

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

Canberra Gliding Club - Annual Bunyan Wave Camp

You would have seen some details about this year's wave camp at Bunyan Airfield in recent ASC e-news.

If you are interested in going & doing some flying from Bunyan, please put your name down on the list in the club house ASAP (not only for ASC GOG & Committee consideration, but also for host club re planning etc).

If you want to fly a club glider there might be a chance of getting a Discus for the camp, so would only suit single seater pilots & you would need to be cross country rated as well. If you have not used oxygen before not a problem as this training can be provided for you.

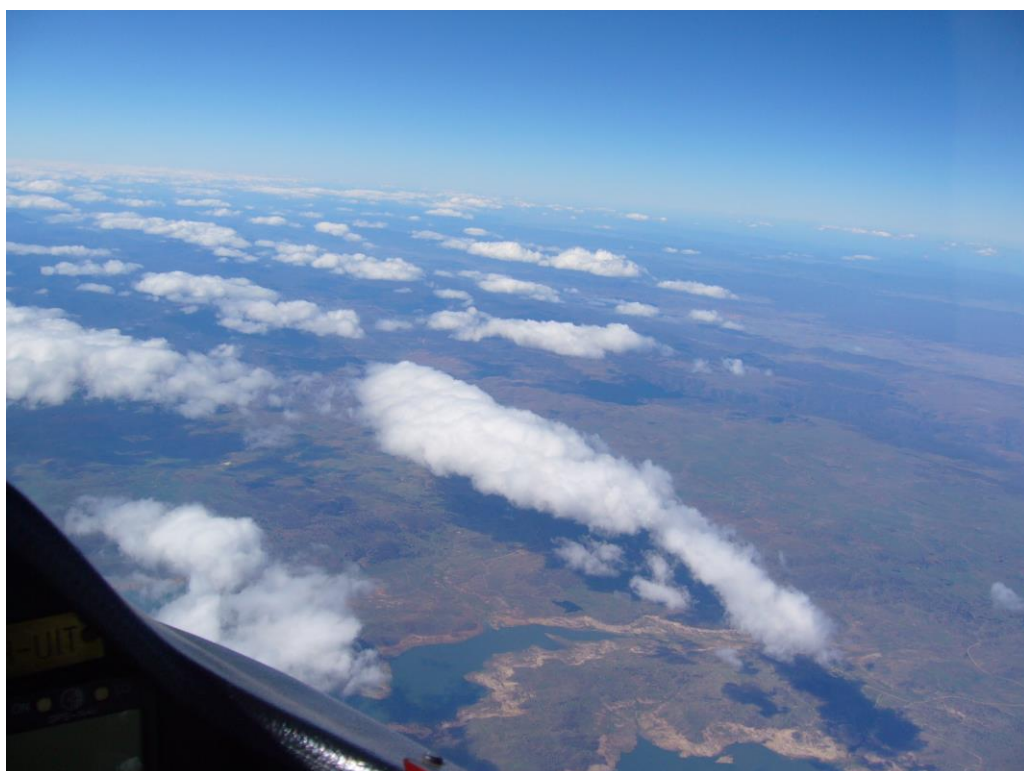
This year unlikely that would be able to take any of the DG two seaters due to required maintenance.

Private owners - this obviously doesn't need approval to go, but will help with the planning for the host club as well. More notes are on the list in the club house. It's your best chance of getting a diamond height gain in Australia (5000m or 16404 ft) gain of height.

If you have any queries about the camp please contact Frank Johann via email fjjohann@internode.on.net "

Photo taken from flight at the 2009 wave camp by myself.

At over 20000ft over Lake Eucumbene, west of the 'main Snowy Mountains range' looking back at Bunyan which is several wave 'rotor' clouds back in the distance. The clouds are all "Rotor Cumulus" clouds (set up parallel with the wave generators) with cloud bases of approx 9000 ft & maximum cloud tops of 12000ft. Flying above the clouds in silky smooth air! Maximum altitude that day FL245 & minus 32.5 deg C at that altitude.



Kind regards

Frank

Safety Occurrence Reporting

Conflicts in the Circuit

There have been several reports of potential conflicts involving gliders thermalling in the circuit and LSA or gliders flying upwind close to the downwind side of the active circuit. Glider pilots are reminded not to thermal on the active sides of the runway, nor put themselves in a position that could create conflicts with other circuit traffic.

The normal Glider landing sequence on the airfield is outlined in ASC Bylaw 7. Some training sequences will require a glider to land in a different area on the airfield, or an alternative runway. Notification of this should be by radio.

Hazard Reports

Concern has been expressed that any vehicles, including the buggy, backing up to ASC gliders pose the risk of rudder damage with subsequent considerable cost and un-serviceability. We have had 2 instances of this in the recent past. Pilots should manoeuvre the towing vehicle a reasonable distance from the glider, then move the glider / hitch to the tow-bar on the vehicle to reduce the possibility of damaging the aircraft.

Airspace Breaches

Our Occurrence Reporting System has shown a developing trend in airspace breaches. At our combined instructor panel meeting it was suggested that these have probably always occurred, but are now coming to the fore with the development of our improved reporting culture. Our members need to understand that flying within our airspace boundaries is vital. We have excellent relations with both the military and civil airspace authorities and future airspace allocations may well be dependent on us conforming to our clearances. We need to stress the importance of staying inside the airspace boundaries. To that end the Instructor Panel, with Committee support, has decided to implement a program of support and education. The main elements are:

1. An educational airspace tutorial has been prepared, with special thanks to Hank Delen. It is a comprehensive document and covers virtually all aspects of the airspace around Gawler. It is available to members and is easily accessed from our website - <http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Flying-at-Gawler-Airspace-Briefing-April-2017.pdf>. You are strongly encouraged to study the document to help ensure that you have a thorough knowledge of the complexities of our airspace and how you can avail yourself with the latest information.
2. Unless self-reported, all pilots found breaching airspace will be immediately grounded, meaning no access to club aircraft, and for private operators, the withdrawal of operational privileges relating to the use of the Gawler Airfield. The grounding will remain in place until the pilot concerned has satisfied our Airspace Officer (Pete Temple), or his delegate, that he/she has a satisfactory understanding of the airspace around Gawler.

ASC Bylaw 7

All members are reminded that to operate from Gawler airfield they should be fully conversant with ASC ByLaw 7. There has been some recent amendments which members should familiarize themselves with. The link to this document on the ASC Website is:

<http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ASC-By-Law-7.pdf>

Safe flying

Karl Faeth John Whittington
LSA CFI Gliding CFI

CASA Safety Seminar

The ASC will host a CASA Safety Seminar on Thursday 20th July, commencing at 6:30pm.

This third 'Lessons For Life' Aviation Safety (AvSafety) Seminar series will explore three major aviation safety related themes:

- Flying within your limits
- Making the RIGHT decisions in-flight
- Hazards on arrival.

Did you know?

Nick Amman, an ASC Air Experience Instructor, has just finished his Commercial Pilots licence with Flight Training Adelaide...

Clair Scutter is competing in the Woman's World Gliding Competition: follow the tracking on the web site. <https://www.wwgc2017.cz/>. with details and photos on the Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/wwgc2017/>

Mice....

Attention Private Hangar Owners: there is currently a mouse plague around here and hangar owners need to be vigilant in baiting inside their hangars. There have been reports of mice climbing up into aircraft and causing problems, so please thoroughly check inside aircraft too.

The last thing you need while taking off or landing is a mouse crawling up your leg and scaring the crap out of you!!!

Graham Rau

As many of you know, long term club member Graham Rau took his last thermal on Sunday morning May 21st . His life was celebrated at Elliot Funeral Services Chapel on Friday the 25th and over 100 club members attended Graham's funeral. This was a wonderful reflection of the impact Graham had on so many people and our club in general.

Worth a look?

Michael Smith didn't set out to make aviation history, but that is exactly what he did when he circumnavigated the globe in his tiny, single-engine flying boat.

<https://au.demand.film/voyage-of-the-southern-sun/>

Yet this incredible documentary is more than just a story of one man's airborne adventure, it is also story of how a middle-aged man at a crossroads in his life chose to pick himself up get fit, lose 25kgs, qualify for a pilot's licence and, then, set out to follow an old dream.



*2017 Monthly Club
Catch up & Flyins*

Saturday 10th June

10am to 2 pm

Lunch Menu:

Yiros \$8.00

Lamb, Chicken Or combo

Cups of Chips \$3.00

Roasted Chicken Drumsticks

Chips & Salad \$7.00

For Visiting Pilots, please refer to our Visiting Pilots Information under Pilot Resources on our website

<http://adelaidesoaring.on.net>

Club Aircraft

Members flying LSA aircraft are strongly encouraged to fly club aircraft in preference to cross hired aircraft when there is an option. How do you know if it's a club aircraft? It has our logo on the side (and the financial benefits to the club are quite significant.) This also means that club owned aircraft should be parked closer to the door for easier access!

ASC on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesoaring?fref=ts>

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.

Daryl Trigg (ASC Secretary)

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