



# ASC e-News

*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.*

Welcome to winter. But, as we know, there are still some beautiful days to enjoy aviation. **However** there are also days when you feel you should have stayed in bed. It is a bit gloomy standing on the veranda looking at a fog bound airfield. If you are booked to come out and fly – always remember the web-cams. Look them up on your computer and have a look at the up to date weather at Gawler.

Karl Faeth

## **SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY**

Please note: We are very lucky – Terry Horsham, CASA Safety Advisor, has agreed to run a safety session at Gawler, in our new upgraded air-conditioned dining room on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.**

Terry will cover : **General Competency, Fatigue and distractions, Runway incursions and Go Arouns.**

These sessions are very much to the point and essential for every pilot. Make sure you attend.

**Let the office know if you are coming.**

## **FLYING AT GAWLER**





Had a note from one of our keen pilots at Gawler – Steve Miranda. Steve is a very enthusiastic member and a very eager pilot. He is a regular at the Monday sessions with Robin Richter and he was so impressed by the expertise shown by one of our great pilots, tuggy and Instructor Richard Geytenbeek that he got hold of a couple of pics for members to have a look at.

The top one of course is Richard tugging.

The bottom one is a great picture of Richard flying inverted in a glider. What a great view - looking at the earth upside down.

Inverted flying is an experience one remembers. Apart from the physical sensation of hanging in your harness, (particularly in an open Tiger Moth) gravity picks up all the bits and pieces on the aircraft floor and displays them on the canopy above your head – a reminder to do some vacuuming before flying inverted. **WOW.**

### THE GREAT FOGGY GAWLER EXPERIENCE



A misty morning – looking to 23 this side

looking to 05 this side

## *Ops-scene*

### Aerobatics

#### **Pre-Flight briefing and checks.**

If you are planning to do an aerobatic flight with a passenger, it is important to give them a briefing on what is about to happen and what they should do.

Remind the passenger that they should not impede the free movement of the controls with their hands/feet and what every they are carrying. Recently a pilot flying a passenger felt some movement on the stick as a passenger dropped their mobile phone and caught it. If you are going to do an aerobatic flight with a passenger and they want to take photos, please suggest that the passenger keeps their phone in their pocket and make use of the clubs Go-Pro cameras and associated mounts in the two seat gliders.

Before you fly with a passenger, please check the security of items in the cockpit. Recently a roll of electrical tape escaped from the pocket during an aerobatic routine and floated around the cockpit until it landed into the undercarriage lever slot. The pilot only discovered this when he configured the aircraft for landing and tried to lower the gear. The roll of electrical tape prevented the gear extension. Fortunately for all involved the issue was able to be identified in flight and the electrical tape roll was moved and the gear could be lowered.

Remember, check everything before take-off. If it is possible for it to go wrong in flight it probably will.

### Towing aircraft

#### **Is your tow rope long enough?**

If you are towing an aircraft with a tow rope, make sure that the rope length is more than ½ the wingspan of the glider. If the glider and tow vehicle stop and someone attempts to turn the glider, the wing has the potential to hit the tow vehicle if the rope is not long enough.

### ARE YOU LEGAL TO FLY SOLO?

You may be a skilled pilot, or progressing towards this, but can you legally fly a glider solo in Australia?

3 requirements

- You must be a financial GFA flying adult or Flying Junior member
- You must be a financial member of an affiliated Gliding Club (The Adelaide Soaring Club is an affiliated gliding club)
- You must have a current medical certificate; this can be either of the following
  - Complete the **declaration of physical fitness** and upload a copy of this to the GFA website as your evidence.
  - If you need to get a **GFA Medical Practitioner's Certificate of Fitness**, download that form and have your doctor sign this upload a copy of this to the GFA website as your evidence.
  - If you need a CASA medical, you should arrange this and upload your CASA certificate.

As always, stay safe and enjoy your flying.

Paul Marshall ASC Gliding CFI



**LATEST SOLO PILOTS**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO JORDAN INNES**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM COLYER**





CONGRATULATIONS TO CROMWELL IRVING

WHAT IS IT ?



**Sue Ingham** recently had a not very nice experience – a flat tyre on a JABIRU at the 23 end. By all accounts it took a lot of work to move the aircraft back to a hangar to fix the flat tyre.

I keep repeating that we have a great number of gifted members at the ASC – here is another one of great renown – Phil Pullem. Phil heard of Sue's plight and thought he may be able to come up with a solution – and so he did.

Phil used his skills, knowledge and ingenuity to design and manufacture this trolley which will be kept in the Jabiru hangar. The flat wheel is simply rolled onto the trolley and the aircraft can then be moved by pilot power to any desired location on the airfield. Note that the wheels are large enough to move easily over grass.

### WELL DONE PHIL

## NOT MY PROBLEM

We all remember the great MICK WRIGHT, one of the great characters at Gawler. Many of us recall going to see Mick to report something or another. His normal reply was (as above). However he would always come up with a suggestion or an answer to help out.

This year the great **NOT MY PROBLEM FLY IN** will be held again at the Gawler Airfield on

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

A BBQ lunch will be served around midday for a small fee of \$10. Come and join us.

Catering requires RSVP [office@adelaidesoaring.org.au](mailto:office@adelaidesoaring.org.au) or call (08) 8522 1877

## THE GREAT KINGSTON FLY IN



Some intrepid aviators from Gawler took the opportunity to fly to Kingston for a spot of lunch at the local pub.

By all accounts – a great flight, lovely scenery, looking down on Ian Roddie flying below and a pleasant lunch in great company.

Jeff Schuster was leading the sortie and taking the photos.

## LATEST COMMITTEE NEWS

### Thank you to Ali Swart.

- The pros and cons of changing circuit direction on 31 were discussed at the last Training Panel. Suffice to say there were more cons than pros.
- The ASC will be taking part in the Jamestown Air Show in October. More details to come.
- There have been significant increases in the price of fuel which has prompted the Committee to add a fuel levy to current prices. The levy will be reviewed monthly and will fluctuate in line with variations in the fuel cost to the club. It is intended that the levy will be removed once fuel prices return to normal. Initial levy is 65 cents a minutes for tows, \$10.24 per hour for the J170 and \$14-08 for the J230.
- Messenger- Zerner have been re-appointed as Auditors of the ASC for the 2021 – 2022 year.
- Welcome to new members – Baljit SINGH, Witt WONG, Cromwell IRVING and David FORSYTH.
- Integrated Training Program to be held in the club rooms this Saturday for Level 3 Gliding Instructors and CFI's.
- AGM will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August. There are a number of vacancies coming up on the Committee. Members are encouraged to consider nominating for Committee to assist in running this great club. Nominees must be endorsed by two other members and forwarded to [secretary@adelaide soaring.org.au](mailto:secretary@adelaide soaring.org.au)
- Tim Svenson has been appointed Parachutes Officer.
- A survey will be distributed shortly to all members. Please take the time to complete it as the Committee is very interested in your feedback – this will be very important in planning the direction of our club.

### Editors note,

Best wishes to Ken Sumpter, our previous parachutes officer. He is not faring well health wise.

Pleasure to see David Forsyth join the club. A great GA Instructor and aviator of renown who you might see flying his Tiger Moth over Gawler.

## COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

### ASC WEBSITE

<https://www.adelaide soaring.org.au>

Information about the club for visitors and official for members.

### ASC OFFICE

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### ASC COMMUNICATIONS

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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@adelaide soaring.org.au](mailto:maintenance@adelaide soaring.org.au)

For contacting the official aircraft maintainer.

### ASC MEMBERS

[members@adelaide soaring.org.au](mailto:members@adelaide soaring.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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