

ASC e-News

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Hi and welcome to our latest ASC e-News.

OpScene

A recent Safety Occurrence Report showed that we always need to be vigilant in looking after our club assets. In this particular instance one of our tugs was moved out of the hangar so that the gliders could be accessed. The tug was left on the apron area unattended and with the wheels unchocked.

There was a car parked not far away and the tug was positioned quite close to the hangar. At the time the wind was gusting and it was very lucky that an astute member happen to notice that the tug was weather-cocking with the wind. Fortunately the member was able to secure the aircraft before any damage was done.

In the hopper of each tug there is a set of aluminum light-weight wheel chocks. When a tug is left unattended on a hard surface, it must chocked. In all, but the most extreme conditions, this will avoid the potentially “out of business” and expensive to fix problem that the above situation could have resulted in.

Just a few additional points:

- Often the wheel chocks are seen lying on the hangar floor - they should always be stored in the tug’s hopper so that they are readily accessible. If you’re not sure how to access the hopper on either tug, just ask someone who knows - they’ll happily show you.
- When parking a tug outside it is best to put the nose into wind, and of course to chock the wheels.
- As with any aircraft, when not in use, it is always preferable to put it back in the hangar.

GUIDELINES FOR FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT AND DRONES AT GAWLER AIRFIELD

(At the last Committee meeting we approved a document called GUIDELINES FOR FLYING MODEL AIRCRAFT AND DRONES AT GAWLER AIRFIELD. It’s been incorporated into By-Law 1 as an appendix. It is shared below for your information.)

Introduction

Many club members enjoy building and flying model aircraft, and many entered into a lifelong interest in aviation through modelling. The club therefore does not wish to unduly inhibit members wishing to pursue model aircraft activities at Gawler. However, eliminating risk to full-sized aircraft operating at the aerodrome, and to people and facilities, must be paramount.

To ensure that such risks are controlled, operation of model aircraft on Gawler aerodrome must be carried out in accordance with the following rules. These same rules apply to drones.

Complying with legislation

Gawler is non-towered and is not a registered or certified aerodrome. The conditions for flying model aircraft in such locations are set out in CASA AC 101-03v1.1. The essential clause of this publication is

5.1.6 Model flyers must not commence a flight and must land their aircraft when they become aware of a manned aircraft operating to or from the aerodrome... Once the manned aircraft has landed or departed, flying can commence or recommence as applicable.

The local rules set out below are based on CASA AC 101-03v1.1, and members wishing to fly model aircraft and drones on the airfield are advised to read and absorb relevant sections of it.

Local rules

Model aircraft and drones may be operated on the airfield provided the following rules are adhered to:

1. Only members of Adelaide Soaring Club are permitted to operate model aircraft and drones on the airfield.
2. The operator of a model aircraft or drone must not operate it if a powered aircraft or glider is airborne in the Gawler circuit.
3. If a powered aircraft or self-launching glider is on the ground and preparing to become airborne (propeller turning and taxiing to a runway) the person operating the model or drone must land immediately.
4. Model and drones aircraft must not be operated in excess of 400ft AGL, over hangars, vehicles, parked aircraft or aerodrome facilities.
5. Models and drones must remain at least 30 m clear of people not directly associated with the flight of the model or drone, and must be operated in such a way as to not pose a danger to people or alarm them.
6. The operator must have within earshot a VHF receiver to monitor the Gawler CTAF.

Summary

The airfield is managed by the club to provide for members' recreational activities. For a significant number of members, model flying is one of those activities, and can be carried out on the airfield provided that it does not create a hazard to aircraft, people or property.

Edinburgh Air Show 2019

No doubt our members know this is coming up...but here's the link just in case....

https://www.airforce.gov.au/exercises/edinburghairshow2019?fbclid=IwAR3kN1nXAdBrg1h8OGEIDsmBcxpIPPteJ1IltRTC5_nAbKzokH7_DIVNaDI



CAPTAIN HARRY BUTLER and his RED DEVIL MINLATON

MINLATON PREPARES for HARRY BUTLER CENTENARY

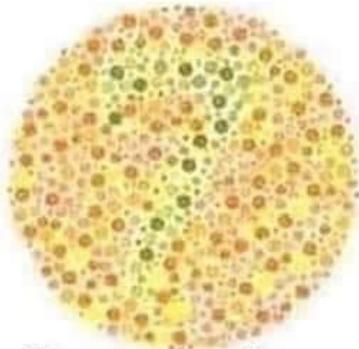
The Yorke Peninsula town of Minlaton is busily preparing a program of events to celebrate the centenary of Captain Harry Butler's famous first airmail delivery flight over water. Undertaken on 6th August 1919, it was the first flight of its kind to be undertaken in the Southern Hemisphere.

The town will come alive on the weekend of 3rd and 4th of August with numerous events and air displays.

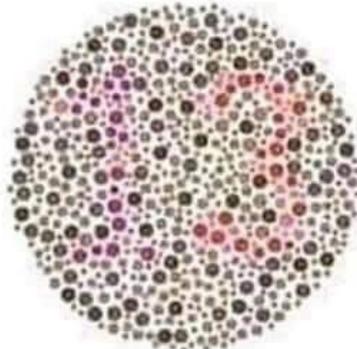
The following program will be added to as further events are confirmed.

<https://harrybutlerscentenary.wordpress.com/program/>

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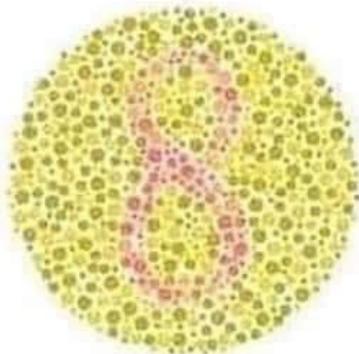
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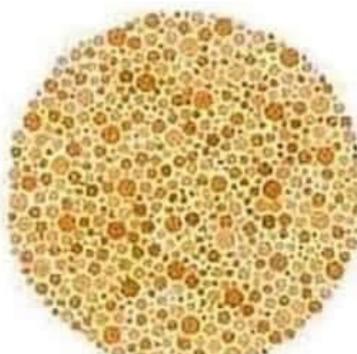
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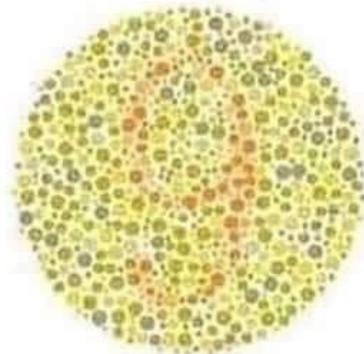
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ADHD/ADD



Aviation
Addiction



Schizophrenia

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25 July 6.30-8.30 pm: CASA Safety Seminar in the clubhouse at Gawler. Presentation by Terry Horsam. These are really good and you might just pick up an idea which saves your bacon one day!!

Sat-Sun 3-4 Aug: Minlaton centenary celebrations. Commemorating 100 years of aviation in Minlaton. For more info see...

<https://epicflightcentenary.com.au/upcoming-events/>

...or ask Jeff Schuster.

Sat 24 Aug: ASC AGM in the clubhouse at Gawler around 5 pm. Meal follows.

Sat Nov 2: Nhill Airshow. Celebrating a century of aviation at Nhill. See

<https://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/events-calendar>

Sat-Sun 9-10 Nov: RAAF Edinburgh airshow. ASC will be participating both on the ground and with a flying display. Note: Flying at Gawler will be restricted from 7-10 Nov, details to be announced.

Please shut the gate

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



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