

**What is the Airfield Operations
Development Group?
(AODG)**

WHO IS TOM HARDIE?



Me flying my first hang glider in 1975

WHO IS TOM HARDIE?

**Sub-70kg powered hang
Glider - call sign Snake01**



Flying hang gliders since 1975, over 500 hours

Former BHPA Chairman

1988 started representing HG/PG/GA to CAA & MoD

What I fly at Easterton, a hang glider with a “hydro-carbon hill”.

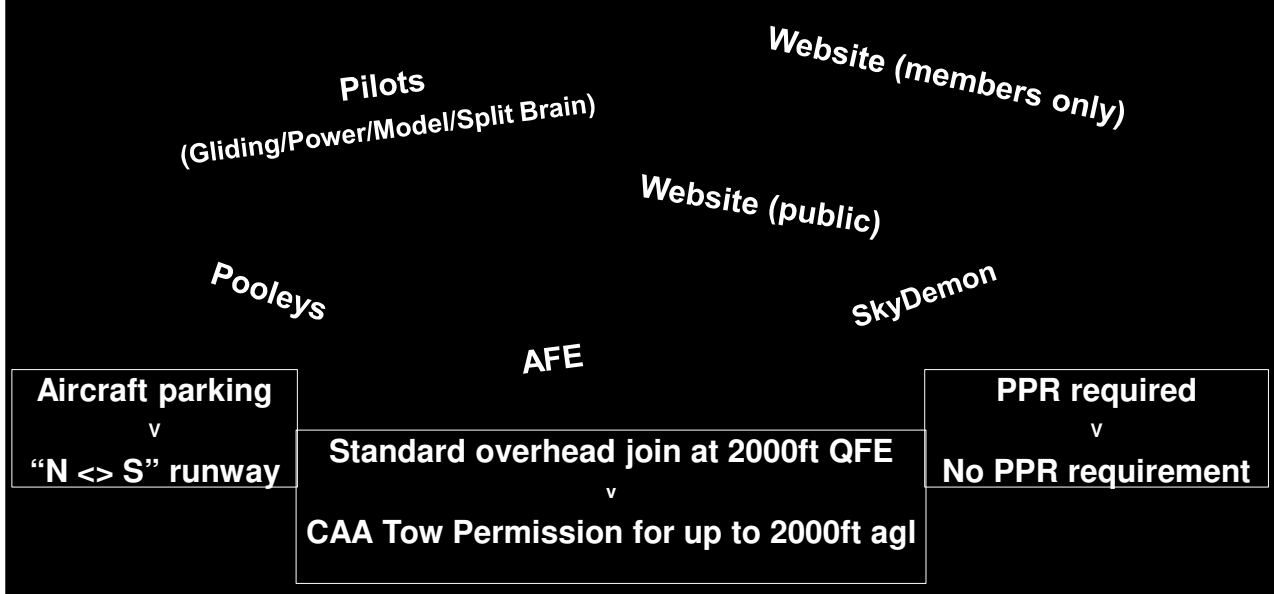
I have worked closely with BGA, LAA, BMAA, etc since 1988

INFORMATION FOR PILOTS



When I started flying at Easterton I needed information, just as visiting pilots do.

INFORMATION FOR PILOTS?



I tapped various sources, but pretty rapidly detected anomalies. These are some for the printed word. The information from pilots gave even more diverse opinions!

RESPONSIBILITIES?

For the safety of everyone on the airfield, members and visitors?

In practical terms - All of us

In legal terms – The Board of the limited company

For the management and finances of the airfield?

The Board

So how does this fit into safety?

Following a discussion with the Club Chairman about possible improvements I was “volunteered” to produce Terms of Reference for a new group.

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With the increasing diversity of activities on Easterton Airfield there is a need for the Company Board to concentrate on matters at the strategic level

AODG's role is to consider airfield operational matters and report back to the Company Board with evidence and risk based proportional recommendations

From the ToRs.

Note that the AODG makes recommendations and does not make decisions

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The Team:

Gliding Specialist – Mike Black
Highland GC's CFI or their nominated delegate

Powered Specialist – Ian Gale
Representative selected by the powered aircraft owners

Modelling Specialist – Loman Browne
Elgin Model Flying Club's Safety Officer

Facilitator – Tom Hardie
Appointed by the Company Board

The AODG may invite individuals to join it for specific studies and can gather information/evidence from wherever it deems appropriate

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4. The AODG will study matters pertinent to airfield operations:

- 4.1. Referred to it by the Company Board**
- 4.2. That it considers important for safe operations**
- 4.3. Suggested by airfield users**
- 4.4.**

5. The AODG will not:

- 5.1. Consider airfield maintenance matters**
- 5.2. ...**

This is from the AODG's ToRs

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In the event of a disagreement between permanent members of the AODG on a matter that it is considering the Facilitator will prepare a report that details all the members' opinions together with the evidence and reasoning for the Company Board to consider and make its decision on.

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So far:

- Working with Mike Wood on the operations side of the Fly-in weekend

Next:

- Pulling all the information about how the airfield operates into a single Airfield Operations Manual

There are a number of significant differences in glider sites and powered aircraft airfields, e.g. vehicles and bodies “airside”, using an occupied runway, circuits, etc.

- Assessing good ideas for practicalities and unintended consequences

Part of the new Airfield Operations Manual will be a system to help everyone know when there is an update and if they have read it.

QUESTIONS?