

RC Slope Aerobatics - an effective way to learn to fly gliders

When you mention the word competition, some fliers cringe and say, "No thanks, it's not my thing," and that's okay. But if you want to improve your flying skills quickly, slope aerobatics is one sure way to do so. If you've flown a glider on the slope or anywhere for that matter, you are more than likely to have performed an aerobatic manoeuvre of some sort. Perhaps a crude loop or a barrel roll is your limit or even a basic circuit. Some fliers like to fly freestyle aerobatics or if you like, just hoon around for fun, and that's also okay. But quality aerobatic manoeuvres need to be pre-planned and executed accurately on command. Practise is the only way to achieve this.

Mountain Gliding Australia is keeping the tradition of competitive slope soaring alive and invites you to come along to one of our events. We predominantly do slope aerobatics but we also run novelty events from time to time. We have instructors to get you started or assist you and gliders are available if you do not have your own. If you've just built or bought a glider, bring it along to one of our meetings and we'll get it trimmed and flying. If you cannot travel long distances, we may be able to come to your neck of the woods. Getting off on the right foot could be the difference between achieving your passion or giving it up after your first heart-felt prang.

Come and try Slope Soaring or Park Flying

Mornington Peninsula and Bass Coast Regions

During March and April, regular slope and/or park meetings will be held on the Mornington Peninsula and at Kilcunda. Slope days at Flinders are now limited to the south to southwest sites and therefore will be dictated moreso by the weather forecast. So too slope days at Kilcunda, now that we've lost the north slope. Hence, these meetings will be organised week to week, be they slope or park venues. So please register with our group so that we can keep you informed of the goings-on at short notice.

Bald Hills (near Ballarat) Thursday 25 April (Anzac Day) 1pm start

Agenda:

- Gliding instruction.
- Slope Aerobatics Contest - pending sufficient numbers.

How well can you slope soar? Come along and test your flying skills. Basic aerobatics on offer - nothing too difficult. Beginners are most welcome. The aim is for anyone to come along and have a go.

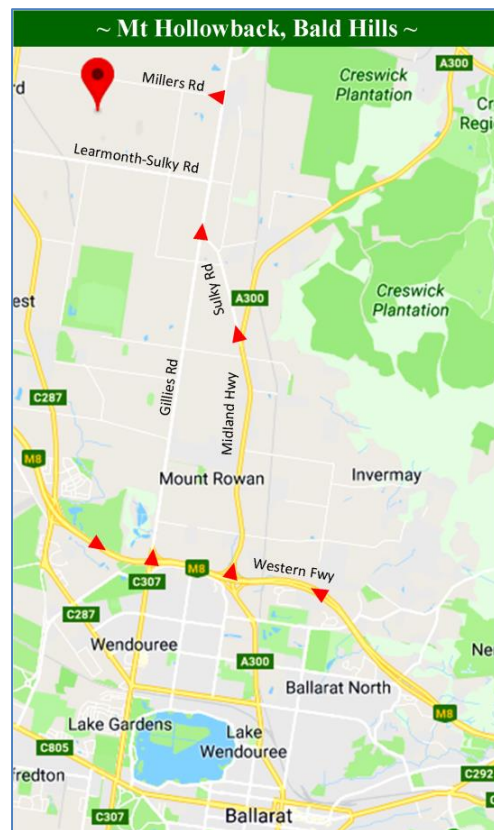
Introducing for the first time at slope contests, a 'ONE CLASS' glider section. If you don't have a suitable glider, we'll provide you with one.

Format: Round Robin - pilots to fly in pairs.

Scoring Per Manoeuvre: Maximum - 3pts, Minimum - 1pt, Equal - 2pts.

Glider Specifications:

- Gliders must be made from only Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) or Expanded Polyolefin (EPO).
- Wingspan: 1500mm or less.
- Motor: Front-mounted pullers or pod-mounted pushers.
- Any motor size is allowed, as speed will not be a factor.
- All gliders will be weighted the same prior to the start of the contest. Lead ballast will be available on the day.



Beginners can enter the contest under the guidance of an experienced instructor. If the wind is too strong for foamies, conventional slope soarers will be used. We will have gliders available to use. Electric gliders will be used if natural slope lift to fly safely is not possible. Prizes will be awarded if four or more people register.

Contact Ian on 0427 553 755 to register. Please do not turn up unannounced. Due to the nature of this sport, dates and venues are subject to last-minute changes. The best thing to do is register your interest so we can keep you informed. For further details visit the website, **Mountain Gliding Australia** (mountainglidingaustralia.com.au)

Note that there are no toilets, water, food or shade at the venues. So bring your own food/liquids and sun protection and don't forget to take a rest stop before you get to the venue. No alcohol please.