

# ASC e-News



*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*

*1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019*

I don't know why I put my hand up to edit our e-News because it is a pretty impossible job to come up to the standard that was set by previous editors and in particular Daryl Trigg. However, here goes.

Karl Faeth

## **ROKO at William Creek**

For those who may not be aware, some GA and LSA club members get together at Roulettes Tavern on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night every month. Jeff Schuster does an admirable job organising the evenings and then sending out a brief description of the proceedings. This is a great night out for a meal and discussing all topics *aviation* in convivial company. One of the topics recently was the ***William Creek Outback Fly – In 2019.***

Our budding Commercial Pilot Bradley Leksas was one who joined Jeff and others to take part in this adventure with David Lindner deciding to join Bradley in the ASC ROKO. With tents, sleeping bags and water stowed, the weather Gods were not happy with a Friday morning departure so Saturday morning became an excellent option. By all accounts the flight was uneventful and ended with a safe landing at the very unique destination.



When Jeff asked Bradley “What is that leaking from the bottom cowl?” the mood went quickly downhill. An inspection revealed a leaking radiator – a major defect. Numerous phone calls between a number of people followed which finished up with David coming back to Gawler with Jeff Schuster on the Sunday, Mick Wright ordering a new radiator and Bradley not a happy camper in his tent at William Creek. Whilst Mick was arranging parts, Jeff decided to assist a fellow pilot in need and flew to William Creek to bring Bradley back. It was a flight of 8 plus hours and Bradley very happily touched ground again at Gawler. **Jeff Schuster – take a bow.**

Parts arrived and Mark Michell kindly flew Paul Clift and Karl Faeth to William Creek to carry out repairs, visiting the **Maree Man** on the way. Wrightsair at YWMC gave us great assistance by hanging the ROKO and blowing that lovely red soil off the aircraft. Repairs completed and double checked and the ROKO was back in its hangar at Gawler after a 4 hour flight,

The photo shows the ROKO outside Wrightsair hangar with the compressor being started, Marc Michell supervising and Paul Clift, with a very purposeful stride, looking for the cowls.

### Come Fly Come Try Day

Lots of planning and preparation goes into events such as this. Most members probably don't realise the extra work required for a successful outcome. As the main organiser, **Tom Leech – take a bow.** Making signs, posters, name tags, visiting tourist centres, shops in Gawler and even appearing on ABC radio with Peter Goers to promote the event – incredible. At last count up to 47 members also put their hand up to ensure that the ASC was presented as the successful organisation that it is.



As we know, in aviation, the weather always has a significant influence on our day. The 26<sup>th</sup> October was no different. With a forecast of strong winds and rain the outlook was gloomy so we made a group decision and put Phil Pullem in charge of the weather. Lo and behold – quite windy but cloud giving way to sunshine. We started the day with an event briefing followed up by an operation briefing. Deciding on runway 23 was a no-brainer and it was all eyes up as BOT took to the air doing a double tow. This was an ideal opportunity to practice for the Edinburgh Air Show on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November, finishing off with glider aerobatics that had everyone engrossed. (above).

There was a steady influx of aviation interested visitors all day. They were met at the gate by a dedicated band of members led by Rob Moore and given handouts with detailed information on the day's activities.

Angela and Jenny were busy selling flights and raffle tickets in No.1 hangar, Chad and Jason were ferrying budding aviators out to the Jabirus and Tony to the glider take-off point, for a lap around Gawler. Numerous glider and Jabiru flights were sold and the sky was busy with aircraft coming and going. We even had a visit from the Rowland Flat Cherokee. David and Scott took the lucky raffle winners on a scenic flight in the ROKO over the Barossa Valley. Totals = AEF – 18, TIF – 35.

Anthony and Sylvia and Peter sold numerous meals (the sausages were very nice), Dave Moore had his catering van on site and the Peter Sachs' information booth was busy all day. Hangars were open and numerous aircraft were lined up for inspection. Paul and Mick conducted a **Masterclass** in the workshop, Phil, Megan and Bradley ran an information session with numerous photos in the dining room. Tom had the microphone and speaker on the veranda to give some very informative and animated commentary on the day. The CFS rocked up in their finery with a new trailer and equipment which they set up between Hangar 1 and the fuel bowser. To top it off – the day was incident free.

The day finished with a number of un-official de-briefs over drinks. Others enjoyed Black Forest cake donated by Bridgette. Tom conducted the official de-brief at which it was agreed that the day had been a resounding success with everyone looking forward to the next one? Oh well, perhaps not next year.

## **Two Pilatuses at Gawler**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we had a visitor arrive from New South Wales. Doing a long approach on 05 it was catching up with a Jabiru on final so it did a quick go-around and midfield crosswind approach. It was given a "Pride of Place" park in front of the glider hangar by marshal Tom Leech. Passengers were here for an official opening of a winery. The pilot was a great guy and very informative. He gave us a tour of the aircraft (Pamela and Megan sitting in the cockpit and looking very professional) and told us how the Royal Flying Doctor Service was responsible for the PC12 even being built. During the day a little brother Pilatus (you can see the similarity) came along and parked next to it. To quote Geoff Wood "***One older, one newer but both built like Swiss watches*** .



Geoff's is the smaller one .

## ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB HISTORY

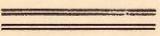
We are all aware that we will celebrate our club's birthday with a dinner on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at the Aviation Museum, Lipson Street, Port Adelaide. Committee member and LSA Instructor, Chantal Didenko with some assistance, accepted the task of organising the dinner and has done an excellent job. Tickets at \$55.00 will be limited, so Members are advised to get in early and book through the office to ensure they have a seat. It promises to be a great night.

The history of the ASC is something to behold. We have been extremely fortunate to have had some very respected founding members whose forward vision was so brilliant that, here we are 75 years later, still going from strength to strength as a gliding and light sport aircraft club.

One of those founding members, Peter Killmier, was also our club historian until very recently. He has so much historical information at his fingertips, it is mind blowing. With the advent of our 75 year celebration, he is unearthing some fabulous artifacts. Look below. How good is this.

The first known document relating to the birth of the Adelaide Soaring Club.

# AVIATION!

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TO ALL SOUTH AUSTRALIANS

You are cordially invited to attend a PUBLIC MEETING to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Building, Gawler Place, on WEDNESDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, 1944, at 8 p.m.

This meeting is being held for the purpose of forming a South Australian Gliding and Soaring Club.

Membership in this Club will give you your big chance to Learn to Fly and become a Pilot at Pocket Money Cost.

Don't Forget; make it a date for the 8th November, and Bring Your Friends.

Membership will be Open to both Men and Women, ages from 16 to 116 years.

C. M. MOIR (late R.A.A.F.),  
State Organiser,  
Gliding and Soaring Association of Australasia.

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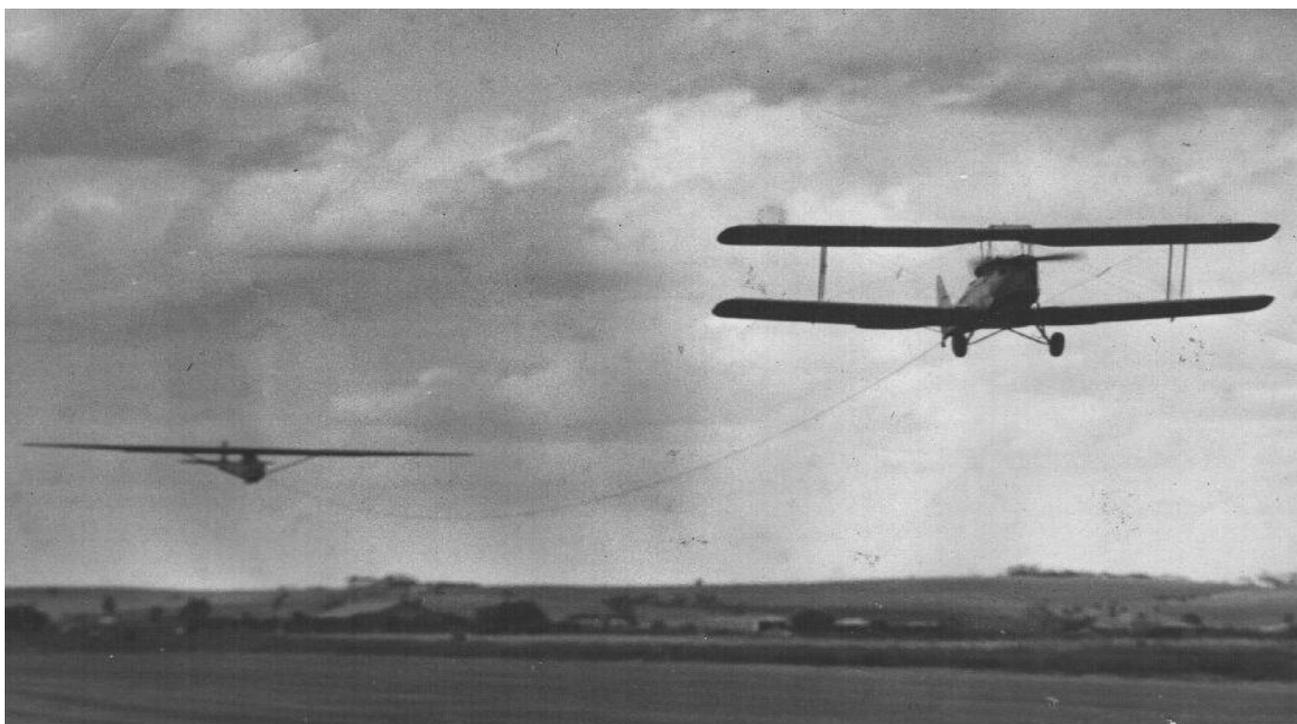
The first known document relating to the Adelaide Soaring Club. They were posted in shop windows around the Adelaide suburbs of Prospect, Enfield and Walkerville by Clarence Moir, in November 1944. Moir was a member of the pre WW2 Gliding Club of S.A. that ceased operations in 1937, and wanted to see a new club established in Adelaide.

**At the advertised meeting on 8 November 1944, the Gliding & Soaring Club of S.A. was formed. It was later to be known as the Adelaide Soaring Club.**

Peter was one of three Killmier brothers, all foundation members. The was Alan and also Ray. I had early interaction with Ray as he was Deputy Commissioner of Police and I was serving in the SA Police at the time. I mentioned flying to him, with the Police Air Wing at the back of my mind, but he very quickly pointed me in the direction of the Adelaide Soaring Club.

Next thing I knew I was at the ASC being taught by Gordon Redway, Mike Valentine and Ian Wight. Before long I was a gliding Instructor and then a tug pilot.

Some members may not be aware that Police Commissioner Malcolm Hyde was also a glider pilot. He used to come past the club on an ad hoc basis and drop in for a quick glider flight.



**302 PK. First aerotow in South Australia, 5.3.1950.  
ASC Grunau Baby pilot Kevin Sedgman, RACSA  
DH82,pilot Reg Ellis. At Gawler.**

Another piece of history – the first aerotow at Gawler in 1950.

#### **THE ASC STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Committee of the Adelaide Soaring has formulated a Strategic Plan to guide the club into a successful future. The plan was constructed after numerous planning sessions and meetings with members and it is reviewed quarterly by the Committee with specific items addressed at the monthly meetings. I will try and update members regularly on the Strategic Plan in e-news.

One of the specific topics in the plan is **AMENITIES and FACILITIES**.

**Peter Sachs** is the main driver of this section and he has put in a lot of time and effort to ensure that we have club facilities that we can all be proud of.

We now have two accommodation rooms in the main office block, “**Cloud 7**” is off the main passage and “**Cloud 9**” is off the briefing room. Both are furnished with two single beds, bedside tables, wardrobes and a study desk with USB power outlets. Very comfortable for members who want or need to spend a night or two at the airfield.

Full details/ instructions/guidelines are available from the ASC office .

It is important to get that information as the clubrooms are alarmed. Setting off the alarm will incur a fee of \$55.00.

## HANGARS.

They are of course a part of our very important facilities. Peter has started a program of cleaning and tidying them up. You will find that items “*that may come in handy one day*” will disappear. The rear doors of the hangars come in handy as they open in the direction of the large rubbish bin.

There are also manual sweepers in the hangar, kindly supplied by Peter, that do an excellent job of sweeping the hangars when all the aircraft are out and flying. Always nice to return aircraft to a clean hangar.

I have replaced the old table in hangar 1 with a nice new clean one so please keep the oil bottles on the oil tray.

There is a quantity of used tow rope hanging in the glider hangar. They are available to anyone requiring them for personal use. They will be removed in due course.

## EDINBURGH AIRSHOW



The ASC will be participating in the airshow with a flying glider display and a static display with an information stand.

The ROKO is part of the static display so Phil Pullem, ably assisted by Colin Drew, dressed it up the other day with the logos kindly supplied by Paul Clift.

Great result. Well done Phil

## DIARY DATES

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** Nhill Airshow – celebrating a century of aviation at Nhill  
<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 is participating on the ground and with a gliding flying display.  
**NOTE:** Flying at Gawler will be restricted 7-10 November. Check NAIPS.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** ASC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Aviation Museum, Port Adelaide.
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> November** Orange Week gliding regatta. Waikerie Aerodrome.

## COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

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

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