

# ASC e-News



*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*

*1<sup>st</sup> February, 2020*

December / January was certainly an eventful time with terrible bush fires in the Cudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island areas, costing 2 lives, dreadful losses of stock, wildlife and properties and leaving the land devastated. The Gawler airfield played its part again by providing a base for pilots and refilling facilities for the water bombers. Let us hope that there are no more bushfires on the immediate horizon.

Karl Faeth

## HISTORY CORNER

# 25 Years ago...

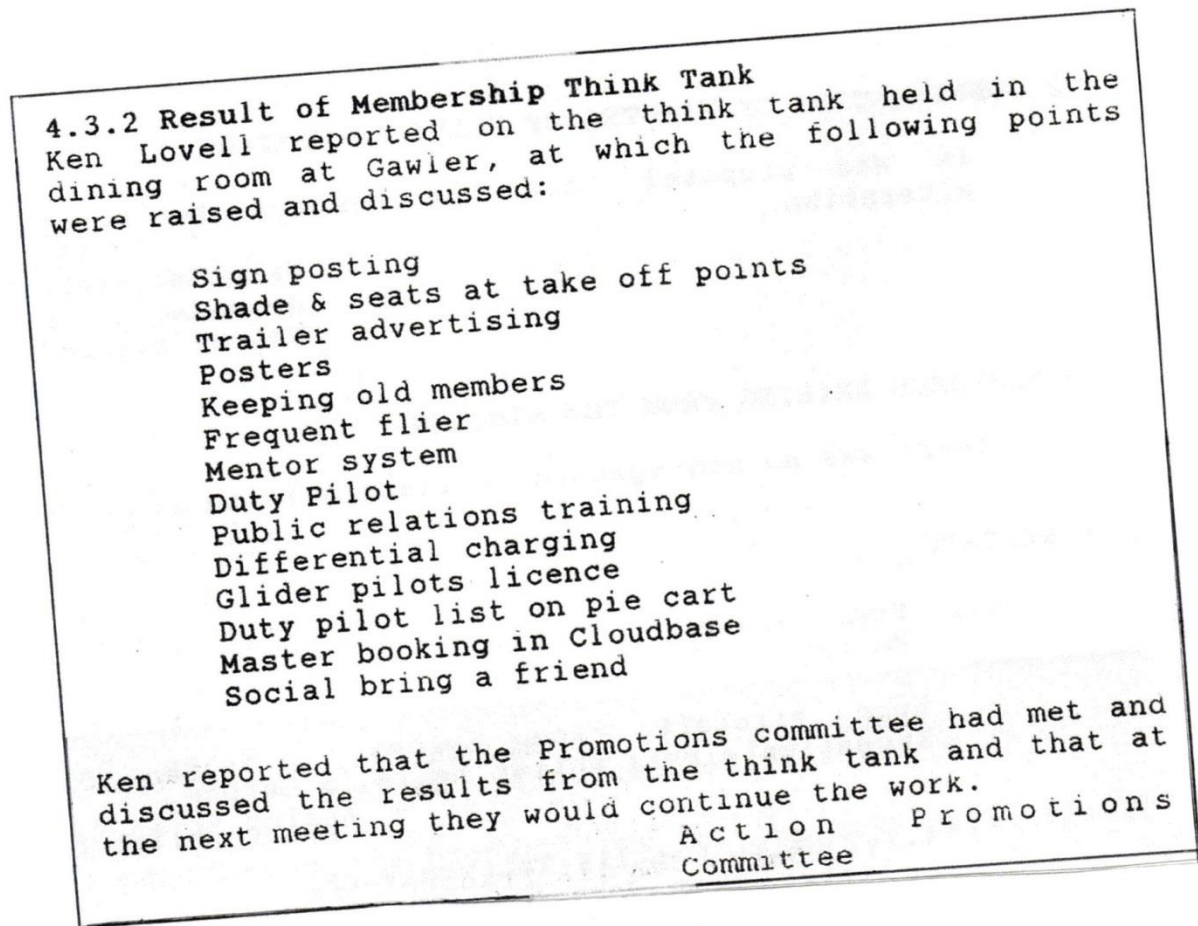
...the club was similar in size to what it is now, but rather different in what we did. Most importantly, the LSA operation was yet to become established.

Here are some snippets from that time. In the early part of 1995 –

- Bruce Tuncks was President.
- Peter Cesco was CFI (we only had one CFI).
- The ASC Committee debated and passed a motion “to increase the flying rate for the Grob two-seat gliders to 55c/minute”. For interest, the current rate for GPF is \$1.07/minute, an increase of 95%. The Australian inflation rate since that time is 86% so the increase in our cost for this glider is roughly on a par with inflation.



- The club was concerned to maintain and build membership – some issues never go away!  
How about this –



And lastly, an item from the February 1995 Committee records is entitled **2001 World Gliding Championships**. It minutes that “Pete Cesco reported on the current status of the bid and that Dr Bruce Eastick had been appointed as chair of the bid committee...” This is a healthy reminder of the need for persistence – six years were to elapse between this meeting item and the actual conducting of the highly successful World Championships at Gawler! Nothing comes easy...

Note: The official name for the “Gawler Dam” which we use as a reporting point is the

*Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam*, so named in recognition of the role of Dr Eastick in actively promoting everything to do with the local area.

**Geoff Wood**

**ASC History Coordinator**

## SOLO FLIGHTS



It was only last month that I published a photo of Hayden being congratulated by Clem Lunau on going solo in a sailplane. Here he is again after flying solo in the ASC Light Sports Aircraft. Well done Hayden.

## EXPEDITIONS

As I mentioned in a previous e-news, there were a number of fly-ins planned around the country on the Australia Day long weekend. One was at “THE VALES’ in Tasmania. Among the planning factors that must be considered are time, weather and SAFETY. Sue Ingham explains how her trip to Tasmania with Bridgette McAllister finished up in NSW.

The plan for the Australia Day long weekend was Tasmania. Unfortunately weather for Tassie was not looking good and Bridgette had to be back at work on Tuesday. Some quick work on the phone relating to accommodation and runways and the plan firmed for a station stay in New South Wales. So we left on Friday in the trusty J230, and after 2.8 hours, landed in Balranald after a fuel top up in Wentworth. We felt this was a better fuel option for us as Mildura can be quite busy.

Balranald is very easy to fly into and we arranged a pick up from the motel owner where we spent the night. Next morning was spent looking around, small aviation museum, good cafes then set off for Corrynia station which was 1.4 hours north east. Dust storms at 7500 feet (a little rough) and sighted the airstrip next to the homestead and landed around 300 meters on a 800 meter strip.

They didn't hear us land and only spotted us as we taxied to our parking area. We had very nice accommodation, right next to the homestead which looked like a lovely green oasis in the red outback. They purchase their water via canals from the Murrumbidgee River and potable water is rainwater. In good times they grow rice and cotton. Sheep provide an income as well.

We met some “Grey Nomads” who were staying in their caravan at the farm doing some odd jobs and receiving free food, electricity etc. We stayed 2 nights, enjoyed the experience and had some great dips in the homestead pool.

Returned to Gawler via Hay after a total flight time of 8 hours. Great trip – Google “Outback Beds with Airstrip”. Great fun.

Sue and Bridgette



Nice Selfie

However, Jeff Schuster in his Jabiru and Bradley Leksas and Anthony Lock in the ROKO adjusted their flight plans and completed a successful “Flight Following” trip to the “Vales”. I am hoping for some details for e-news from them to go with some of the excellent photos supplied.

## DIARY DATES

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

**Bunyan Wave Camp** Frank Johann advises that the dates are 12/09/20 to 19/09/20. This event is held at the Canberra Gliding Club and is probably the best location in Australia for this type of sailplane flying. Pilots need to be Cross country, current and rated on the aircraft.

Best place for wave flying and diamond height. Frank’s email has a great attachment from Jon Blacklock of the Canberra Gliding Club entitled “ Cold up here and I really need to pee”. This gives a great insight into wave flying and being above 20,000 feet.

**Aeroscene Events** : 19<sup>th</sup> January, American River Gala Day on Kangaroo Island. This event was cancelled due to the devastating bush fires. Plans are afoot to hold the event later in the year, so stay tuned..

1<sup>st</sup> March. Cowell Pub Fly-in. Eyre Peninsula. Briefing at Gawler at 9.30am.





We recently had a visitor from Hong Kong who did some intensive gliding training with us, culminating with some solo flights on the Long Weekend. Kelly Law is studying to be an aeronautical engineer and made good use of the newly (Peter Sachs re-furbished) accommodation at the Gawler clubrooms. She has now returned to Hong Kong and hopefully will stay immune from the 'coronavirus'. Good Luck Kelly – well done.

#### **INTENSIVE GLIDING COURSE – MARCH 2020**

The next ASC intensive gliding course will be held from 7 to 11 March 2020. This includes the March long weekend, plus a Tuesday and Wednesday.

This follows on from the successful courses held in September-October last year. The March course will (as before) extend over 5 days with both ground theory and flying every day, and instructors committed to the students on the course. We will be aiming for a ratio of one instructor for every two students, and the aim is to accelerate your learning in whatever stage you have reached – pre-solo, solo or early cross-country.

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.

If you are interested please contact the ASC office on (08) 8522 1877.

## EASTER GLIDING REGATTA 2020

The traditional Easter Gliding Regatta will be held at Gawler this year. Tasks will be set each day for you to enjoy in a single-seat glider if you are cross-country rated, and seats will be available in two-seat gliders if you're new to the cross-country caper and would like to learn.

More details later, but put it in your diary now – April 10-13.

## COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

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

Information about the club for visitors and official information for members.

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**ASC ANNOUNCE** [communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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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