

# ASC e-News



*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*

*20<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

Communication is vital to our future as a club. Daryl Trigg has done a fantastic job keeping us informed via **ASC e-News** over many years while he was on Committee, but now that he has passed on (from Committee that is!) new arrangements will need to be made. This coincides with Committee's determination to engage more with the world of social media.

While these developments are happening there is a need to keep up the momentum, so I have taken on the role of producing **ASC e-News** until things settle down. So here goes...

*Steve Pegler*

## **AGM and Presentation Dinner**

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> August. It was a well-attended meeting with about 50 members present. The meeting ran for about 45mins and dealt with all the normal AGM business. The President and Treasurer reports were presented and have now been distributed to all members.

The other main matter dealt with was the election of new Committee members, which were; Richard Skinner, Belen Swart and Brenton Swart. Congratulations to you all and thanks for putting yourselves forward. Elected Committee members are:

- Peter Campbell
- Scott Crew
- Chantal Didenko
- Peter Sachs
- Richard Skinner
- Belen Swart
- Brenton Swart

The AGM was followed by the Annual Presentation Dinner where the Club recognises those that have achieved significant flying achievements in the last year or where their contribution to the Club has been acknowledged. The award recipients were:

**President's Trophy** - For best overall gliding performance.

- Recipient – Geoff Wood

Geoff completed a fantastic series of flights in his Pilatus from Gawler.

**Presidential Citation** - For whatever reason that the President may determine.

- Recipient - Doug Megaw

For Doug's outstanding service in Gawler airfield maintenance work.

**LSA CFI's Award** - For the best LSA student pilot of the year.

- Recipient – Hansaja Ekanayake

**Gliding CFI's Award** - For the best gliding student pilot of the year.

- Recipient – Christian Brini

**Helmut Apitz Memorial Award** - For outstanding services to the ASC.

- Recipient – Geoff Wood

Geoff has contributed over many years and across many areas of the Club's activities.

**Richard Deane Memorial Trophy** - For the best placing in the GFA National Gliding Championships.

- Recipient – Peter Temple

Peter came second in the 38<sup>th</sup> Sports Class National Gliding Championship.

**Darrel Ingham Memorial Trophy** - For the most meritorious flight in a recreational aircraft.

- Recipient – Chris Penfold

Over 3 days in January 2019 Chris flew from Gawler to Clifton Hills, to Birdsville, to Leigh Creek and home to Gawler.

**Ashton Trophy (Galah Award)** - For the greatest disparity between ambition and outcome.

- Recipient - Vlad Zhelezarov

Vlad was attempting a 300k soaring flight, but out landed just north of Gawler not long after launching.

Special thanks to Anthony and Silvia Lock, who along with the help of Glenys Searle and others, provided a magnificent meal. The AGM and Annual Presentation Dinner was a fabulous night.



## First meeting of your new Committee

The new club Committee met on 27<sup>th</sup> August. The first job of the new Committee each year is to elect the President and Vice-President. This was done and the Committee then went on to appoint a Secretary, Treasurer and the CFIs for 2019 - 20 . The results were:

President:	Scott Crew
Vice-President:	Richard Skinner
Secretary:	Colin Drew
Treasurer:	Steve Pegler
Gliding CFI:	John Whittington
LSA CFI:	Karl Faeth

The Committee must also then appoint people to the many other officer positions in the club; if you are requested to take a job on please consider if you can help.

## ASC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at a special venue to be announced very soon so please put this date in your diary.

## Come Fly Come Try Day - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October

As a part of our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations we are having a Come Fly, Come Try Day that will be open to the public. We would like as many private aircraft owners as possible to participate by having their aircraft in a display line on the airfield where the public can see them. It would be great if you could chat to people about your passion for your aircraft. Please let Tom know at [gam@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto:gam@adelaidesoaring.org.au) or call him on 0400 900 903 if you are happy to participate.

Any volunteers to generally help on the day would also be greatly appreciated.

This will also be a Fly-In event so please let any of your aviation friends know about the day. Advertising material etc. will be available soon.

## Human Factors Course this Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September

Once again, our great team of LSA Instructors will be led by the infamous Phil Pullam through an entertaining and educational day of the importance of Human Factors. This is an important part of the training syllabus and your attendance at this event will enable you to be signed off for this part of your training. All pilots welcome. Please let the office know if you are coming to help with catering etc.

## New ASC Website

If you haven't had a chance yet please have a look at our new website at [www.adelaidesoaring.org.au](http://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au)

It incorporates our new advertising slogan "**Yes you can!**" You will start to see more consistency in all our advertising platforms now as we gradually roll out various documents and social media.

If you want to look at the club official documents, that area is password protected and the password is ASC126.55

Please contact Tom if you see any issues. All constructive feedback is appreciated.

## Rolling of the Airfield

The team has been out rolling the airfield again and with some very good results. The moisture content was just right for the squishing. Hopefully you may notice slightly smoother landings on the grass now. If not, maybe the runway is not the problem. Lol.....



## SAAA Maintenance Procedures Course

The ASC clubhouse at Gawler saw one of its many uses on the weekend of 7-8 September when it was used as the venue for a Maintenance Procedures Course (MPC) for the Sport Aviation Association of Australia (SAAA). The course was conducted by Peter Leonard from Queensland and qualifies builders of sport aircraft to maintain their own aircraft. Patrick Pulis and Geoff Wood from ASC attended with seven other pilots and builders from SA, with Mick Wright also contributing to the course.

## Gliding Aerobatics Course – Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of October

Frank Johann will be running another one of his excellent Aerobatic Courses. Please find an extract from one of Franks emails below giving the details.

*Will have a pre flying lecture (to help get you up to speed on aspects associated with aerobatics).*

*If you have not attended course as this at ASC before & want to do aerobatics, you should before doing so (so we have a 'standard of training' for all pilots doing aerobatics particularly in ASC owned gliders).*

*You'll need to be at the club before 9.30am on 13/10 so we can start on time.  
Late comers probably get a razz!?*

*Key Competencies for Aerobatic Rating:*

- Post Solo Training Completed (otherwise at discretion of checking instructor) but this is a normal requirement (only ever had 1 pilot that was checked for this before post solo completed & was close to Discus rating).*
- Ability to proficiently 'Box the Tug Slipstream'.*
- Have no basic flying issues (i.e. you are 'on top' of the aircraft), if you are having challenges with this, may be too early to consider attempting aerobatics training!*

*Scope of Aerobatics:*

- Loops (Basic Aerobatics)*
- Lazy Eights (Basic Aerobatics - is next step after proficient in loops)*
- Stall Turns (Intermediate Aerobatics - next step after Lazy Eights with being proficient in these) - recommended flying time doing Stall Turn Training for Rating is above as well as minimum of 3 hours of aerobatic flying (per Paul Mason when he was CFI of ASC).*

*Advanced Aerobatics - not in scope (i.e. inverted & rolling flight etc)!*

*Please register on website!*

*I'll send attendees training notes.*

*The flying may not occur in event of unsuitable weather.*

*Any queries please let me know.*

*Kind regards  
Frank Johann*

## **Dual Aerotow Course - Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October**

Frank Johann will also be running another one of his excellent Dual Aerotow Courses. Please find an extract from one of Franks emails below giving the details.

*Will have a pre flying lecture (to help get you up to speed on aspects associated with aerobatics).*

*If you have not attended course of this at ASC before & want to do dual aerotow, you need to do this before doing so (so we have a 'standard of training' for all pilots doing dual aerotow).*

*You'll need to be at the club before 10.30am on 27/10 so we can start on time.  
Late comers probably get a razz!?*

*Key Competencies for Dual Tow Rating (for glider pilots):*

- *Post Solo Training Completed (otherwise at discretion of checking instructor).*
- *Ability competently undertake high tow.*
- *Ability to proficiently 'Box the Tug Slipstream'.*
- *Have no basic flying issues (i.e. you are 'on top' of the aircraft), if you are having challenges with this, may be too early to consider attempting dual tow training!*

*For Tug Pilots towing rating - please talk to ASC Tug Muster, Steve Pegler.*

*Scope of Dual Towing:*

- *Learn Short Rope (is shorter than normal but within GFA specifications) - ability to do the high tow in dual towing.*
- *Learn Long Rope (much longer than normal) - ability to do the low tow in dual towing.*
- *The particular requirement*
- *Safety aspects & emergency procedures.*

*This training, along with aerobatics are excellent ways for pilots to further enhance their flying skills for higher proficiency pilots.*

*Your general flying will be elevated as a result of this.*

*Please register on website!*

*I'll send attendees training notes.*

*The flying may not occur in event of unsuitable weather (as the winds in this case are also a factor, if weather is going to be unsuitable I'll send email to advise likewise & we will re-schedule.*

*The reason is the climb out is much slower (rate & angle), so we ideally only do dual towing from 23 or 31 if the wind is suitable (13 & 05 are not ideal strips to conduct this operation).*

*Any queries please let me know.*

*Kind regards  
Frank Johann*

### *... the who and what of the past in ASC*

I've recently taken on the role of History Coordinator for the club. The club has been around a long time, we've got lots of material, archived records, lots of photos, and lots of memories. If we don't share these around they'll all be lost in time, but if we do they can add to the richness of life at Gawler aerodrome and help to build the sense of what the club is, where it came from and how it has evolved.

So in each edition of **ASC e-News** there will be a **History Corner** highlighting past people, aircraft and events in the club's life.

I also aim to exhibit photos and memorabilia from our past, time where possible to link to events.

**Geoff Wood**

### **HARRY SCHNEIDER**

What better place to start with the club's history than writing about Harry Schneider?



Harry passed away earlier in September, and was a person who was hugely significant not just to the ASC but also to the whole Australian gliding movement.

Harry was born at Grunau, Germany, on 28 October 1924, the son of one of the early pioneers of German gliding, Edmund Schneider. His father was most famous for designing the 1930 Grunau Baby glider. Estimates of the number built vary between five and ten thousand, including two built at Gawler. Grunau was also home to a major gliding school where Harry learned to fly gliders at the age of fifteen, and he later flew for the Luftwaffe.

In 1950, Edmund Schneider and his family were invited by the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) to come to Australia to establish a local glider manufacturing industry. He and later Harry designed and built gliders, first in northern Adelaide, then at Parafield and later in the big green hangar (still there) which was then on Gawler Aerodrome and is now just across the Northern Expressway near the trotting track.

Harry was a member of Adelaide Soaring Club, and ASC in turn was one of his best customers. We flew his Grunau Baby, Kangaroo, Kookaburra, the Boomerang, and the Super Arrow, all from the Schneider stable. These were world-class aircraft in their day, with good performance and practical, easily maintained engineering. Later Harry acted as agent for many European gliders such as the Libelle and its successors, and ASC also bought these. We always appreciated the backup that Harry provided for his products and it was handy to have him as manufacturer/agent right there on the airfield!

Grunau Baby GHM was built by ASC members in about 1950, to the design of Harry's father Edmund. It currently resides in the gliding museum at Monarto. Glasflugel Mosquito GKV was imported by Harry, and was flown both as a club glider and a private syndicate glider at Gawler.



Many of these gliders are still flying today, including some owned by ASC members such as Bruce Tuncks who owns Libelle VH-GCY which was owned by ASC as a club glider in the 1970s and returned to Gawler after a colourful life elsewhere, Richard Geytenbeek who has a Grunau Baby stashed in his shed and Steve Kittel with his Boomerang.

Harry was also a distinguished glider pilot in his own right, holding a number of Australian records in gliders he had designed and built. More than 100 Schneider machines were built between 1952 and 1972, and until 1969 the majority of Australian records were set in Schneider aircraft.

You can see photos of many of Harry Schneider's gliders on the wall in the clubhouse, and some photos show the man himself.

*(Note: I acknowledge some information from the Australian Aviation of Fame in preparation of this feature - GW)*

## **Did you know....**

...that the ASC Committee has formed a working party to make proposals on how we might resurface the runways? They were built in 1944 and were never intended to last for 70 years. They've served us well but do need attention. This will be a long-term project and we will need to form joint partnerships to access the necessary funds.

## Communications in the ASC

The club places a high value on communications. The first ASC email lists were set up in 2006, and have developed since. The main elements of our communications are:

**The ASC website** <https://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au/>

This has information of interest not only to club members but also to visitors, potential members, and the general public.

**ascannounce** [communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto:communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au)

This email list is for conveying official information within the club. Only officials of the club can post items on this list. Safety info and other vital items are posted here so it is a condition of club membership that you have an address that this can be sent to.

**ascmembers** [members@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto:members@adelaidesoaring.org.au)

This is a chat site. You and any club member can post anything on it which concerns club matters. Naturally not everyone wants to receive the posts that result, so you can opt out of this site if you wish.

### Facebook

The Adelaide Soaring Club has a Facebook page and there is also a club Facebook group which you can join and receive updates.

The club intends to use other platforms such as Twitter when time permits. In addition there are other club sites dealing with specialist issues such as tugging, glider coaching and LSA issues.

As well as these electronic means, other ways we communicate are:

- **ASC e-News**, which you are familiar with if you are reading this. It is intended to convey news, information about up-coming events and so on.
- **Notice Boards**: There are several in the club house and the briefing room, each labelled with its purpose.
- **ASC Member Forums**: These are held from time to time and provide an opportunity for members to discuss items of importance, and to both hear from and put views to the club committee.
- **Formal meetings** of all club members, such as the AGM.

Finally, the minutes of the club Committee meetings are posted on the notice board in the club house.

## Dates for your diary

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October:

CASA Safety Seminar, Clare aerodrome 12.00-2.00 pm

These seminars are really good and you might just pick up an idea which saves your bacon one day!!

### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October:

“Come Fly, Come Try” day, Gawler aerodrome.

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November:



Nhill Airshow. Celebrating a century of aviation at Nhill. See  
<https://www.nhillaviationheritagecentre.com.au/events-calendar>

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November:**

Truro Flats Annual Christmas Toy Run Fly-In.

**Sat-Sun 9-10 November:**

RAAF Edinburgh airshow. ASC will be participating on the ground and with a flying display.  
Note: Flying at Gawler will be restricted from 7-10 Nov, details to be announced.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:**

ASC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner

**Saturday 23- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

Orange Week gliding regatta, Waikerie aerodrome

**Safe and happy flying,**

**Steve Pegler**

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