

ASC e-News



Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club

1st December, 2019

My 2nd edition. An interesting learning curve when it looks OK on my computer but not on others. What a magnificent year for our club, a real milestone. I don't know how I should feel – being older than the ASC. BUT – I am not the only one.

Thank you to Robin Richter for correcting my recollection of gliding Police Commissioners. It was of course Harold Salisbury who flew at Gawler. As Robin states:

“Just on Police Commissioners that were Glider pilots, I well remember Harold Salisbury during the Dunstan era. One day Gordon Redway asked me to prepare an Astir 77 for a VIP arriving at 11:00, at the appointed time a well built military style man appeared with an air about him, introducing himself, “Hello, my name is Salisbury, Harold Salisbury, you may have heard of me.” He was a great guy, I enjoyed our limited company.”

Rob R

Karl Faeth

ROKO at Nhill

Aircraft looks neatly tied down and the tent did not get washed away. Could have been worse!



The saga seems to continue. Only special people manage to carry on when the world seems to be completely against them. But with a positive outlook, we know that if we keep trying, eventually the pendulum will swing the other way. Also, in a situation, if we are lucky, the good things will outweigh the 'not so good' things.

Not to be disheartened by his William Creek experience, young Bradley, keen and eager, planned to fly to Nhill for an air show on 2nd and 3rd November. The weather gods dictated a departure on Friday instead of Saturday, with inclement weather forecast. So, flight plan lodged, he was off. Incredibly his flight plan indicated a ground speed of 176 knots. WOW. A little later that morning I received a call stating he had arrived safely.

The next morning, NOT HAPPY. It had rained all night and after 2 hours sleep one is not on top of the world. Then a departure back to S.A. and a visit to Goolwa. The trip was topped off with a 500' return along Adelaide's coast line and back to Gawler. What a way to finish.

EDINBURGH AIR SHOW

Our club was of course invited again to participate in the air show. Steve Pegler liaised with the RAAF to ensure everything went smoothly. The plan was to fly out Friday morning, doing a double tow with BOT flown by Marc Michell and the two DG's flown by Steve Pegler/Brenton Swart and Frank Johann/Tommy Kalsbeek accompanied by the ROKO – Patrick Pulis/Karl Faeth and Jabiru 8538 – Bradley Leksas/Anthony Lock. Vlad and Tom Zhelezarov drove the two vehicles with spares and tow out gear to Edinburgh to await the arrival of the Adelaide Soaring Club Squadron.

The weather was not helpful with strong winds and a shower or two. Word from Edinburgh was that the rain had made the grass runway "unfit for duty", so a number of further inspections were planned for later in the day. At Gawler that meant there was time for coffee while Steve Pegler gave his phone a workout trying to keep up with the changing scenario.

Finally word came at 3pm that we had to leave NOW. It was "Scramble". Transponder codes were issued and instructions given that LSA's would climb to 1,500' and land on 18 and the gliding formation to 2,500' and land on 22. Headwind was 31 knots so it was an interesting trip. Impressions were that the runway was huge – we could have landed across the width. As it was we touched down at the start of the piano keys on the runway and stopped by the end of the keys. Aircraft were tied down safely for the night and it was home after an interesting day.

The next two mornings were early starts. The glider formation set up on 22 and attended the display briefing. Peter Sachs was in charge of the ASC gazebo. The wind had not abated much and it was an effort to put it up and secure it. Rod Curtin arrived to give us some support. We had a good site next to a very busy path leading to the Orion, Neptune, Caribou and Catalina displays. They are part of the HARS (Historical Aircraft Restoration Society) at Illawarra Regional Airport NSW and are beautifully restored. It was so good to see them in the air as part of the Maritime Aircraft display.

The ROKO attracted a lot of attention. Our next door neighbour was Matt Hall and he came over to introduce himself.

The Roulettes started the air show and the glider combination was next. They were forced to hold and the strong wind drifted them back over Gawler. Word was that it was a real battle to

hold station behind the tug in the strong wind conditions. However Marc managed to tow them back for some great aerobatics over Edinburgh. Tom Leech gave an excellent, well informed commentary on the display and ASC activities.



Jeff Schuster took some great photos. An A-37 Dragonfly trailing smoke, C-17A Globemaster open for visitors. Our 2 DG's performing while a couple of Hornets wait their turn. (Thanks Phil for some great photo work). Some warbirds, Mustangs, Hudson and Hurricane were close to our tie down area. What an experience to hear and see those great Rolls Royce engines and the Lockheed Hudson's radial engines come to life. "Probably burn off more oil on starting than we have in our Jabiru engine".

Good so see member Dave Moore at the event, very busy supplying food from his "Festival Catering" van. Coffee was in demand early and the various coffee stalls had large crowds looking for their morning fix. I know, I was the one looking for a doughnut and a flat white. A number of members came past our stand during the day and it was good to catch up at such a great aviation event. Thank you to Peter Luhrs as well – he came out on Wednesday afternoon to clean and polish 8538. Well done Peter. **Great Event. ASC – take a bow.**

DEAF & BLIND FLYING DAY

It is just incredible what happens at Gawler. On Sunday the 17th November 8 aircraft were there to give 20 minute flights to a number of handicapped people and their handlers. There were Foxbats, Jabirus, a Tiger Moth and a Zenith. Appears that sign language interpreter Stan Nowalski was approached at a function to see if it was possible for deaf and blind people to go for a flight in a light aircraft. Using social media to contact pilot friends, he soon had enough pilots and aircraft organised to make this happen. Stuart McColl and Scott Crew were some of our ASC members who volunteered to make this day the success it was.



DIARY DATES

Flinders Expedition Brenton Swart advises that it will be October 2020, first week of the school holidays.

New Years Eve Sylvia and Anthony are looking at having a show at the ASC. Let them know if you are interested.

75TH ANNIVERSARY & CHRISTMAS DINNER

What a great event.

It had a small beginning with members starting to appreciate the significance of 2019 in the history of the Adelaide Soaring Club as ASC historian, Peter Killmier, sent out a few snippets during the year. Interest led to the Committee supporting a gala function that could include Christmas celebrations as well.

Committee member Chantal Didenko, Chair of the Social & House Group, had no hesitation to put her hand up and volunteered to head the event. I am not sure if she really appreciated the task she had set herself BUT look what she came up with. To have the dinner at the Aviation Museum was a Masterstroke, the ambiance just awesome. One of our Life Members classed the function as the best one he had attended at the club. **High praise indeed.**

We had access to the museum from 12 noon. Chantal and helper, Peter Sachs and I set up the tables and chairs and I was just blown away with the detailed accessories that Chantal had either purchased or borrowed or made herself. Made the tables look great. She even placed my table near the Vampire as she thought I had flown that one.

Tom and Karen took a trip to the Bottle'O and I couldn't believe what they came back with. Took a few trolley loads to ensure the bar was adequately supplied to satisfy the anticipated thirst of the attendees. I suppose Pilots have rightfully earned that reputation.

Peter Sachs had some great photos on display of the ASC, past and present, with a couple of gliding banners leading into the museum. How good was it to see Foundation Members at the dinner. Chantal even had a 75th birthday cake organised which was later cut by Ray and Peter Killmier. I had a quick chat with Ray as he was responsible for me joining the ASC. He was Deputy Commissioner of SAPOL at the time and I mentioned Police Air Wing to him but he directed me in the direction of the ASC and I am still here. We also touched on Harold Salisbury when he first came to fly at the club. Alan Bradley, sitting next to Ray, mentioned that he was the Instructor at the time and had a bit of difficulty in finding the right words to tell Harold that he needed a couple more flights to come up to the required standard.

A highlight was a great presentation by Lainie Anderson who is an Ambassador of the "**Epic Flight Centenary 2019**". She also wrote a book "The Long Flight Home" of the endeavours of Sir Ross Smith and Sir Keith Smith in flying the Vickers Vimy from England to Australia in 1919. A number of us took the opportunity to buy an autographed copy of her book.

Coffee and dessert followed an excellent meal supplied by 'Ripper Roasts' and then we were regaled with some excellent music presented by Tom Gorgonzola and the Cheesy Greats. I had some earplugs, just in case, but they stayed in my pocket as the music was beautifully played, suited the occasion and encouraged everyone to get up and dance.

This was a great show and a lot of work went into organising it but the end result was certainly worth the effort. There were of course a number of people who assisted Chantal at the dinner and behind the scene and without their assistance the dinner would not have been possible. All members should be proud to be part of the Adelaide Soaring Club.

Packing up was completed in the early hours and as I was leaving, a trio were outside the museum waiting for an Uber to party on. The stamina of some people. I attracted the attention of the driver going around in circles in Lipson Street and directed him to the museum. Hopefully the party goers got to where they were going.



Megan & Karl with “Tom (Leech) Gogonzola President Scott Crew, Peter Killmier, Alan Delaine, Ray Killmier and Chantal Didenko.



ASC Birthday Cake

The Museum Party

Renovations

Our incredibly busy Peter Sachs has completed our bedrooms and has now turned his attention to the hangars and briefing room. Out with the old and unused with a view to making the hangars more work efficient and also reducing “hangar rash”.

He still has some old tow ropes available for members and also has come across some rails we use to move gliders around that are no longer required and available for members that can make use of them.

The briefing room is to be upgraded with new shelves and storage space.

History Corner

Lots of the history of the club in its 75th year has been put together before, and it's good to revisit it. Below is just such a piece, first published in the club magazine *CloudBase* back when things came in hard copy...in 2012 in this case. Thanks to Peter Killmier the original article.

Geoff Wood
ASC History Coordinator

The ASC of Yesteryear

*History from the
club Archive*

KADINA BARNSTORMING

Over the 1949 Easter weekend the club's 2 seater (SA5) and winch were trailered to Kadina where over 80 passenger flights were made at a cost of 7/6 per flight. The *S.A Farmer* newspaper editorialised, "liquor drinking is not tolerated. Anyone who drinks is not wanted as he proves unreliable".



Members camped at night under the Kadina oval stand. (ASC Archive)

DUAL PURPOSE

A flying instructor normally talks his pupils safely through their flights and while it may seem impossible to train a pilot without fluency of communication, S.A soaring instructor Kevin Sedgman is making good progress with the training of very new Australians whose English is practically nil.

All instructors have a more or less standard pattern or sequence of instruction in the air, and Kevin has a standardised method of gliding instruction, but it breaks down when he is giving dual to a young Polish member of the club. His usually fluent instructions are reduced to four words—up, down, left, right and much instruction by example and gestures on the ground before and after flights

This pupil however and a number of New Australians who are club members are not only learning to fly, but are learning to speak English at the same time. Three New Australians were among those who received concentrated training at the club's Easter camp at its Gawler airfield.

(*The Advertiser April 1950.*)

[Reported by journalist & club member Bob Muller]

WAVE CONTACT

30 January 1956.
ASC member John Wotherspoon, with his brother as passenger, was launched by aero tow from

Parafield aerodrome in his Kranich two seater plane. After release near the hills, he contacted a wave. Flying a beat which terminated near Yorke Peninsula in the south, he reached 9,400 ft. before flying out of lift. This is believed to be the first time this type of lift has been contacted by a member



Wotherspoon's Kranich. The panel near the cockpit carried an advertisement for his block & tile business. The Kranich was designed by Hans Jacobs, the designer of the Olympia sailplane. Wotherspoon had a set of droppable wings made for ease of launching. (ASC Archive)

SLOPE & WAVE LIFT IN FLINDERS RANGES

Members of the Adelaide Soaring Club and Balaklava Gliding Club spent a week in the Flinders Ranges from 28 August to 4 September to sample the local slope and wave lift.

Aircraft in use were a Janus, Astir CS77 and a Blanik. Quite a lot of slope soaring was done during the week but the wave operated on only one day, providing climbs to 9,000 feet.

(*Australian Gliding, November 1956*)

GOOD FLIGHTS IN S.A.

South Australia has just had the best heat yet for 15 years and many long flights have taken place from Gawler. Four flights over 800km worth noting. Frank Johann achieved 850km. Alan Milne a creditable 1,000km attempt. About a week later, three Mosquitos did easy 800km. flights Paul Mason and Bruce Tuncks completing 821 triangles and Neil Varley doing an out & return to the North Flinders.

January saw many long flights including 761km by Matt Ryan, 765km. by Alan Milne, 782km by Frank Johann and a 654km. task flown by Phillip Beale and Paul Clift.

(*From Australian Gliding, April 1956*)

Adelaide Soaring Club Gliding Scholarship Program 2020

Following an initiative to support the sport of gliding at the Adelaide Soaring Club, a Gliding Scholarship program has been operating in the club for several years.

In 2019, some 9 members were awarded scholarships to support their gliding endeavours.

The ASC Gliding Scholarship Group wishes to announce that the Gliding Scholarship program for 2020 is **now open to all** members of the ASC.

The 2020 Program will have two elements:

- General Scholarships.
- A Scholarship for any ASC member who has been an Air Force Cadet in the last 6 years.

While the 2019 program was taken up mainly by younger members, the intention of the 2020 program is to support the **full range of members** in the club, younger and older.

The 2020 Gliding scholarships can be used to support members in longer or shorter skills based gliding programs. .

Scholarship funds may be applied to any gliding activity using ASC aircraft, including tow costs. Preference will be given to applicants who have a stated aim to apply their scholarship towards an activity that will be of long term benefit to themselves, the ASC, and have a demonstrated commitment to the Club.

The following are some of the areas members may wish to consider for the submission of a scholarship application:

- Aerobatic training.
- Ab. Initio Training.
- Coaching in general, using club gliders.
- Cross Country flying (including dual coaching / lead and follow flights).
- Dual Aero-tow training.
- LSA to Gliding conversions.
- Ridge Camps – such as Black Springs & Flinders.
- State / National/ Regatta flying.
- Training for AEI / Level 1 Instruction.
- Trainee Tow pilots for glider based experiences

The 2020 Gliding Scholarship program will commence in December 2019 and conclude in December 2020.

COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

ASC WEBSITE	https://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au	
	Information about the club for visitors and official information for members.	
ASC OFFICE	office@adelaidesoaring.org.au	08 8522 1877
ASC ANNOUNCE	communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au	
	For official information within the club and can only be used by club officials. All members must have a site to receive these messages.	
ASC MEMBERS	members@adelaidesoaring.org.au	
	For members to post items relating to club matters. Members can opt out.	
FACEBOOK	The ASC has a Facebook page and also a club facebook group.	
ASC e-News	To convey information about club activities. Usually presented monthly.	
COMMITTEE	The Committee meets monthly and meeting minutes are posted on Notice Boards.	

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as at 21 October 2019

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