

ASC e-News

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Hi and welcome to our latest ASC e-News. And our first one for 2019.

'Thanks'

Sincere thanks to all the ASC instructors and the training panel for support of the Scout Jamboree. The statistics are staggering:

- 842 Kids were flown over 9 days in 9 aircraft.
- On top of the 842 kids flown, a lot of extra flights were flown as ferry flights, pilot transfer flights, check rides and flights for visitors, the media and as "Thankyou" rides for ground helpers.
- More than 4,000 litres of fuel was consumed.

In very challenging conditions, the pilot skill and airmanship demonstrated by every single pilot was exceptional.

Many thanks to the following members for all of the commitment and dedication:

Clem Lunau
Richard Geytenbeek
John Whittington
Peter Phillips
Richard Skinner
John Stobie
Vlad Zhelezarov
Noah Beckmann
Andrew Wright



Thanks also... GAWLER FUEL INSTALLATION

(Power Pilots and Tuggies please note)

Our fuel installation has a roof but its sides are exposed to the elements. There is an aluminum cover that protects the tank filler caps and the fuel issue book. The cover is fitted with a clip to keep it fixed in place.

In the past, users have omitted to clip the lid down and on a number of occasions I have found it flipped back by the wind.

The latest occasion was a couple of weeks ago when we had violent weather in the Gawler area. That resulted in the cover flinging back and twisting so much out of shape that the welded seams and hinges broke. I mentioned this to Phil Pullem and to his great credit he undertook to fix the cover. It took him a couple of days and the purchase of necessary parts but the end result is excellent. The cover now fits snugly and squarely and if flipped back, will not twist out of shape. Please Note: If you use the fuel pump – please – CLIP THE LID DOWN WHEN FINISHED.



Phil deserves a great pat on the back and a very sincere thank you from us all for all the hard work he puts in on behalf of our great club. WELL DONE PHIL.

Karl

Oxygen Bottle Refilling

ASC has introduced a system whereby dry breathing oxygen bottles can be refilled in-house, but only by approved persons. The process that has been introduced will enable club and privately owned bottles to be refilled by decanting from a “G” size bottle that the club will hire from a supplier.

Naturally there will be a charge to cover costs. The cost will be determined by weight of oxygen transferred, which at the moment has been set at \$0.105 per gram. If you would like your oxy bottle topped up, speak to one of our authorised refillers - Frank Johann, Paul Clift or Brian Rau. Once you have provided your oxy bottle for refilling please allow at least a week to complete the process.

Decanting of oxygen is potentially a very risky business and so it is vital that only properly trained personnel are approved to do the job. Should you have any questions please contact those listed above.

Promotion and marketing

The ASC has always been active in the area of promotion and marketing and we are grateful to all those that have been involved in this area over the years - they have done a great job. However, we live in changing times and so the ASC committee, following a recommendation from the Promotions and Marketing Group, has decided to plot a fresh course.

Effective January 1, we have appointed Tom Leech as Promotion and Marketing Manager, on a part time, trial basis. Tom is a very talented individual, with a broad business background which has exposed him to many facets of promotion and marketing.

The potential opportunities provided by effective promotion and marketing within the ASC are huge and we are currently working with Tom to set directions and priorities. You will see and hear much more about this new approach in the months to come. Good luck Tom.

An Adventure... with Colin Drew

“Trip to Birdsville and back by two intrepid ASC members”



Chris conducted an Organic Accreditation at Clifton Hills Station along the way and so Chris and Colin flew up there. All up approx. 15 hours flying time including Sight-Seeing!





HUTTON VALE FARM
EDEN VALLEY • BAROSSA



Aldinga Aero Club

Sunday lunch in the Barossa Valley

Hutton Vale Farm and Aldinga Aero Club invite pilots and their families and friends to fly in to Hutton Vale Farm on Sunday, 3rd February 2019. If you are unable to fly in, then simply take a scenic drive to the Farm.

Hutton Vale Farm is a mixed farm with many facets, including grapes, wool and food growing. The philosophy is to run each arm of the business in a sustainable manner while at the same time entwining them as a whole, and offering award-winning wine, lamb, woollen throws and tailored experiences for guests.

Fly in to the Hutton Vale Farm airstrip, nestled amongst some of Australia's most famous vineyards. Step from your plane just metres from the cellar door to spend a day in the vines and the cellar enjoy a fabulous lunch including lunch of main course, salads, first glass of wine, soft drinks for pilots and non-drinkers, finishing with platters of cheese and/or sweets, plunger coffee or tea.

The cost for the day is \$45 per person.

You could even make it a weekend (or longer) trip by staying on the Farm in either the Hutch Hilton, a family-friendly building that is ideal for up to four couples, or the J.H.A. Stone Cellar, a premium two-bedroom ultimate escape. A loan car is available for fly in guests at \$50 per day plus fuel for exploring the Barossa region.

Whether you fly or drive, please plan to arrive between 11:00 – 12:00. Departure is at your leisure.

To help with planning and catering, it is necessary to register and pay in advance. Please complete the attached booking form and send it, plus confirmation of your payment, by email to enquiries@huttonvale.com not later than 20 January 2019.

If you would like to stay overnight or longer, please contact the Farm directly by email to or telephone 08 8564 8270.

To learn more about the Farm, go to www.huttonvale.com.



How to get to Hutton Vale Farm

By air:

The Hutton Vale Farm airfield is a grass airfield with two runways at an elevation of 1240 feet. The primary runway (18/36) is 1000 m with reasonably good approaches and is the preferred runway. The cross strip (09/27) is a little over 800 m but undulating with difficult approaches (high ground and trees) so pilots must exercise caution.

The nearest Avgas supplies are at Parafield, Adelaide, Aldings and Renmark.



By car:

Hutton Vale Farm is at 65 Stone Jar Road, Angaston. It is approximately 120 km and 1 hour 45 minutes from Aldinga airfield.



Congratulations



Keith Johnson has been a club member for some time and has been flying regularly with a view of attaining his Pilot Certificate.

Recently we did the Pilot Test and Keith flew very safely and Passed the test.

He really has persevered and has earned our warmest congratulations.

Karl

Great News

We welcomed a new addition to the Aircraft Fleet, a Roko (Stratus NG4) aircraft. It was flown back from Victoria by VP Scott Crew and CFI Karl Faith. A few birds welcomed them on approach.

The guys reported the aircraft as "fantastic to fly!"

The Roko will be in the workshop for a few weeks before it becomes available for some exciting and 'very special' endorsement flight training and flying to come! Thanks Scott for all your work on this.





In collaboration with Engineers Australia, the RAeS Adelaide Branch is honoured to have Astronaut Paolo Nespoli give a lecture presentation.

The registration details for this event can be found at:

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/Event/astronaut-paolo-nespoli>

Tuesday 22nd of January 2019

Refreshments will be served at 5:30pm, lecture commencing at 6:00pm and will conclude around 7:00pm.

Location: TBA

After leaving active duty from the Army in 1987 Paolo worked as a design engineer for Proel Technologie in Florence, where he conducted mechanical analysis and supported the qualification of the flight units of the Electron Gun Assembly, one of the main parts of the Italian space agency's Tethered Satellite System.

Paolo received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering in 1988 and a Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics in 1989 from the Polytechnic University of New York.

In 1991 he worked for ESA's European Astronaut Centre in Cologne, Germany. As an astronaut training engineer, he contributed to basic training for the European astronauts. Paolo was responsible for the preparation and management of astronaut proficiency maintenance, as well as, the Astronaut Training Database, a system used for astronaut training.

From 1995 to 2000 Paolo was involved in several projects and training that saw him going from the Netherlands, to Italy, to the USA to Russia.

In June 2006, Paolo was assigned to Space Shuttle mission STS-120 and in 2007 Paolo flew as a Mission Specialist on Space Shuttle Discovery for the STS-120 flight to the International Space Station.

In November 2008, Paolo Nespoli was assigned to his second spaceflight, Expedition 26/27. The long-duration mission to the International Space Station was launched on 15 December 2010. Paolo's duties as a flight engineer during his MagIStRa mission included scientific experiments and technology demonstrations, as well as performing educational activities. After having spent 159 days in space, he returned to Earth on 24 May 2011.

Paolo's third flight to the International Space Station was from July to December 2017. In 2018 he retired as an active European Space Agency astronaut.

Paolo Nespoli's hometown is Verano Brianza, Milan, Italy. He enjoys scuba diving, piloting aircraft, assembling computer hardware, electronic equipment and computer software.

Supported by the UniSA Aviation and Aerospace Student Organization (A3SO).

For further information please email adelaidebranch@raes.org.au

Please shut the gate

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



Daryl Trigg - ASC e-News Editor

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