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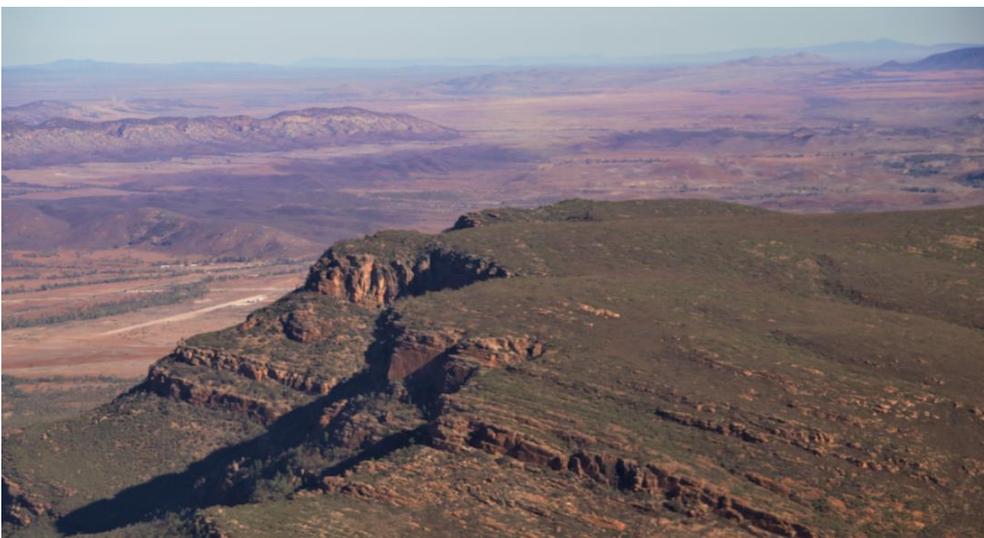
25th June 2019

Hi and welcome to our latest ASC e-News.

Flinders, May 11-16.

Another successful ASC Flinders Gliding week was held in the middle week of May this year, with about fifteen pilots, two twins and two singles in attendance. Use of the passive 'was held' under-emphasizes the effort behind preparing gliders and trailers, towing them up, flying the tug up, trucking the fuel up, preparing the Arkapena Strip (a cost shared amongst the SA clubs), checking it over, assembling the gliders and sorting their tie-downs.

And whoever booked the weather did a great job – 27 to 29 degree maximums, with gentle breezes.



Arkapena Strip is an oblique cross strip lying between Wilpena Pound and the Chase Range, providing a perfectly sized amphitheatre for gliding, where an uphill landing on 07 leaves the glider ready for the next departure on 29. And with the Elder Range also close by, the colours and the expanse of the landscape, once you escape the IFR 'I Follow Rope' red-dust-cloud-with-peripheral-vision-references-only of the tug prop wash, are exhilarating.



I was a Flinders Flying virgin this year and managed only to get there for the first 4 days. Having only once previously dabbled with ridge soaring in hang gliders in my distant past, I was keen to experience the same in a high-performance gliders, expecting calm serenity, floating well above the crags over an obliging breeze wafting up Wilpena's ridges. This could be the case, but I wasn't ready for the high speeds and energy levels that 'rock polishing' could provide 2g turns and semi wing overs. Again, exhilarating.

Apparently the same can happen on the Chase Range, given a suitable wind direction.

Thanks to Brenton for the organizing the week, Steve for Tugs 'n stuff, everyone else for the great team atmosphere during the days – instructing, washing, DI-ing, pushing, launching, muffin cooking, log keeping, towing and tugging. And during the evenings – wood collecting, log hauling, de-briefing, fire lighting, exaggerating and reminiscing.



I'm coming back next year. Order some wave next year please, weather man.

Peter Brooks

Photos Lorraine Hautop

NEW! Intensive gliding courses

Are you learning to fly gliders? The club has developed something new for you, offering the possibility of learning faster and more economically, and having a great time as you do it!

Who is it for?

If you have started to learn to glide but are not yet solo, this is for you. And if you are right at the beginning of your gliding journey, the club can help you accelerate your learning.

What does the course involve?

The course will last 5 days Monday to Friday inclusive. You will be one of a group of two or three (max.) student glider pilots with two dedicated instructors who will provide you with both ground theory training and practical flying throughout the week.

When is the course?

The first course will be on either 16 -20 Sept (out of school hols) or September 30-1 Oct (in school hols) depending on which is preferred by members.

Discounted rates

As a course trainee you will receive a 20% discount on the glider flying cost. Tug costs will be as normal. You are already a member of GFA and the club, and no other membership costs apply.

Subject to availability, you may use the club accommodation at normal rates if you elect to stay overnight during the course.

Guarantees

The club will guarantee a student at least 10 flights during the 5 days of the course (unless some extraordinary issue intervenes) and the aim will be to provide 15 or more over the 5 days.

Summary

This course will provide you with dedicated, concentrated, consistent training in a small group situation at a cheaper rate than normal flying. Just in time for the opening of the soaring season! It's a great opportunity, so please make contact now...

How do you sign up?

Contact the ASC office on (08) 8522 1877

New airspace maps

New laminated A5 local maps showing the local Gawler airspace are now available from the ASC office at a cost of \$2. Thanks to Richard Geyenbeek for creating these easy-to understand maps.

In other airspace news – negotiations with CASA and the RAAF are continuing to resolve the regulatory issue which has recently stopped release of the special gliding areas to the north when the RAAF is not operating. It looks like new arrangements will be in place for the soaring season.

RANGA scholarship

Some years ago the Royal Australian Navy Gliding Association (RANGA) established a scholarship valued at up to \$1500 annually to be awarded to a person who can demonstrate a strong commitment to aviation but who is not yet at solo standard in any form of flying. The money is a grant to assist in training in gliding.

The rules for the scholarship, and the process for applications, can be found on the GFA Website in the GFA Awards section.

The scholarship runs from 24th July 2019 to 23rd July 2020. Applications can be made until 3rd July 2019. You don't have to be in the Navy and the scholarship has previously been won by at least one ASC member – why not have a go?

Solo for the first time...



Nick WARNEST went solo in 7385 on Saturday 15th June. Congratulations Nick.

Some clean jokes... from our cleaners!!!

This is your Captain speaking, On behalf of my crew I'd like to welcome you aboard flight 602 from New York to London. We are currently flying at a height of 35,000 feet midway across the Atlantic. If you look out of the windows on the starboard side of the aircraft you will observe that both the starboard engines are on fire. If you look out of the windows on the port side you will observe that the port wing has fallen off. If you look down towards the Atlantic ocean you will see a little yellow life raft with three people in it waving at you. That's me the co-pilot and one of our flight attendants. This is a recording.

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool and show who was boss on the aviation frequencies. So the first time he approached an airfield at night instead of making his official request to the tower he said **Guess Who...** The controller switched the field lights off and replied...**Guess where**

Did you know...

...that the club has a number of subcommittees to help the various operating sections provide the best service to members? They are the Gliding Operations Group (GOG), the LSA Group, and the Social and House Group.

We have a new convener for the Social and House Group - Chantal Didenko. Chantal has already given new impetus to the monthly film nights which have been a great success, and through her position on the main club Committee will make sure the social needs of members get due attention. If you have an idea for something to help us enjoy a club social scene, or improve our house facilities please let Chantal know – contacts below.

Thanks for taking the job on Chantal, and to Tom Leech who previously carried out the convener role.

... that Brian Wade died on Sunday 16th June. He was a member of the GFA for many year, is an ex CFI of the Caboolture Gliding Club and ran the Queensland Easter Gliding competition for many years.

... that a huge vote of thanks should go out to Peter Sachs. Not only go out of his way & fly a passenger on Wednesday (aerobatic no less), but he then completed painting the second accommodation room. Thanks Peter

New section of ASC e-News

There's lots of events coming up in the future of us busy fliers. To assist in keeping track and planning your diary I am establishing a new section of **ASC e-News** called Dates for your Diary. You can find it below.

Important – if you know of an event and it's not listed, please send details to me via email at...

daryl@ilsg.sa.edu.au

...and I'll try to include it.

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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