

# ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

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### Safety Occurrence Reporting

- A Club Jabiru with student under instruction made a low landing pass over an AAFC glider on the launch pad in breach of ASC Bylaw 7. All pilots are to ensure they have familiarised themselves with ASC ByLaw 7 before operating from the Gawler airfield. It is considered to be poor airmanship for landings to be made over another aircraft that is positioned on the take-off pad.
- A glider with an instructor undergoing an AFR was observed to be travelling the wrong way up the downwind leg with the possibility of a conflict with a Jabiru carrying out circuits. All pilots need to ensure that they comply with CASA circuit procedures and to demonstrate good airmanship to make sure that we maintain a safe environment for all of us to operate in.

Both of the above incidents were the subject of RAAus and GFA Safety Occurrence Reports.

- On a high-wind-day an aircraft was observed doing a long low final to R31 under considerable power to make the field. In this instance the ground observers believed that in the case of an engine failure the aircraft could not make the runway.

### Wind Socks

At a recent instructor meeting a discussion was held on what our Wind Socks indicate. There were different views 25kts, 30Kts etc. Our Airfield Manager has contacted the manufacturer and our 12 ft. wind socks measure to 30kts. This depends to some degree as to the way they are hung and can affect their readings (frame as compared to chains).

### GFA Membership

- Members are notified by email directly from GFA that their membership is due for renewal. Upon renewal, GFA will send via email, a copy of your membership profile, including a GPC certificate, airworthiness ratings held, etc. It is your responsibility to ensure that this is accurate. If it is not, you need to scan any relevant documentation and forward it to [returns@glidingaustralia.org](mailto:returns@glidingaustralia.org) for correction. An updated profile will then be emailed to you. The plastic GPC / Membership card will be sent out by mail as usual. Important Speeds for ASC Club Sailplanes

### Crosswind Components

The max permissible crosswind components of our aircraft / approximate stall speeds / approach speeds at MAW are:-

	Max Crosswind Component	Stalling IAS	Approach Speed
Grob 103	11 Kts	41 Kts	60 Kts
Grob 102	11 Kts	35 Kts	53 Kts
Discus	11 Kts	37 Kts	56 Kts
DG 505	8 Kts	38 Kts	57 Kts
DG 1000	8 Kts	42 Kts	63 Kts

## Human Factors Training

- As part of the student pilot training process all pilots trained under the RAAus system are required to undertake instruction in Human Factors. A thorough understanding of this subject has been shown to significantly influence better safety outcomes.
- In recognition of this the ASC Training Panel has decided to encourage all glider pilots to undertake this highly useful training - please watch this space for advice when training sessions will be run.

KEEP IT SAFE

**A new addition to the e-News – member profiles!**

**Name: Peter Sachs**

### Introduction to recreational aviation

As a young boy, I always had a fascination for aircraft and flying resulting in a hobby of building plastic model kits, control line model aeroplanes and free flight gliders. This was enhanced through my father having been in the Royal Australian Air Force during WW2. With a childhood growing up in Waikerie on the river Murray, there was always a fascination in watching eagles, pelicans and ibis soaring above the river and adjacent lagoons. The opportunity presented by my father to do the same, by joining the Waikerie Gliding club, took a nano-second of decision making on my behalf.

### Principal focus in recreational aviation

Gliding mainly, although I dabbled in power flying through Bruce Hartwig starting a power flying enterprise at the Waikerie aerodrome.

### Flying History:

Joined the Waikerie Gliding Club – 29/09/57, aged 11.

First Dual training flight in a Slingsby T35 on 29/09/57.

Flew 33 Dual Training flights in the T35 – 6hrs 32 mins.

Graduated to a Schneider Long Wing Kookaburra purchased by the Waikerie Gliding Club in August 1959.

Soloed in the long wing Kookaburra on 6/11/1960, aged 14- 23hours and 5 minutes training time.

Completed a Silver C qualification on 1/10/63, post a cross country flight to Renmark in the club's KA 6.

Flew intermittently with the Waikerie Gliding Club until joining the Adelaide Soaring Club in 7/01/84.

Commenced re-training with the ASC, 7/01/84.

Soloed again 10/03/84, Twin Astir G103 (FQI)

Commenced the role as an Air Experience Instructor – 24/10/99. (Still current in this role)

### Aircraft flown?

Waikerie Gliding Club:

Slingsby T35

- Long wing Kookaburra
- Grunau Baby 4
- Olympias (Yellow Witch & Red Olympia)
- KA 6
- Pelican (2 seat built by Jock Barratt)
- Slingsby T31
- Blanik
- ASK 13
  - 99% of launches were via winching. Many hours spent as a Winch Driver /Launcher.

Adelaide Soaring Club:

- Twin Astirs (FQI, IUF, GPF)
- Janus (WZ)
- Single Astir G102 (FQQ)
- Astir CS ( IKH)
- Hornets - 206 ( GMT, GMU, GAU, GEY)

- Jantar (UKU)
- Discus (IUI, IUN)
- ASW 28 – 8E (Fitted with Self Sustainer engine)
- DG 1000s (ZDG)
- DG 505 (GER)
- Predominant launching via Aerotow, although in the early days also included Car towing.

#### Gliding Administration Roles

##### Positions held in the ASC:

- Committee Member – 6 + 4 yrs.
- Signage Officer – 8 yrs.
- Executive Officer, Gawler Airfield Management Group, 5 yrs.
- Coordinator, ASC Awards / Trophies / Life Membership subcommittee - 5 yrs.
- Coordinator, ASC Grants subcommittee- 8 yrs.
- Competitions Sponsorship Coordinator- 3 years.
- Chair, Publicity / Promotions Group-3 years

#### Ambitions in relation to recreational aviation

- To continue to build on the 57 years of involvement in Gliding.
- To give back to gliding as much as possible, through various volunteer roles, with a principal focus on the Adelaide Soaring Club.

#### Congratulations



Congratulations to Hansaja Ekanayake. He had his 15th birthday recently and went solo that morning in quite rough conditions. Well done.

#### 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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