

ASC e-News

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Hi and welcome to our latest ASC e-News. It's a been a while since our last publication (due to the editor being OS) but we especially welcome Noah Taylor, Andrew Dansie, Matthew Patterson, Shane Neaves and Robert Burns as new members to our club.

Special thanks to those who have contributed to the content contained in this newsletter.

Annual Presentation Dinner

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on again, on the evening of 11 August, starting at 5 pm in the clubrooms at Gawler. The AGM is your opportunity to hear about the club's outcomes for the past year, and its aspirations, strategies and business plans for the next. It is also your opportunity to ask questions.

The AGM will be followed by the club's annual Presentation Dinner. There will be a spit roast arranged by Jeff Schuster and Sylvia Lock will look after the accompanying food.

During the dinner the club's annual awards for flying performance and for service to the club will be presented. It will be a top night of fun and fellowship, so why not come along? To help with catering please let the office know if you are coming by ringing (08) 8522 1877, or by email.

Op Scene ... this is in red because it's important...

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AIRSPACE

Airspace Infringements.

We have had a number of reported airspace infringements by ASC pilots in the last year. The club now has two processes to help improve our airspace knowledge.

Firstly there is the Airspace Tutorial written by Hank Delen which is available on the ASC website at: <http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Flying-at-Gawler-Airspace-Briefing-April-2017-1.pdf>

Secondly, for those who have breached airspace we have an Airspace Educational Online Quiz designed by our Airspace Officer, Pete Temple. We have had positive feedback from the pilots who have tried this quiz. This is a tough, comprehensive quiz and is mainly aimed at glider pilots that fly cross-country, but if you'd really like to test your understanding you might like to have a go at it here: [here](#)

FLIGHT REVIEWS - BFR (LSA) & AFR (GLIDING)

One of the most important assets that the ASC has is our ability to utilise the local airspace. We are in a relatively unique situation because we are able to operate in airspace that is within the restricted airspace of a RAAF Airbase. For us to operate within this airspace it is imperative that we keep a good working relationship with both CASA and the RAAF. The expectation is that we will ensure all our pilots are fully conversant with both getting the day's airspace from NAIPS and knowing the boundaries set by the day's airspace release.

The Instructor Panel has decided that all Gliding AFRs this year and all RA BFRs will incorporate an airspace component.

Our Airspace Officer Pete Temple has kindly prepared a questionnaire for us to use. This has been published on the ASC website. Under "Pilot Resources", select "Airspace Questionnaire – Flight Review Airspace Questions". Download and Print the questions and the map. The link is here: <http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Flight-Review-Airspace-Questions.pdf>

You can do this at your leisure any time prior to when you present yourself for your AFR/BFR, using whatever resources you require (VTC, VNC Charts etc). and bring the completed quiz to the airfield with you. This will form the basis of the airspace discussion that your instructor will have with you regarding airspace.

If you have trouble or require clarification ask an instructor to help you prior to the day of your AFR.

TAKING CARE OF OUR ASSETTS

Club assets belong to all members. It is vital that we all take good care of the club's property.

Hangar Rash and Canopy Care

Aircraft that have been moved out of the hangar to access another aircraft need to be returned to the hangar if not in use. Please don't leave them outside at the mercy of the elements. Likewise all aircraft need to be cleaned before and after daily use, if you do not know how to do this correctly check with an instructor. Glider canopies are particularly fragile and easily scratched in the process of incorrectly cleaning.

Please take care when manoeuvring aircraft in the hangars. One person needs to be the designated controller, with a person at each wingtip. Particular care needs to be taken when moving wings over the canopy of another aircraft. These are expensive items and need to be looked after.

Care of Tow Ropes:

Our Tugmaster spends considerable time preparing tow ropes and ensuring that they will last for a reasonable number of tows. There is clear reinforced plastic hose protecting the glider end of the rope so that it does not abrade on the ground. It has been noted that during hook-on, pilots have been pulling on this clear hose and separating it from the slightly larger piece of hose it is glued to. This exposes the rope to the abrasive runway and causes excessive wear. When hooking-on please test the release by holding the actual rope rather than the plastic hose.

MAINTENANCE RELEASES

Accurate information

During a Daily Inspection on VH-GER a couple of weeks ago it was noted that an error had been made in transferring the total airframe time from one page to the next. The mistake occurred through the swapping of the digits for the tens and hundreds in the time, ie, 2465 became 2645. This put the total airframe hours over the time required for a maintenance item. Take care when transferring times to another page and care with additions, etc. Remember, the Maintenance Release is a legal document and it is imperative that all entries are correct.

Signing out

During our recent GFA Airworthiness Audit it was noted that a pilot had completed the Daily Inspection for VH-ZDG but had not completed all four parts of the required authorisation in the Maintenance Release, ie, Signature/GFA Number/Time/Date. All four components are required to be completed before the aircraft can be legally flown.

Safe Flying

Karl Faeth & John Whittington - ASC CFI's

Airfield Lease

The club leases the Gawler airfield from the Light Regional Council and has had a series of leases since the 1960's, most recently for a lease for 10 years concluding on 30 June 2018.

A long process of negotiation reached finality on when President Steve Pegler on 26 June signed a new lease which extends for 42 years. This is a major step for the club and will allow us to plan and invest with certainty for the future.

The sites on which private hangars are built are subleases from the club. New subleases reflecting the new head lease are being prepared – if you have a private hangar expect yours soon.

RAAus Vote for the Board

Two South Australians are standing for election to the RAAus Board, which currently has no members from our state. They are Barry Windle and Luke Bailey from Strathalbyn.

They will be at the club at Gawler at 4 pm on 11 August (just before our AGM) to make themselves known. If you are an RAAus member why not come along and meet these two candidates? It could help you to decide how to vote in the RAAus election.

Power costs

Power is one of our big overhead costs in our club – we pay over \$10,000 per year for electricity. Determined negotiation by club Vice-President Scott Crew has secured us a discount rate of 18%, which is a very worthwhile saving – thanks Scott.

The next step is to investigate solar power to see if it is economically viable for us. Work on this has started.

Outcomes from hangar fire

Insurance payments have been received for each of the items damaged in the hangar fire on 29 April. The two damaged gliders have been repaired and are flying again. The LSA Operations Group is preparing advice regarding an aircraft to replace the destroyed Jabiru 8198. Action will be taken to make good any degradation caused to the hangar itself but meantime we have received engineering advice to the effect that it is structurally sound and it is back in service.

All LSA Members

For information

24-8538 has just had its 100 hours service completed.

As part of the service, a solenoid has been fitted, isolating the battery from the electrical System. As part of the modification the key lock has been removed and a MASTER SWITCH and a STARTER BUTTON fitted.

This is in line with our other Jabirus.

Gallery of greatness



Here is a photo of Tom handing over the signed lease documents for the ASC to lease the Gawler Airfield to Megan Renzella our Light Regional Council contact.



Thomas Zhang went solo recently... how cool for a young fellow who "...just wanted to fly for fun !"
Well done Thomas - from all the ASC Instructor Team.

Ryan Breslin walking on air on Wednesday following passing his Pilot Certificate Rating test flight with CFI Karl Faeth. We all congratulate Ryan - a fine student and a job well done !



Joel Egel who went solo recently
Well Done.. from your ASC instructors.
Joel is seen here being congratulated by CFI Karl Faeth following the flight.

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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