

ASC e-News



Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club *3rd June, 2020*

Well we are gradually getting used to our new lifestyle. Incredible how clean our hands are nowadays. It was such a pleasure the other day, going to a café for a coffee and a cheesecake and being allowed to sit down and enjoy it.

I keep saying to people how lucky we are to be living in Australia and particularly South Australia. Credit to the early actions taken by the Government to minimise infections and worse still, deaths. Restrictions are put in place for a reason but it is very difficult to cater for all circumstances, so when it comes to adherence to restrictions, common sense and respect should always prevail.

You will note that this edition has been delayed by a few days. I decided to wait to ensure that the information in this *News* is up to date and can point everyone in the right direction - going forward.

LATEST FLIGHT NEWS

At the Instructor Panel meeting Tuesday night it was decided to resume normal flying training operations at the Adelaide Soaring Club. The gliding operation will use the Gliding Register to book flights and commence on Saturday 6th June after an Instructor roster is drawn up.

LSA pilots can commence on Wednesday 3rd June and will again use Goboko with Instructors indicating their availability. An email has been sent out with details.

CLUB SCENE

We have had a few electronic meetings of the Committee and the Instructor Panel to look at our present position and find a way to the future. Not being used to virtual meetings is certainly interesting and one looks very carefully at the mute button. No point in talking to yourself is there.

The Committee has a responsibility for the club and its members and it made the only decision it could when it stopped the club's activities. Since that time the Covid-19 situation in South Australia has certainly settled down to a much better position than anyone could have hoped for. That bit of short term pain has put us in a position where everyone can take a deep breath and look more confidently at the future.

It is important of course that, when we get back to training, that Instructors are up to speed. So the first decision was to allow them to fly and be current. To enable that, the Committee allowed "currency days" for that to happen. In the LSA scene, some have their own aircraft and keep up to speed that way. Those that do not had a currency day on Saturday 18th April when I flew the ROKO and Sue Ingham and Chantal Didenko flew a Jabiru.

The next currency day was Wednesday 22nd April when Colin Drew and Scott Crew flew Jabirus and a number of gliding Instructors took to the sky. It was a lovely day and there were smiles all round. Another gliding currency day was scheduled for Sunday 3rd May.

The next decision for the Committee was to recommend for the Instructor Panel to set a date for qualified pilots to fly at the club. The first day was the 13th May for LSA on Wednesdays and Saturdays and 14th May for glider pilots on Thursdays and Sundays. CFI's were responsible for drawing up flying lists and to brief pilots before flights. Best advice for pilots who hadn't flown for a while was – take your time – think about what you are doing – follow your checklists. From my point of view – that worked pretty well. There were no incidents and a lot of landings received compliments from a very small group of observers.

Always remember – if you have flu symptoms – stay away from the club and don't fly.
Use the supplied wipes on the aircraft before and after flight
If you use club headsets – use the wipes before and after flight

Be safe - There is always another day to come out and get up there.

MAINTENANCE

The gliding fleet is looking good and ER is in the workshop for a Form 2. On the LSA side, 5086 is in for an annual inspection and service.

The ROKO received a mention in e-news last month. Damage was found to the nose-wheel leg and fitting and it warranted a closer inspection. Aero Services at Parafield had a closer look at it and deemed the damage is serious with repairs an insurance claim.

Last Friday Aero Services rocked up at Gawler with a tow truck and what a sad sight to behold, the ROKO departing the Gawler Airfield on the back of a truck. The wings are safely stored in the Jabiru hangar and it is a good opportunity to have a close look at them.



A personal THANK YOU to Geoff Wood, our insurance officer, who took on the task of investigating the damage on behalf of the ASC.

I have always found the ROKO to be a very nice aircraft to land with full flap at 60 knots (depending on the wind) . Being low wing, some ground effect, about 12 inches off the ground and it lands itself.

Most converting pilots try to land it like a Jabiru – the first lesson always is – don't. Just hold it steady and don't play with the elevator. Sound familiar?

From a club point of view, Instructors have and will, always tell pilots that they are responsible for the aircraft they fly. If, for whatever reason, pilots damage an aircraft, they have an unwavering duty and onus to report that to a responsible person and submit a report. The reason is NOT that we can blame the pilot BUT that the damage can be properly inspected by qualified people and assessed. As we always preach in our Human Factors courses – we don't set out to blame – we aim to educate, we aim to retrain, we aim to instruct – so we all become better pilots.

Take pride in flying well and safely.

A NOTE TO MEMBERS FROM SCOTT CREW

Thankyou to Members

Hi All, I would like to pass on a big thank you to all members for the support you have given me over the last 9 months as president of our club, and all the kind thoughts I have received over the last few weeks. I am certainly on the road to recovery, and hopefully will be back to flying soon. Look forward to seeing you around the club.

OF INTEREST



A J230 flying out of Kingsford Smith airport in Sydney. More airspace available now due to low aircraft movements as a result of Covid-19. Departing YSSY on RWY 34L.

DIARY DATES

Flinders Expedition Brenton Swart advises that it will be 26th September to 5th October 2020. Very important to organise accommodation early at Rawnsley Park.

Bunyan Wave Camp Frank Johann advises that the dates are 12/09/20 to 19/09/20. Subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

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 MAINTENANCE	maintenance@adelaidesoaring.org.au	
	For contacting the official ASC Aircraft Maintainer.	
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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