

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

Happy Anniversary! By Graham Readett

CHAPTER ONE: 19 years ago on **Tuesday 18th August 1998** ASC became the proud owner of JABIRU 2200- SK- 55-3031, and ASC entered the new activity of ultra-light power flying.

It was not that straight forward an introduction. Interest in ultra-light flying stemmed from club members - Noel Smedley, Dave Hughes, Ken Lovell and Brian Diamond started flying with Port Pirie's school Jabiru, then hiring Jabirus from Murray Bridge. Some of the club perceived losing club members to this relatively new flying as it had many attractions, particularly to older, mid-week, and winter pilots. The fact that you could come out flying on your own, without requiring a tug pilot, instructor and bodies to assist in getting gliders to the take-off point and launching. Also in the nice winter days of no lift, not good for gliding, but great for ultralight flying.



Steve Pegler, then President, put in an admirable effort as convener on the Jabiru Project, as there was significant resistance to leading the club away from the form of pure flying i.e. gliding. The risk was of damaging gliding by taking pilots away from gliding. Steve approached Graham Readett to join the project because of his experience in aircraft/glider maintenance and instructing. Graham came on board, rushed over to Murray Bridge u/l school and within 4 weeks, had done 5 hours conversion to u/l pilot certificate and was off to Bundaberg. By invitation he spent a week at the Jabiru factory, familiarising with engine and airframe, and this experience was to prove most valuable. Brian Brealey joined Graham at Bundaberg, handed over the cheque to Rod Stiff and they flew ASC s Jabiru back to Gawler.

Graham and Len Talbot (deceased) got Level 2 maintenance authorisation. Len, as he was a RAA mechanic and Graham from gliding maintenance authorisations, and having been the SAGA Regional Technical Officer for gliding maintenance for 9 years.



Graham and Brian both got their AUF Instructor Authorisation and Brian became our first Ultralight CFI.

ASC has come a long way; from 1 Jabiru, 2 instructors and 3 pilots, to 3 ASC owned Jabirus, 3 cross hired aircraft, 8 instructors, 148 certificated pilots and about 20 pupils, and CFIs handed over from Brian to Karl Faeth.

Wait for the next exciting instalment "Trials and Tribulations with 55-3031"

Some more history!



This photo of the National Championships held at Gawler was passed on from Paul Sherrard and is circa early 1960s

Great work



Anthony and Sylvia Lock preparing Yiroseseses for the Tug Pilot of the day David Bradshaw, on the 8th of July - the tucker was so good they sold out by 2 pm!.

The next Cook-Up is on the 12 August.

Come along and join in.

Don't forget!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide Soaring Club will be held Saturday 19th August, 2017, commencing at 5.00pm in Dining Room of the Adelaide Soaring Club clubrooms.

Followed by the annual awards night

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Please shut the gate

Please remember to shut the gate if you are the last person leaving the airfield of an evening.



OUR EMAIL LISTS - A reminder of their purpose

ascannounce - This site is for conveying official information within the club. Only officials of the club can post items on this list. Typically only one email per week is posted on this site so it is not a problem in terms of overloading anyone's email system. This is a vital function for our club and all members are urged to read all material that is presented on ascannounce.

ascmembers - This was intended to be a chat site. Any club member can post anything on it which concerns club matters. It is moderated only to the extent that any obscene or illegal material is removed. Naturally not everyone wants to receive the posts that result, so you can opt out of this site if you wish.

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