

ASC e-News

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Hi and welcome to our latest ASC e-News.

ASC Members Forum

There will be an ASC Members Forum in the clubrooms at Gawler on 23 March, starting at about 5.30 pm.

ASC Members Forums are periodic get-togethers of ASC members to learn, swap ideas, ask questions, hear about developments and make views known. They are not formal general meetings of the club, and there are no motions or votes.

These Forums are important. Everyone can learn things which relate to safety and the future directions of the club, so put the date in your diary now!

Terry Cubley AM

Our former member Terry Cubley has been named a Member the Order of Australia (AM) in the Australia Day Honours 2019 “for significant service to sports aviation, particularly to gliding as a competitor and administrator.”

Terry was a very active member of ASC for many years until moving to Victoria on retirement at the close of Holden’s. He gave exemplary service to our club, and to gliding and sport aviation more generally nationally and internationally.

Terry, everyone at ASC congratulates you on this well-merited award.



January at Gawler was excellent for gliding...

Some excellent glider flights were undertaken from Gawler last month. On one day alone (24 Jan) over 2500 km of cross-country gliding was logged on the On-Line Contest (OLC). Besides that, there were many hours undertaken just for fun. Brian Rau, Neil Varley, Geoff Wood and Phil Ritchie all distinguished themselves.

There’s more summer still to come, so why not take advantage of it?

...and for LSA flying



A good number of ASC pilots in club and private LSA’s undertook a cross-country trip to Edenhope in Victoria to enjoy the hospitality put on by Bruce and Cathy Tuncks in their hangar there.

Then there was the “overseas” flight to American River on Kangaroo Island. Happy days...



Australian Junior National Gliding Championships

The National Gliding Championships for Juniors were held in January at Waikerie, with active participation from ASC. Vlad Zhelezarov from ASC flew our Discus IUI and we also provided a tug and tug pilots.

The conditions were tough conditions with temperatures in the mid-40s every day and some days just low and hot, but everyone participating had a good time and learned a lot.

New Ring Gear



The newest Jabiru in our fleet, 8538, has proven to be so popular that its engine has reached its TBO hours in just over 2 years. A new Generation 4 Jabiru engine has been installed into 8538. Thanks for your hard work here Mick! (With Karl keeping a close eye on things of course!!)

AVSAFETY seminars

CASA runs these seminars from time to time and they are very good. They are aimed at power flyers (including LSA pilots) and there is always at least one worthwhile take-away message which might save your butt one day. The next seminars are -

9 Feb Strathalbyn Saturday afternoon (1.30 pm-3.30 pm)

21 Feb Port Adelaide Aviation Museum (6.30 pm – 8.30 pm)

See <https://www.casa.gov.au/standard-page/avsafety-seminars-schedule> for details.

Did you know...

...that we have a share-cropping arrangement with a local farmer whereby the parts of the aerodrome we don't actively use are cropped and the proceeds are shared between the club and the farmer? Arising from this, we recently received a cheque of nearly \$2000 from the Australian Grain Export Corporation as part-payment for last year's crop.

All the money we receive from cropping goes directly into the club's Infrastructure Fund and is used on airfield maintenance.

Hydration

We have had two instances recently of heat exhaustion and lack of hydration, either one of which could have had serious results. You know the right things to do – keep in the shade, use sunscreen and above all keep up your intake of fluids particularly water. Please do it!

New Wings



Great news!!, The new club Roko Stratus NG4 is close to coming out of Mick's care and will be available for bookings soon. Over the last month, Mick and a few helpers have been carefully inspecting and conducting all the necessary maintenance enabling us to bring the aircraft online and available to our club members. This has included a gearbox overhaul, Rotax 5 year hose replacement, new fuel pump, inspection of all cables, brakes, wheel bearing (Thanks Mark for your help here), and the list goes on!!!. See the pictures of Mick and Marc busy at work!!

This aircraft will not be available for basic training, only to qualified club pilots. There will be a competency based transition training requirement, as this aircraft is very different to a Jabiru. Details on this will be published soon. If you are keen to start reading up on the aircraft, the POH and all instrumentation manuals are on our website now here: http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/?page_id=1127

If we have quite a few numbers wishing to transition around the same time, we can organise a transition day for 3 to 4 people at a time. But the first priority will be getting all the instructors transitioned onto this aircraft.

As for hire rates, the committee has just approved the following. \$155/hr Solo, \$170/hr training.

As soon as we have the aircraft available for hire, we will let you all know.



Electricity and Hangar 2

If you use Hangar 2 a lot you may be wondering when the electricity will be re-connected. The answer is – expect one month. The delay is because a whole lot of electrical improvements are being planned and it's cheaper to have them all done at once.

And speaking of electricity, the solar array is fully installed and ready to go. As yet we are not getting the benefit because we have to wait for the power company to change our supply meter. Sigh...

ASC Flinders Camp "2019"

Dates SATURDAY 11/05/19 – Sunday 19/05/19

WAVE, RIDGE, THERMAL - exhilarating flying is what we've encountered at the Flinders Ranges over the past few years, and we're hopeful of bigger and better things this year.

For those of you who haven't heard of the Flinders Camp, each year the Club supports an exodus of aircraft and members to Rawnsley Park at the base of Wilpena Pound. The rugged terrain of the Pound and the nearby Chase and Elders Ranges provides conditions unlike anything you will see on the flat plains around Gawler, and will add a challenging dimension to your flying experience.

A great opportunity also exists for our members who fly powered aircraft to join in on the fun. Why not fly an aircraft up, and also have some people drive up then use the Flinders camp as a base to explore further north over the inland lakes (lake Eyre, Frome etc) Taking turns in seeing the magnificent flinders from the air. Maybe fly into Parachillna for a road kill lunch at the Prairie Hotel

Then there is always the days debrief around the fire with many laughs and great conversations, (food and wine can be pretty good too !)

One of the great things about the Flinders camp is the social atmosphere.

Flying takes place from the Arkapeena strip, about 10 minutes drive from Rawnsley Park. All Club members of any flying standard are invited to attend the Camp and take part in the flying activities, but circuit flying training will not be available. Flying operations are under control of the Instructor in Charge, whose decision will be final in all operational matters. Due to the rugged nature of the terrain surrounding the local airstrip, and the variable wind conditions, solo flying privileges will be subject to the discretion of the Instructor in Charge.

Accommodation

If you intend to go to the camp & would like cabin, on site van or camping accommodation at "Rawnsley Caravan Park", bookings should be made ASAP as the Park fills quickly at that time of year.

To book, phone 08 8648 0030 for cabins, and 08 8648 0008 for on site vans and the camping ground. The caravan park also has cabins that sleep 6 but do not have toilet and showers in them.

Motel style accommodation is also available at the Wilpena Pound Resort, some 20 minutes drive from Rawnsley Park.

There is also some nice cabins at the Hawker caravan park, which is approx 20 minutes away.

Costs etc

All members attending the Camp and intending to take part in the flying activities will be charged a fee for the ferry of the tug. The final charge will be dependent on the number of people flying, but is expected to be in the order of \$100 per head.

Those towing club trailers will be reimbursed petrol costs as follows (this may change subject to fuel prices):

towing club two seaters both ways \$100, one way \$50

towing club single seaters both ways \$80, one way \$40

Members intending to fly at the camp must place their name on the normal club register (on the web site) on the dates they will be attending. This will enable us to establish numbers, viability, and logistics for the Camp, including which aircraft will attend. This must be done at least 4 weeks prior to the camp commencement.

All members intending to fly at the Camp are required to attend a pre camp briefing and coordination session. Briefings will be held on dates to be advised at the conclusion of the day's flying.

If you would like to attend the camp you must either put your details on the register or e-mail me giving me the following details

Dates you wish to attend, aircraft types you would like to fly, your ability to tow a glider trailer either there or back or both ways.

PLEASE NOTE if you put your name down and can't make it you must give 14 days notice or you may be charged the ferry fee.

Further information

Further information on dates, costs, logistics etc, will be provided to all members who put their names on the flying lists.

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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.



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