

THE NATIONALS







A VERY FAST DAY

COUNTRY ARE COMPETING IN THIS COMPETITION INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE DARLING DOWNS SOARING CLUB FROM QUEENSLAND. THEY CALL THEMSELVES "TEAM DINGO" AND THEY ARE FAR LESS BOISTEROUS THAN MEMBERS OF THE KINGAROY CLUB.

Day Five of competition started as a They are also excellent at running glorious day and ended as an even better day for the majority of the pilots. The weather conditions made for great speed and good time. Chad had a great flight and was very satisfied. He came home only 2 minutes over 108mph. He came second in his class.

Ground crew people are a very conscientious lot. They tend to have larger than normal arm muscles to hold up umbrellas.

around finding things that pilots misplace. They are good at taking flack when things do not go as planned. They wash other people's clothes. They have great radio listening skills. They second guess pilot needs. They wait time and at a cracking speed of and listen patiently and know when to speak. They can source anything at a moments notice even if they do not know what it is they are sourcing. They always have a spare pen handy. They have mastered the art of giving positive vibes.

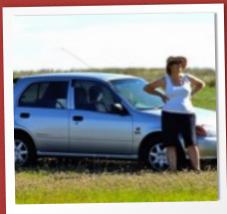
It is on out-landings that ground crew come into their own. A whole new set of skills comes into play. Like navigation and driving cross country driving sometimes in pouring rain and slippery mud. Like remembering to take along all the necessary things that make for a smooth retrieve.

And finally all ground crew must be able to relax and enjoy both the quiet time when the glider is in the air and when a successful day is concluded. Ground crew must be able to deal with bullshit.



MISS SUNSHADE AT WORK





LOOK UP TO THE SKY

PHOTOS

