Bignell
WAGA Delegate	Kevin Saunders

The following positions were appointed by the panels:

Airworthiness Delegate	Rob Hanbury
Instructor Delegate	Kevin Saunders

Lee Hird  
Secretary GCWA

## Upcoming Events

50 Years  
at Cunderdin  
1959-2008



AGM 16th August 2008  
WAGA AGM August 21st 2008  
Christmas Party 2008 – 13th December  
Enterprise 2008 – 13-20th December

## Notices

### Narrogin GC 2008 Wave Camp.

We head down to the Stirlings on Fri 26 Sep 08.

Returning to Narrogin on Fri 3 Oct 08.

It's over the October long weekend. If anyone is interested in joining us for some lovely Spring Flying, please let me know.

Regards  
John Kenny

**FOR SALE:** 1973 Chesney Caravan (approx 21') and large annex - on site at the Gliding Club Caravan Park. \$7,500. Registered to March 2009. 1 x double bedroom, kitchen/dining area converts to bed, lounge (converts to double bed) and 2 bunk beds. New: mattresses, fridge/freezer and microwave. Includes cutlery, pots, pans, crockery and glassware. Contact: Mike Humble 0419 929 696.

**Duty Roster.**

Date	Instructor	XC Coach	Tug Pilot	Duty Pilot/AEI/Log Keeper
<b>23-Aug</b>	Rob Hanbury		Kevin Saunders	Cumulus
<b>24-Aug</b>				
<b>30-Aug</b>	Swain Johnson		Roy Holden	Blue Sky
<b>31-Aug</b>				
<b>6-Sep</b>	Kevin Saunders		Knut Von Hentig	Cirrus
<b>7-Sep</b>	Dave Ellett		Alan Powell	Cumulus
<b>13-Sep</b>	Rod Carter	James Cooper	Roy Holden	Nimbus
<b>14-Sep</b>	Knut Von Hentig		Kevin Saunders	Blue Sky
<b>20-Sep</b>	Charlie Deal		Zoltan Beldi	Cumulus
<b>21-Sep</b>	Iain Russell		Knut Von Hentig	Cirrus
<b>27-Sep</b>	Andrew Repton	Chris Runeckles	Alan Powell	Blue Sky
<b>28-Sep</b>	Rod Carter		Roy Holden	Nimbus
<b>Air Cadets Camp.Towing Available.</b>				
<b>4-Oct</b>	Swain Johnson		Roy Holden	Cirrus
<b>5-Oct</b>	Knut Von Hentig		Jim Paynter	Cumulus
<b>11-Oct</b>	Iain Russell	Rob Hanbury	Alan Powell	Nimbus
<b>12-Oct</b>	Dave Ellett		Alan Powell	Blue Sky
<b>18-Oct</b>	Jim Paynter		Knut Von Hentig	Cumulus
<b>19-Oct</b>	Rob Hanbury		Charles Galloway	Cirrus
<b>25-Oct</b>	Rod Carter	Kevin Saunders.	Jim Paynter	Blue Sky
<b>26-Oct</b>	Charlie Deal		Kevin Saunders	Nimbus
<b>1-Nov</b>	Zoltan Beldi		Roy Holden	Cirrus
<b>2-Nov</b>	Kevin Saunders		Bob Cusack	Cumulus

*The Team Leader for the day should also confirm with the Duty Instructor that the team are aware they are on roster.*

**Phone Numbers**

**L2/L3 Instructors**

Rod Carter (L3)

Dave Ellett

Rob Hanbury

**Swain Instructors.**

Andy Repton

Iain Russell

Charlie Deal

Knut Von Hentig

**Tuggies.**

Kevin C . Rob C

Bob M. Roy H. Alan P

Charles G , Knut Von Hentig

**AEI's**

Bob Bignell ,Marek Dukowicz

James Cooper

Terry Fromont

John Orton

Chris Runeckles .

—  
Jim P

Kevin S (L3/CFI)