



ASC e-News

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March has been and gone. April Fool? No way. Aviators are not superstitious. Or are they? No doubt some are, however, in aviation, we trust our Instructors and what they teach us. Aviation theory has not changed over the years and history has proven time and time again how those that break the rules end up in strife. So, if we follow the rules we should be OK, or at least have the best chance of being OK. So, don't rush, take your time, think about it and ENJOY.

Karl Faeth

LAST FLIGHT **** Fred Pedler



As members, I don't think that we reflect often enough on the benefits that the ASC can bring to the Community. Very often someone comes to the club office to speak with the girls, having a desire to learn to fly an aeroplane. Some are in the retirement part of their life, reflecting on their families, their busy all-enveloping occupations and asking themselves if they have achieved all they could in life or if there was

something that they always wanted to do but didn't have the time or opportunity. As Instructors, we know that wishing to do something is a long way from actually achieving it. However, we really love our flying and will do everything we can to assist our students to reach their dream.

Well, Fred Pedler is just one example of what can be achieved if the determination and desire are there.

Fred came to us on the 17th of February, 2016, to fly LSA. He flew mainly with Colin, had a fly with Sue, then with Karl for the last 12 flights for his Pilot Certificate which he achieved on 30th November that year. He has been flying regularly with the ASC since then.

The other day Fred came out to fly, unobtrusive as he usually is, and at the end of the flight he said "Well that was my last flight. I have achieved what I set out to do and am very happy. I want to thank you and the ASC for helping me to achieve my aim. Thank You."

Phil was on hand to take the appropriate photos to mark this really poignant occasion.



Karl on the left with Fred, Sue Ingham and Phil Pullem.

AEROSCENE

Some Club members may not be aware that there is a group calling themselves 'Aeroscene'. It was initially started by Gary Williams when he was with our club as a Pilot and also as Instructor. Gary was also a helicopter pilot and some of us were lucky to have a go at the helicopter controls with him. He has now gone into Gyrocopters (latest models – very nice) and is flying out of Rollo's.

He started the tradition of having a dinner once a month at 'Roulettes Tavern' at Parafield and over time Jeff Schuster has taken over as the ringleader and organiser. The venue has shifted to the 'Grand North' hotel on Grand Junction Road, Northfield, and the meetings are every 2nd Tuesday night in the month.

These meetings provide great discussion groups, generally centred on aviation and also introduce reasons and venues for pilots to fly to. Some aviators have spare seats so there is always a great opportunity on these nights to plan a flight or to talk about recent escapades or to just listen in and hear what has been happening recently. I know there is a planned flight to Maralinga (past atomic site) and also Naracoorte. You also would have seen a recent visit to Nhill, very enthusiastically described and photographed by Jeff Schuster. (see below).



COMMITTEE UPDATE by Ali Swart

Thank you to Ali for her regular updates. A couple of items of interest:

- Fuel purchased by Members flying club aircraft away from Gawler will be re-imbursed at a rate no more than the fuel cost at Gawler at the time of the flight.
- Welcome to new Members. Dion TIDEY, William MOORE, Joseph SNYDER, Robert BROOKING, Mary FERRARETTO, Christopher WINDLE, Samuel KIBUU, Larissa STEPHENS, Jan-Robbie BODDEY, Nathan MAY, Marcel STIEHLE.

ROBIN MOSEBY UPDATES

Always interesting to see what Robin is up to on Wednesdays at Gawler. It also gives Members an insight on the weekday gliding operation and the number of aircraft that are available for glider pilots to use. On 9th March – Robin says – I was the only taker for gliding!!

At Gawler the wind was about 15 kts favouring 13, cloud lifting and dissolving and NAIPS giving us Eudunda to 6,500'.

Was going to fly GFC but IUN was closest to the hangar doors – just as well as the wing wheels helped the absence of a wingman at launch. That was at 1330 and Tommy put me into a good thermal and on the way to Nuriootpa I managed to make the 4,500' allowed. There were good thermals and solid sink nearby. I enjoyed 54 minutes of open sky with only the odd Jabiru for company.

On 23/3. Checking NAIPS it seemed we had a Eudunda 6,500' clearance BUT on closer inspection it was for Tuesday and Thursday. **A trap for young players – it pays to double check times and dates.**

I went up in IUN and Tommy put me in a thermal at 2,000' and I managed to climb to 4,200'. Thermals and streeting were developing and I enjoyed a 35 minute flight including some wicked sink near the bottle factory. Dean took IUN – streeting had developed nicely and he had 60 mins for the last glider flight of the day – landing on 23 as the sea breeze came in.

4 glider tows and plenty of Jabiru flights.

WORKSHOP UPDATE

Paul has all maintenance up to date. A new wheel for 8538 has been delivered and fitted. A new vertical card compass has now replaced the one in 7693 that couldn't tell east from west.

Flarms have been approved by the Committee but Paul needs official permission for them to be fitted to Jabirus. Ongoing.

After some serious sloshing of the fuel tank, the starboard wing has been re-fitted to 8538 and – so far – no leaks are evident. It looked so good that I even gave 8538 a good wash on Monday – a clean aircraft always flies better.

LSA FLY AWAY

The weather is looking great for the 2nd and 3rd of April for the trip to Naracoorte. Bridgette's itinerary is as follows:

2/4/22.

- 0930 – Depart Gawler
- 1200 arrive YNRC for a bbq.
- 1430 transport to Naracoorts caves
- 1700 transfer to accommodation
- 1800 meet for drinks and dinner

3/4/22.

- 1000 visit Sheepsback Museum
- 1200 Lunch in Town
- 1300 Return trip to Gawler

LOG INFORMATION

Members may not be aware that behind the ASC scenes there are a couple of groups working to promote the Gliding and LSA Groups. Interestingly they are called **GOG** and **LOG**. Before you put your hands up to ask the obvious question – they are the **Glider Operations Group** and the **LSA Operations Group**.

Members with a particular interest in the operation of these groups, including the particular C.F.I.'s are co-opted with a request you can't refuse, and are happy to offer advice and suggestions for the promotion and well being of the groups and in a wider sense, the ASC.

Geoff Wood is a member of LOG and says the following:

By the time you read this, the club's LSA flyaway to Naracoorte on 2-3 April, will be about to take off with a full crew of club members taking part. Enjoy.

This is one of a series of events planned by the ASC LSA Operations Group (LOG) so LSA pilots can go to places and do things with newly-acquired skills. It is intended that there will be two fly-aways a year. There will be other events based entirely at Gawler (i.e. not involving fly-aways) which will be fun and test and develop your skills. Want to socialise? Lunch will be on the menu for events based at Gawler.

And the next one is----

An aerial trial. This will be on Saturday, 7th May. The event will follow the format used in car club ‘poker-runs’. In summary –

- There will be a briefing on Saturday morning, setting out the routes and tasks;
- Entrants will be “waved off” at intervals;
- Completing the tasks will take approximately one hour;
- Tasks will involve navigating to points and identifying features there, or noting headings etc;
- Flying two-up will make the tasks easier (cheaper – sharing costs) and is encouraged;
- Once you have landed back at Gawler you can hand the aircraft on to the next team;
- Lunch will be available.

More details, including how to advise your interest in taking part, will be provided in April.

In the meantime, please reserve the date 7th May in your diary.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

I know that I keep repeating myself by saying “ We are a club, we all have to help and not rely on *Someone else* to do a job. However, sometimes we are not quite sure on how to go about doing a certain job. When that happens – please just ask someone who knows. You will then be in the know and do it successfully next time.

I seem to be spending a bit of time in the LSA hangar lately and noticed a couple of things to grumble about. One is the rubbish bin. ***That is the open, metal bin between the table and the oil cart – it is not the plastic lidded bin under the table.*** The one under the table contains clean rags that we love to use when doing a service.

It is a bit disconcerting, when, lifting the lid on the bin under the table, looking for a rag, one finds rubbish in the bin.

The other one is the paper towel dispenser. I recently replaced it with one that has a retainer and stops the paper being whipped out by the wind – works well now. However, the paper does run out and a kind person decided to put in a new roll. Problem was that it was placed in back to front and would not dispense. Easily fixed.



The paper roll should be placed so the paper is dispensed down from the rear of the roll with the paper through the cutting edge on the bottom.

The roll then sits on the small roller and the arm comes down to hold the roll in place.

When done, just try it to be sure it works.

MOUNT IVE by Tommy Kalsbeek

Tommy and his lovely partner were getting 5086 ready the other day. I ask where are you going? Their answer was Mount Ive. I have to admit I had never heard of the place and Tommy agreed to send back a couple of photos to show us all.

Feedback shows that Mt.Iva is a working sheep station that has accommodation etc. available to visitors. As can be seen below, there is also a dirt strip available for aircraft to come and go. I must admit – it does look very scenic. It is 900 km square, was established in 1862 and is in the heart of the Gawler Ranges.

By all accounts – well worth a visit.



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		Information about the club for visitors and official for members.
ASC OFFICE	office@adelaidesoaring.org.au	08 8522 1877
ASC COMMUNICATIONS	communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au	
		For official information within the club. Can only be used by club officials. All members are required to have a site to receive these messages.
ASC MAINTENANCE	maintenance@adelaidesoaring.org.au	
		For contacting the official 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 a club Facebook group.	
ASC E-NEWS	Information about club and member activities. Usually monthly.	
COMMITTEE	Meets monthly. Minutes are posted on Notice Boards.	

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