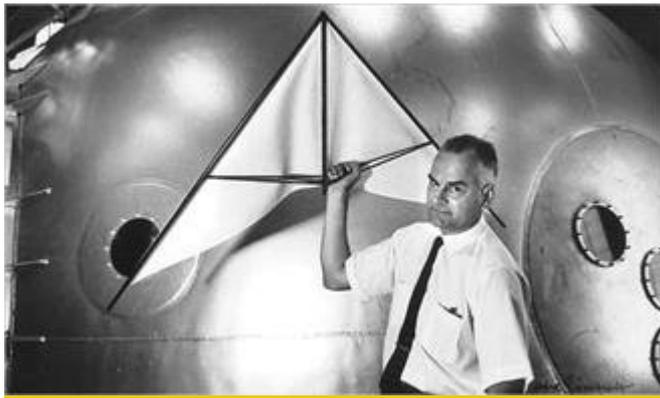

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Wednesday 16 September

F. M. Rogallo, Father of Hang Gliding, Dies at 97



Francis Rogallo, an aeronautical engineer who, beginning with a model made from a kitchen curtain, designed the wing that led to hang gliding, paragliding, sport parachuting and stunt kite flying, died Tuesday 1st September at his home in Southern Shores, N.C. He was 97.

His family announced the death.

Such was Mr. Rogallo's influence on lightweight flight that the wings of hang gliders for years were called Rogallo wings, and that members of the Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association are still called Rogallo members.

In an interview on Friday, David Glover, a past president of the association, called Mr. Rogallo "the father of hang gliding."

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Public Policy Statements:

Recently the Pico Club challenged each of the candidates for election to the Board to make a public response to three specific policy questions which are of particular interest to the

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12th PICO National Paramotor Fly-In

17th to 20th September 2009,
Milbrulong (just south of Wagga Wagga, NSW)

This is the largest gathering of Paramotor Pilots in Australia and IS A MUST!

There will be competitions, workshops and endless amounts of all day fun flying, all in flat land grassy paddocks that go for miles and miles.

You will be able to see, hear and talk about all types of paramotors and paramotoring wings, all the latest gear will be there.

So many to see it will make your head spin.

Experienced pilots, weekend pilots, new pilots or those just thinking about paramotoring - EVERYONE is welcome to attend.

For further information contact Jos Weemaes on

Pico group and, by extension, to all HGFA members. While the statements below were written in response to Pico's questions, the questions and responses apply equally to all disciplines, all aircraft type, all localities and all members of the HGFA. These responses were provided by the below-named candidates for election to the Board for 2010-12. Please vote.

Question 1:

Will you, as a newly elected HGFA Board member continue to support The Pico Club inc. as a National HGFA Club, equivalent in status to State Associations, as is currently the case?

The below-named candidates are committed to the SARSIG model and, quite definitely, the Pico Club will be supported as one of the SARSIGs given that other groups, including each of the State Associations, are also being offered equivalent support for their identified projects via affiliation as a SARSIG.

The Pico Club Inc will be supported through its affiliation to the HGFA and application under the SARSIG model in the same manner any club or association which complies with the affiliation requirements. In this regard, the Pico Club will have equivalent status to the other SARSIGs.

Question 2:

Will you, as a newly elected HGFA Board member continue the SARSIG development as outlined by Paul Coffey, and if not, what would you propose as changes?

The SARSIG project has not been developed by any one person but rather through consultation with the State Associations and the Boards of 2006-08 and 2008-10. It is true that further fine tuning of the details is required but YES, unequivocally, we are committed to the further development of the SARSIG project. The Board nominees listed hold the view that the SARSIG model is the future for HGFA sport and pilot development. Each is committed to that vision and will work to carry that vision on with further development and refinement of the SARSIG model.

Further, under the SARSIG model, the opportunity is provided for other members of either a regional or special interest grouping to band together and be recognised as a SARSIG in their own right distinct from other SARSIGs. There are many such potential groupings which have special needs which could be better served together rather than through a strictly geographic grouping. Such groups as remote pilots, competition pilots, pilots who wish to train to become instructors, pilots in contention for an Australian team or Weightshift Microlight pilots come to mind.

Question 3

Can you, in a few words, explain what you will do in order to promote the sport of PPG in Australia?

One of the more important roles of the HGFA is to assist in the marketing and promotion of ALL HGFA disciplines for visibility, safety and growth. The below-named Board nominees are each committed to assisting in the promotion of all aspects of the sport including any developing technologies, which obviously includes all aspects of PPG. In Pico's case, this means the support to continuing projects relating to specific identification of wheel-based operations, straight-through PPG course training and syllabus and the development of design and maintenance standards that will allow home or local built aircraft their place in the PPG arena.

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www.thepico.com.au

The Pico Club AGM will be held at the fly-in on Saturday afternoon.

Hope to see you there
(bring your gear)

AGM 24th October

The board has had a number of requests to move the AGM, scheduling meetings is difficult and I think it must be impossible to please everyone. In this instance, paraglider pilots competing in the Canungra Cup are disadvantaged and for that we apologise.

Just to put you in the picture and give you a bit of background, the changing of the AGM date from the originally scheduled date of 26th September stemmed from a Board decision to hold the meeting in Melbourne rather than Sydney. The Board decided that, as the office is now in Melbourne, it would be sensible and logical to also hold the AGM in Victoria which has 700 or so HGFA members, instead of always holding the AGM in NSW.

The original date proposed, 26th September, is AFL Grand Final Day in Melbourne – no venues, no accommodation and no flights so the initial thinking was to move it one weekend away to 3rd October. No drama, and that's the way it would have been except for a Special Resolution which was received just before the GM took leave.

This Special Resolution to make amendments to the Constitution was lodged by Mr Chris Drake and Mr Maderson Ford and threw a spanner in the works as a Special Resolution has to be dealt with in a particular way as specified in the Constitution.

The Special Resolution requires that members be given 28 days written notice in the magazine immediately before the AGM. It was received too late to be included in September's magazine, so it has to be October's magazine. Then, notice of AGM has to also be in the issue immediately before the AGM and a minimum of 14 days notice has to be given. Also, by the Constitution, the AGM must be held

In addition, the commitment is that PPG operations will be identified in the future Operations Manual and Safety and Operations Committee development. This group will be required to work toward the development and endorsement of a pathway for new instructors to enter the arena and by supporting additional training, promotion, conferences and forums for all instructors. The inclusion of identified instructors for the various sub-disciplines will also be fostered by the below-named nominees.

*This response is provided to the Pico Club on behalf of the following candidates for election to the Board:
Javier Alvarez, Stephen Clark, Paul Coffey, Peter Dower, Bob Hayes, Mark Mitsos, Leisel Pisani, Peter Wennersten.*

before the end of October. That left us with limited options — 17th October is Caulfield Cup Day which limited venues, accommodation and flights and maximised costs. Venues, accommodation and flights were freely available for 24th October while the weekend of 31st October was even worse than the 17th as it is the weekend immediately before the Melbourne Cup on the Tuesday and once again venues, accommodation and flights were extremely difficult to arrange.

The board did try again for the weekend of 17th October, but the same problems remained, so the **24th October** is the date for the AGM and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Regards,

Paul Coffey
HGFA Secretary

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