

ASC e-News



Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club 1st August, 2020

What a great feeling coming to the club with a sense that we are pretty much in familiar territory. Members are smiling, numbers are permitted again in the briefing room and even in the office. A smile from Jenny or Angela is always a perfect way to start an aviation day.

The airfield is looking a treat and the new crop is coming up nicely. Excellent work from Doug and Tom. As always, the workshop is a hive of industry with a glider having a Form 2, repairs or a paint job, and lately there has always been a Jabiru in there for a service, valve repairs re or new tappet shafts. Amazingly Paul Clift maintains his sense of humour whilst surrounded by lots of work. But, as he says, there is light at the end of the tunnel and soon there will be time for him to go flying again. Fantastic workmanship too Paul.

Karl Faeth

GOBOKO BOOKINGS QUERY

There was a question the other day: “Why do question marks appear on Goboko bookings”? I noticed that myself a while ago when printing out the list for the next day’s flying. So I made a few enquiries and found that members who use the Goboko App when booking always have question marks superimposed on their booking record. The booking still works, which is the main thing. It just looks a bit difference.

Goboko ownership changed a while ago and the new designers have and are adding a number of new features such as insurance and registration renewals etc. When Goboko first started it was designed in Ireland and meant to be a simple and free system to book flights. It now is much more sophisticated and fee payable.

LATEST COVID-19 NEWS

Covid-19 is still with us so please continue to follow the ASC guidelines in relation to social distancing, cleaning of aircraft and headsets and being very diligent with checking passengers for AEF and TIF flights.

CLUB SCENE

The **AGM is planned for Saturday 15th August** this year and with crowd numbers now being allowed to increase, we should see our usual group of members attend. This is always an interesting night where we catch up with a review of the year’s events. The AGM will be followed by a sausage sizzle so please advise the office of attendance and if partaking in the sizzle.

MAINTENANCE

The ASC fleet is looking good. Paul Clift has finally managed to overcome the numerous hurdles that were placed in his way by leaking valves, stuck piston rings and worn tappet shafts.

With a bit of luck maintenance should settle down to regular services and not too many surprises out of left field.

AEROBATICS & DUAL AEROTOW COURSE

Glider Pilots

The next **Aerobatics** course has been scheduled by Frank Johann for **Sunday 11th October** and the next **Dual Aerotow** course for **Sunday 25th October**.

The format is that there will be theory instruction before the flying sequences and anyone is welcome to attend the theory sessions. Flying training is obviously subject to suitable weather conditions. From Frank:

So if you want to do any of these courses & specifically fly for a rating:

- You'd be current with your flying (with ASC's general currency requirement of flown on last 6 weeks) & single seater glider pilot (so off of daily check flights)!
- A skill of being able to do a well executed 'boxing of tug slipstream' on tow is also a worthy guideline.
- Have no 'faults' or 'issues' with your flying, i.e. being able to fly as a command pilot with high degree of proficiency & currency.
- If you don't have above, you can still attend & if you like do some flying, but what you achieve may be limited.
- Also not being current etc can be demoralising, as one of many things with not being current is ability to deal with new or different situations.

Course notes will be supplied.

FLINDERS CAMP

The ASC Flinders expedition for 2020 is going ahead from 26 Sep to 3 Oct, and time is getting short. If you are interested and haven't put your name down, please register by putting your name on the list on the noticeboard in the clubroom, or ringing the office and getting them to do it for you. It's important for planning what aircraft to take.

WHAT A GREAT CLUB – Daisy CUSSANS

One of the benefits of getting older is that one has a lot of memories (if you can remember them, although some are best forgotten) some good and some bad. The good ones are all about flying and the bad ones are of getting into trouble for getting home late from the club. In 1973 the bar was well managed by Vince and the gliding fleet consisted of K13's with Super Arrow and Boomerang single seaters.

Instructors were always in demand and members who had GA experience when they joined, were pointed to the back seat of the K13. Instructor training in the K13 and Kookaburra4 followed and the next think I knew I was instructing.

Training days were well attended and well organised. On one day I had 17 training flights. There was always a pre-flight briefing before the day got underway and a de-brief at the end of the day. The organisation included a "Pie Cart". This was an old caravan which contained various items that could be needed on the field during the day. One end consisted of a large window with a bench and a seat. That was the domain of Daisy Cussans. Daisy was a Nursing Sister and we are all no doubt aware of the authority they had in their hospital wards and how they ruled them with a 'gentle' iron fist.

Daisy made sure that her authority followed her to the ASC. She would keep track of every flight, the tug, the aircraft, who was flying in the aircraft and the length of the flight. No flight was allowed to commence without Daisy having noted the pilots names on her sheet. The records she kept were immaculate with no errors permitted. Quite often her voice would bellow out of her window, asking “**who is in that glider**” and “**why haven’t I been told**”.

Daisy is a well-deserved ‘Life Member’ of the Adelaide Soaring Club and she lives in Gawler. Sue Ingham visits Daisy on a regular basis and keeps an eye on her. Members will have seen the recent e-mail that Sue sent out in relation to Daisy being in dire need of warmth in her home and asking if members were prepared to assist Daisy.

Well, the response has been overwhelming. Sue has received around \$5,000 from numerous generous members and has arranged for a reverse cycle air-conditioner for the living area. Frank Johann has organised a smaller unit for her bedroom to be installed by member “Steve” (Thank You) this week. Sue says there is enough money left over to assist with the future power bills.

Daisy is overwhelmed by the generosity of our Members and says a very heartfelt “THANK YOU”.



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Maureen Cussans, c. 1972. More generally known as ‘Daisy’, was to become one of the best known characters of the Adelaide Soaring Club. Daisy spent virtually every flying weekend at Gawler in the *Pie Cart* as flight recorder over a period of more than 30 years, retiring from the role in 2003.

She was to be awarded Life Membership in 1977.



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The new air-conditioner and a happy Sue Ingham with “Daisy”.



Sue Ingham taking “Daisy” on a well deserved flight in a sailplane.

SPIES AT GAWLER - GREAT UPDATE

Remember the great story in **HISTORY CORNER** last month. Well it is really a small world. When speaking with Ian McDonald about the article, he mentioned that his Mum was one of the ladies that worked in the bunker in those days. HOW ABOUT THAT.

“Reading the recent article regarding the use of Gawler airfield during the 2nd World war brought back stories from long ago that my now departed Mother recounted with great humour.

The story was that Mum was stationed at Gawler with the RAAF as a telegraphy operator...living a great part of the war underground ...away from enemy eyes (but listening to the enemy) from great depths in the underground network of bunkers located around the airfield. As the images indicated in the last newsletter, the remains of some of these bunkers still remain visible.

It's interesting to reflect on the stories mum recounted...that her time living with fellow RAAF operators in what today would have been poor conditions was the happiest time of her life. Three good meals a day, important work to be done and the camaraderie of working with her best friends. Living in close quarters seems to bring out the best in people sometimes.

During the war the USA looked after its troops much better than the Australian armed forces. Cigarettes, silk stockings for the women, alcohol and copious soft drink were freely available and believe it or not, ice-cream. A total luxury for Australian service men and women.

The story that mum told I can just imagine. Apparently, a US cargo aircraft was flown into Gawler ...I'm guessing Runway 23/05 to load supplies for the Australian based US troops, ...including a massive load of ice-cream. Sadly the freight loader forgot to secure his ice-cream load correctly and as the laden aircraft powered up and started the take-off roll the load shifted and the entire contents...in particular ice-cream... exited out of the rear of the aircraft and spread over the entire runway...much to the excitement of the Aussie women who found more ice-cream available than they had ever seen ...well for a very short time at least. Ice-cream was a luxury item that our troops were never given.

And best of all I was advised that silk stockings were seen underground for many months...but no one admitted the source..any guesses?

So next time you roll down 23 give a smile to my dear mum. She and 100's of other women were part of our airfield over 75 years ago. And ice-cream will always have a new significance for us all. Anyone for a twin-choc!!"

Cheers

Ian McDonald

HISTORY CORNER

Liberating Gawler

Lots of different aircraft used Gawler aerodrome when it was first constructed during World War 2, long before ASC moved in. Trainers such as the Avro Anson - the one in the Port Adelaide Aviation Museum may have flown from Gawler. Fighter aircraft such as the Curtis P40 – you see a stone memorial and brass plaque relating to this as you walk from the car park to the office. And the Vultee Vengeance dive bomber – the mind boggles at what must have gone on in terms of dive bombing practice around the district.

However, the largest aircraft to use during the war what later became our airfield was the Consolidated B24 bomber, known as the Liberator. One is seen here on the aerodrome with the hills behind Gawler still familiar to us today in the background:



B 24 D LIBERATOR "BEAUTIFUL BETSY" ON GAWLER AIRSTRIP 1943,AMSCOL'S MILK VAN
LOADING SUPPLIES FOR TROOPS IN NORTHERN BASES. PHOTO D.BEATY.



Nice to see such a warlike aircraft being used for carting milk!

Imagine that outside our clubhouse today!!

Thanks to Rob Richter and the Gawler History Trust for the pictures.

Geoff Wood

Adelaide Soaring Club History Co-ordinator.

ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB 2020 – 2021 GLIDING FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS
CLOSING 7/8/20

The Adelaide Soaring Club is pleased to be able to offer a **further** round of Gliding Scholarships. **All** members of the club are able to apply for a scholarship, irrespective of age or stage of their gliding, which includes any LSA members who may wish to add gliding to their recreational aviation pursuits.

Applicant eligibility criteria

1. Must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident.
2. Must remain a flying member in the ASC and GFA for a minimum of 12 months from the awarding of a scholarship and be financial at all times throughout the scholarship period.
3. Preference will be given to those who can show a demonstrated commitment to the ASC, gliding and a strong desire to progress the sport within the club.

Terms and conditions:

1. The scholarship period is from 1 /09/20 to 31/08/21.
2. The value of each scholarship will be determined by the ASC Gliding Scholarship Group, which will assess each application on its merits and take into account the scope of the activity or activities for which support is being sought.
3. Depending on the level of scholarship funding available, the amounts awarded may not necessarily cover the full cost of the activities proposed.
4. Scholarship funds may only be applied to the use of ASC owned sailplanes and tugs and where their operation is directly managed by ASC (i.e. at Gawler or at specified ASC camps such as the “Flinders” or “Black Springs”).
ASC tug(s) used at other club sites (Joey-glide, coaching week etc.), under the control of another club will not be covered by scholarship funds.
5. No further correspondence will be entered into after the Scholarships are awarded, however, the Scholarship Management Group may provide feedback to unsuccessful applicants.
6. The Gliding Scholarship Management Group will maintain regular liaison with and monitoring of scholarship holders.
7. Funds not expended prior to 31/08/21 may be forfeited, unless extenuating circumstances can be shown.
8. The Scholarship Management Group reserves the right to remove funding from a recipient at its discretion. This will not be done without appropriate consultation with the recipient and ASC Officials.
9. Applicants under the age of 18 must accompany their application with the written consent of their parent/s or guardian/s.
10. Scholarship funding can be applied against **any** gliding activities.

The process:

- **Application Periods for 2020 – 2021:**

This Application Period will open on Monday 20/07/2020

and close on Friday 7/08/2020.

- **Commencement Date.** The Commencement Date will be Monday 1/09/2020.
- Applicants will be advised the outcome of their application prior to the Commencement Date.

Application Criteria:

In your application, please address the following criteria:

1. State how long you have been a member of the Adelaide Soaring Club.
2. Outline your proposed Gliding skill/s development activities.
3. Outline why you are seeking a scholarship, including both the short and long term gliding or other aviation related goals you hope to achieve.
4. Indicate any previous involvement you have had with the ASC, other than flying.
5. Indicate how a scholarship would enhance your involvement in the ASC and / or how you might “give back” to the club.
6. Provide letter/s of reference from people who would support you in the gaining of a scholarship.
7. If requested, be prepared to give a presentation to the Gliding Scholarship Management Group.

If you think you qualify, please send your completed application by email to Peter Sadler - peter.sadler50@gmail.com attention “**ASC Gliding Scholarship Management Group**”, within the above timeframes.

Should you have any questions, or need further information, please call any of members of the ASC Gliding Scholarship Management Group:

Peter Sadler: Program Coordinator, 0435936950.

Ali Swart: 0409299936.

Peter Sachs: 0402123059.

Frank Johann: 82638184 – answering machine if not home.

Note: Further application periods may be advertised in 2021 contingent on scholarship funds available.

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.

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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