

2013 K.A.M.S. Glider Rally – 24th August 2013.

The Saturday morning was as forecast light winds from the N.E. turning S.W. in the afternoon and temperature the reached 25deg. by midday which helped thermal activity. The turnout for our 3rd annual glider rally was great, showing our side of RC aeromodeling is alive and very well.

There were nine scale sailplanes ranging from a 3.8m Ka 8, 4m Salto, 5.3m Let DG 1000, 5.3m Duo Discus, 6.6m Baudis Antares, to a 8.4m Ash 31, several electric gliders from 2m up to 4m spans, F3B & F3J winch gliders, and a couple of D.L.G. gliders and “foamies”.



The thermals during the afternoon weren't that strong which made it a challenge to get good flight times, all part of the fun of gliding however the conditions meant most of us were still able to achieve 15-20 minute flights.

The tug pilots and their aircraft were there in good numbers to keep us airborne all day. Thanks to Rod O'Neil, Gregg Voak, Nigel Molyneux, Ian Salau and his son Byron Salau who flew from eastern states to join us for the day and do some towing for us with his Hanger 9, 3.3metre Piper Pawnee with a DLE 111 on canister exhaust up the front. The other tow planes in attendance were Rod's 40 percent Yak54 powered by a powerful 3w 170twin, Nigel's S.D. models 89" yak 54 powered by a DLE 55 on it's maiden outing as a tug, and Greg's 3.2m Top Models Pilatus Turbo Porter powered by something a little different, a Wren 160 turbo prop system with 24x8 prop. This model has some serious power enough to tow the largest of sailplanes and sounded great.



It's good to have all these tow planes available to support our particular side of aeromodeling. We also had several guest modellers from Northam and young Michael Keller from Northcliff who now has his silver wings, thanks to his mum for bringing him up so he could enjoy the day with us. The day was trouble free with everybody interacting with their particular type of model making my job as C.D. easy. Thanks to all for making this a great event. What a great day all round the weather, the modellers, the models and everyone had a great day finished off with a couple of drinks together. Hope it's not to long before we we can do it all again.



C.D. Danny Hales



Young Michael Keller get a launch from Big Rod



Pawnee returning for another tow



DLG working the lift low down



The Antares takes to the air behind Rod's Yak



Carl's DG1000 about to get towed



Nigel's Yak54 ready for another hook-up



"Into the Blue"



Don winding up his DLG



time to launch
the Cyril F3b