

# ASC e-News

*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*



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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News. We especially welcome the following people who were accepted into membership recently: Wojtek Swietek, Zicky Aggarwal, Tim Palmer, Simon Hessler, David French, Ying Kin Lee, Chi Shing Wong.

## **Survey Feedback**

Thanks to the 88 members who completed the recent survey. Your time and thoughts are valuable and your Committee appreciates hearing what you think.

Overwhelmingly the feedback given painted the picture of a really healthy club with happy and satisfied members – a club in good shape!

In summary the following are our strengths and weaknesses according to the feedback:

**Strengths:** Instructors and instruction, office staff, location, financial strength, affordability (though there were some who cited that costs are too high).

**Weaknesses:** the entrance road, perceptions of disunity between LSA and Gliding, the airfield not having an operation happening every day, perceptions about the club/it's location being too highly regulated by airspace issues, rules and protocols.

The next step will be a gathering of club leaders to develop a strategic plan to help shape our decision making for the next few years. Following this some strategic intentions will be shared with membership as we plan to make our great club even greater.

## **HUMAN FACTORS TRAINING DAY (includes BBQ LUNCH)**

ASC Club-Rooms  
Sunday 5th November 2017 at 9:00am

A reminder that under RAAus and GFA regulations, all pilots and maintainers **MUST** have completed human factors training !

Also, repeat exposure to HF training environment has been shown to be very beneficial to aviation safety. So come again and get some more !

**PLEASE REGISTER PROMPTLY** by contacting the ASC Office with your intention to attend.

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## Club Security

Some time ago the Committee decided to have CCTV installed in the clubrooms as a security measure. Sincere thanks to Scott Crew (and team) for getting this important project started.

(A great by product of this is that the Bar Manager will be able to see remotely what items are low in stock – no excuses any more...)



## A visitor to the Airfield

Last week we had a visitor, highlighting the value and importance to the local community of our airfield.



## A new addition to the e-News – member profiles!

### Scott Crew - How did you come to be involved in flying?

I have always wanted to be a pilot, ever since I was 3 or 4, I remember my parents taking me to watch the planes taking off and landing at Jandakot Airport when we lived in Perth. While the dream did not eventuate into a career, the want was always there. When I was in my mid-thirties and having a lack of a hobby, my wife encouraged me to get involved and take a few flight lessons (She may now regret this!!). A search of the closest airfield outside Parafield with a club atmosphere and provided flight instruction, well Gawler and the Adelaide Soaring Club came up and the rest is history!!

### Which area of flying is your principal focus?

For now it is recreational aviation through RAAus. I am delighted to have won a scholarship from RAAus for my instructor rating, and I look forward to completing this. One day, I would like to venture into Gliding and maybe GA, but for now, just need to focus on my instructor rating and having fun!!

**What is your history of involvement in aviation related organisations (Clubs etc) that have you participated in, prior to / or are still involved with, as a member of the ASC? Tell us about your flying history.**

Well not too much here. I started only 2.5 years ago, with a TIF, and thanks to Sue for a great flight!! From here becoming a member and learning to fly, I somehow have managed to get myself onto the Promotions & Marketing sub Committee, the Club Committee and now learning the ropes to be an instructor.

## Aircraft flown?

I learnt in the J-170, and did a conversion to the J230 once I had completed my flight training. I have also done the Stalls and Spins training in a glider twice, so technically a glider too!! In March 2017, I was very fortunate to become the owner of the Purple People Eater you may have seen around the airfield, a Zenith Zodiac 601 HDS, rego 19-4630.

## What are your ongoing ambitions in relation to recreational aviation?

A few things here, mostly short term

- 1 - Have Fun Flying
- 2 - Finish my instructor rating
- 3 - Gain my Level 1 Maintenance Authority
- 4 - Fly to the flinders with the club in October
- 5 - Fly to Narromine in late October with Colin Drew for AirVenture Australia
- 6 - CTA Endorsement when it becomes available through RAAus

Longer term, well we shall see, but would like to build a plane one day, made sure I built the new shed big enough.

## Solo Congratulations



## 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.

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