



ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club 1st September, 2022.

As I mentioned last month, progress is being made with my wife and she is now able to walk unaided. Long way to go but happy to say that things are looking up. Thank you to Everyone that has wished us well.

“Not my problem day” saw an excellent attendance and a good cross section of Members came out to have a look at displayed aircraft, had a chat to mates, had a go at precision flying and enjoyed a very nice hamburger with trimmings. Good overview from Tom Leech.

“AGM” has been and gone. **Megan Gabell** was re-elected to the Committee and **Steve Miranda and David Scutchings** were elected. Club awards were well received as usual and the highlight, apart from the Galah Award to Phil Pullem, was the Life Membership awarded to Sue Ingham. (See next). First Committee meeting after the AGM – **congratulations to Megan Gabell, elected as our new President and Steve Miranda our new Vice President.** Excellent choices.

Karl Faeth

SUE INGHAM – LIFE MEMBERSHIP



The Awards Sub-Committee of Geoff Wood and Karl Faeth made a recommendation to the Committee that Sue Ingham would be a most suitable candidate to be awarded this honour. Whilst there is no definitive criteria for this award, it is accepted that a member should have rendered **exceptional service to the club, over an extended period across a broad range of activities**. In its wisdom, the Committee enthusiastically accepted the recommendation and made the award at the 2022 AGM. The following is a brief resume of her services to the club.

Glider Pilot. Sue commenced glider training at the club as a young lady of 16 years. She went solo and did a lot of personal flying including cross country and competitions.

Air Experience Instructor. She served on the roster and also informally as an AEI for many years. Her calm but enthusiastic manner was instrumental in introducing scores of potential new members to the joy of soaring.

House Group. Sue was a member of the Social and House Group and contributed significantly to the social activities which are an important part of club life.

Committee Member. She was a member of the ASC Committee for some years and in this capacity took part in the sometimes onerous tasks involved in governance and administration of the club.

President. Sue became President of the club as it approached the 21st century. She was also the first Woman President of the ASC, blazing a path for other women in the future.

LSA Pilot. As the LSA part of the club operation expanded, Sue became qualified in powered flight. As well as personal flying, she also took part in the delivery of some of the club's Jabirus from Bundaberg, Queensland.

LSA Instructor. Sue became an LSA Instructor and then qualified as a Senior Instructor and taught students for many years, giving her spare time generously.

LSA CFI. Sue recently took on the very demanding role of CFI of the ASC LSA operation and is still serving in that capacity.

AERO-SCENE

Jeff Schuster reports that they had a very good meeting on 9th August (2nd Tuesday in the month) with 16 in attendance. Newcomers were Wendy and Peter Heuzenroeder. All pilots are welcome at the **Grand North** hotel on Junction Road. Just let Jeff know if you are coming so a table can be reserved.

Events coming up:

Sat 10/9/22. Wilmington Residential Airpark 0800 – 1500 are hosting their first Radio Control Flying Day. Free tickets on www.eventbrite.com

AUSTFLY 15th to 17th September. Narromine Aerodrome NSW. \$20 registration. austfly.com.au

Friday 23rd September, 1200 to Sunday 25th September, 1900. William Creek 5 Annual Fly-In. Free Eventbrite registration now on website.

Sunday 23rd October. Jamestown Air Spectacular. Not to be missed. Saturday night hangar dinner – sleeping under the wings for those who enjoy the outdoors.

AIRPORT CLOSURE - YMBD

Please note – and thank you to Jeff Schuster for the info.

Murray Bridge was one of the Regional Airfields to receive a grant from the Federal Government to upgrade its runways. As a consequence the airfield will be closed from Monday 5th September to Tuesday 25th October for this work to go ahead.

All operations will be from Rollo's airfield, next door.

NOT MY PROBLEM DAY

From Tom Leech. General Airfield Manager.

This was a great day celebrated by the club on 7th August.

At the end of this terrific day, when we remembered Mick Wright and his ironic motto *Not my Problem* (ironic because after saying this – Mick would then go on to help) there was a small prize giving ceremony. *However* in future we will be expanding the idea so that we make this a *Memorial Day* for ALL those club members that we have shared friendship and the sky, but who are no longer with us.

Thank you to all those who helped, particularly to the clubs LSA Ops Group (LOG) for promoting the Precision Flying Event, the Gliding Team for organising the gliding event, to Marc Michell for his extensive and careful work in devising the tasks, to all the assessing pilots and to Anthony and Sylvia Lock, Megan Gabell and Nunzia Ferrerato who served in the kitchen for hours and Paul Gallaway for loading food and doing the washing up afterwards. What a fantastic team.

And finally, a massive *THANK YOU* to all those who came out and enjoyed our amazing facilities on that beautiful winters' day.

There will be more club events in the next few months so (in the words of the ASC motto) we can “enjoy safe flying, friendship and sharing our passion for aviation”.



GLIDER AEROBATICS COURSE

Frank Johann has sent out information on the next aerobatics course for glider pilots. Frank always makes sure that readers are not left wondering about details and always provides full details in his information.

Whilst anyone can attend the ground training course, including members of other SAGA clubs, flying training for an aerobatic endorsement, requires:

1. Current with flying gliders.
2. Have completed post solo training.
3. Have ability to box the tug slipstream.
4. Have high degree of pilot proficiency (This is advanced flight training).

This course will cover **LOOPS** (standard inside type), **Wing Overs** (lazy eights), **Stall Turns**.

When and where Sunday 25th September sharp at 0900 hrs in the club dining room.

Members interested **MUST REGISTER** on the ASC Gliding Register ASAP. Training notes will be sent out to all that have registered.

If more information is required frankjjohann@gmail.com . Frank will also be at the AGM for a chat.

FEES & CHARGES

As our esteemed Treasurer has advised – the cost of fuel is forever rising and the club must adjust its fees and charges to ensure all flying activities are cost effective.

Members will have noticed an increase in flying costs in July for aircraft using fuel, however the Treasurer keeps a finger on the pulse of forever varying fuel prices and as the MOGAS price has struck a downward spiral this month – the cost for aircraft using MOGAS has decreased this month. So, just for information, in case you missed the email, here are the current fees for power aircraft.

Aircraft	July Levy	August Levy
Jabiru J170	\$10.24 /hour	\$4.50 /hour
Jabiru J230	\$14.08 /hour	\$6.18 /hour
Pawnee PA25	\$0.65 /minute	\$0.75 /minute
Dimona HK36	\$0.19 / minute	\$0.08 / minute

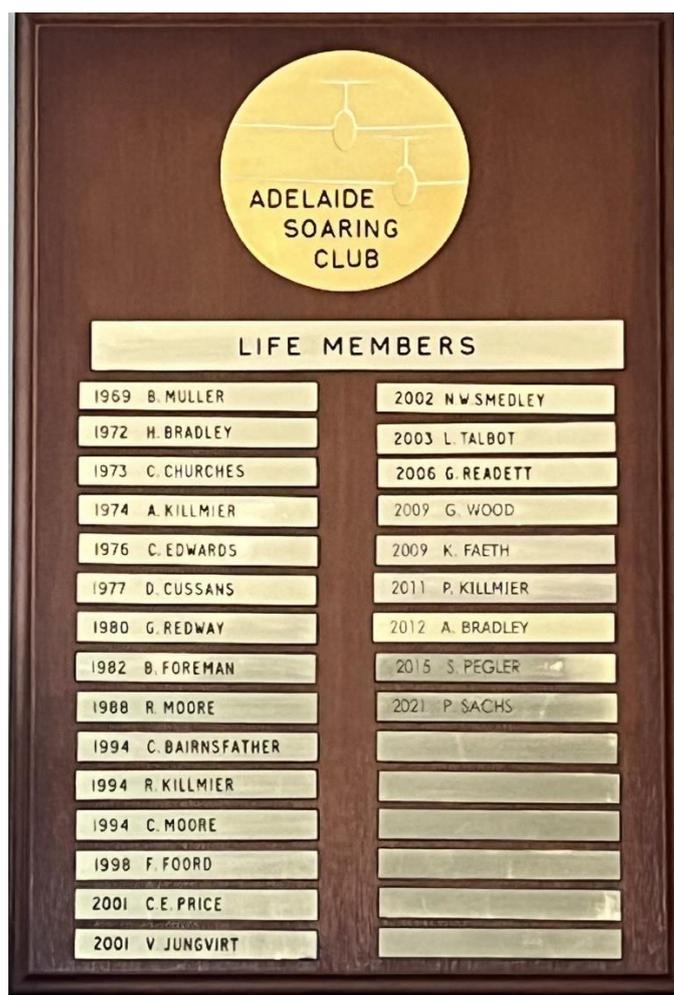
AVGAS prices may be on the way down so levies could reduce, however there are no guarantees. So be prepared for changes in the future.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to Secretary Ali SWART. Items from the 23/8 meeting.

- **ASC Officers for the 2022 – 2023 year.**
 - President - Megan GABELL
 - Vice President – Steve Miranda
 - Secretary - Ali Swart
 - Treasurer - Steve Pegler
 - CFI Gliding - Paul Marshall
 - CFI LSA - Sue Ingham
- Some excellent responses so far to the Member survey. Responses are still being collated so it is not too late to make a response.
- Welcome to new Members – Jamie CLOTHIER, Adrienne GOW-SMITH, Vivek MANCHANDA, Steven PFENNIG and Hugh BLAKE.
- A Member induction session will be held on 15th October. Further information to come.

LIFE MEMBERS



For those Members that do not get into the dining room very often, or if they do – don't have a close look at the wall near the computer, here is the Life Member Board. Looking forward to seeing the name of the newest Life Member on the board, **2022 S. INGHAM**. Well done Sue and well deserved.

ASC ANNUAL AWARDS

After the AGM, the annual awards of the club were announced at the Presentation Dinner. The happy (and very deserving) winners were -

The President's Trophy: This is for the best gliding performance by an ASC pilot during the year. It went to **Tommy Kalsbeek** for a series of excellent flights in his Libelle, several being over 400-500 km.

The Darrell Ingham Trophy: For the Most Meritorious Flight in a powered recreational aircraft. This year, for the first time a joint award was made – to **Ken Wehr and Peter Heuzenroeder** for their very extensive trip around the remote areas of northern SA in the Jabiru J230.

Richard Deane Memorial Trophy: This goes to the ASC pilot with best placing in any National Gliding Championship. This year it went to **Peter Temple** (not for the first time – well done Peter) for his performance in the 18m class in the Nationals.

Gliding CFI's Award for best gliding student pilot of the year: This went to **Tomasz Redel**.

LSA CFI's Award for best LSA student pilot of the year went to **David Morris**.

The above awards are all relating to members' personal flying. There are also service awards to people who do outstanding work for the club and thereby for all of us as club members. These awards this year went to –

House Group Award: For "Service to the club in relation to its social activities, and development of house and other facilities which make the club comfortable and enjoyable for members". The award this year went to **Megan Gabell** for leading the refurbishment of the clubrooms.

Helmut Apitz Award: This is the top service award for the club. This year it went to **Richard Skinner** for his leadership in a range of areas in the club, particularly as President over the past three difficult years when we were all impacted by COVID.

And lastly, the infamous **Ashton Trophy (Galah Award)**. This is for "Greatest disparity between aspiration and outcome" in a member's activity and is determined by acclamation of those present at the dinner. This year there was close competition (Paul Marshall was a strong contender for out-landing twice at Freeling while instructing on a cross-country course) but the winner was **Phil Pullem** who won the popular vote for not being "on the level" when placing the club logo on the front of the clubhouse bar.

Well done all!!

PATRICK PULIS - WELL DONE



This is truly something to behold. Patrick Pulis had a dream to build an RV-10. He then worked very very hard to bring that dream to reality. As he says LIFE got in the way a few times BUT he persisted and after 19 years his dream came to life and flew for the first time the other Sunday. I was able to briefly look in on him as he worked in his hangar and was just amazed by his beautiful workmanship. A terrific achievement Patrick.

Ops-scene

Release from Aerotow

Aerotow is a very safe way to launch gliders, but it is essential that the glider does not get too far out of station. It's especially important that the glider does not get too high.

Here is a quick YouTube video that clearly illustrates the point.

[3 Seconds to Crash - YouTube](#)

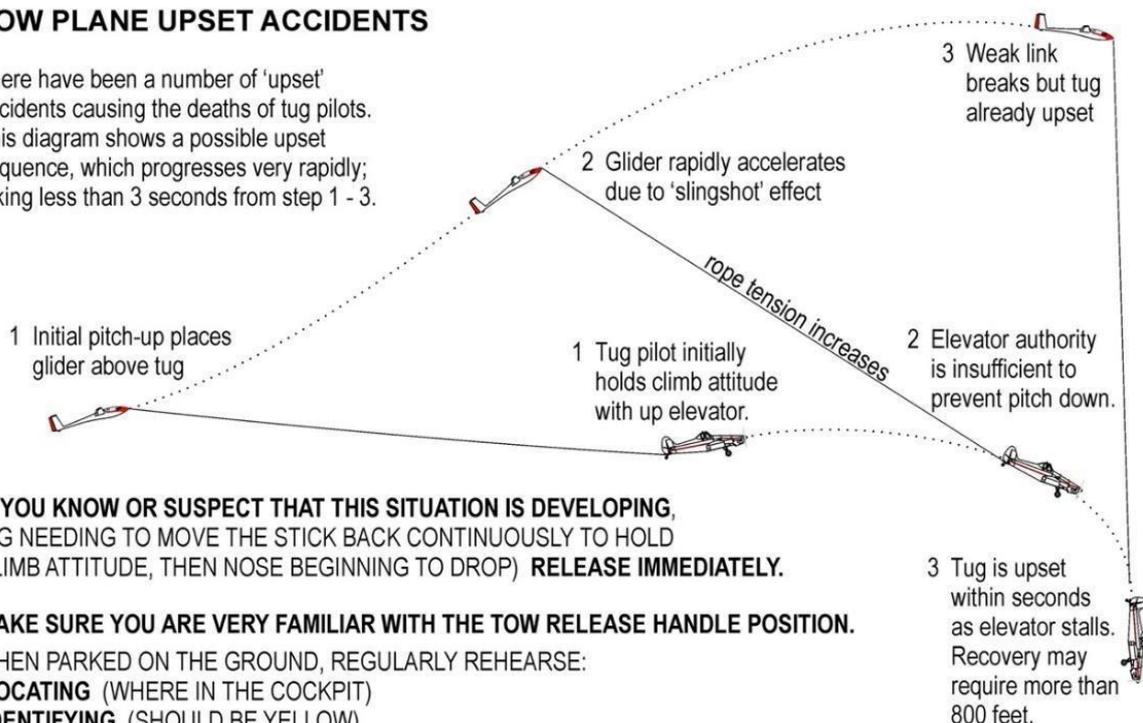
The best way to show your tow pilot that you appreciated the aerotow you have just received is to avoid trying to kill the tug pilot when you release. Release from a stable position - Please don't zoom up as you release.

On every flight the glider pilot should plan to release. This should involve the following steps

1. If towing in low-tow, plan to release from low-tow, If towing in high tow, plan to release from high tow. **DO NOT ZOOM UP** while operating the release, as this could easily cause a tow plane upset.

TOW PLANE UPSET ACCIDENTS

There have been a number of 'upset' accidents causing the deaths of tug pilots. This diagram shows a possible upset sequence, which progresses very rapidly; taking less than 3 seconds from step 1 - 3.



IF YOU KNOW OR SUSPECT THAT THIS SITUATION IS DEVELOPING,
(EG NEEDING TO MOVE THE STICK BACK CONTINUOUSLY TO HOLD CLIMB ATTITUDE, THEN NOSE BEGINNING TO DROP) **RELEASE IMMEDIATELY.**

MAKE SURE YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE TOW RELEASE HANDLE POSITION.

WHEN PARKED ON THE GROUND, REGULARLY REHEARSE:

LOCATING (WHERE IN THE COCKPIT)

IDENTIFYING (SHOULD BE YELLOW)

REACHING FOR THE RELEASE (WITHIN EASY REACH WITH HARNESS TIGHT?)

(PARTICULARLY IF FLYING A DIFFERENT TUG FROM USUAL).

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LSA MAINTENANCE

Just a reminder.

Paul Clift is very busy in the workshop at present with multiple tasks at hand, gliding and LSA..

5086 Due for an annual inspection and has low cylinder head pressure on a couple. Will need some major repairs and will be out of the air for a couple of months. Ongoing.

7693 Is undergoing its 5,000 hour inspection and refurbishment. Excellent progress is being made and it should be flying sometime in September.

NOTE When inspecting aircraft before flight – have a deliberate and meaningful look. Recently Paul replaced the spat on the starboard side of 7252, after a new tyre was fitted. On Saturday 27/8 the aircraft returned to the holding area in front of the hangar – the centre bolt and washers were missing from the spat. When doing a DI use your hands to actually feel “is the spat is on tight or not”. If not, make sure it is tightened before flight.

LSA - CFI



Spring has sprung – the grass has rizz – this also means that the bugs are coming out and all aircraft will be carrying the evidence of the coming together of the two or three etc.

Please all pilots. It will be mandatory that when using an aircraft, it must be cleaned after every flight. Pilots seem to clean them after the last flight, **however** it is much easier to clean the windscreens cowls and leading edges after a flight when the dead bugs are still soft. It is much harder the next morning when pulling the aircraft out of the hangar and finding it is not clean.

Always use clean, fresh water and only use chamois on the windscreen. Sponges are ok to use on leading edges. Please remember to chamois the water off afterwards – ugly water stains remain if that is not done.

Goboko bookings. Pilots are advised that Sunday flying is still somewhat limited as only one aircraft is available for the whole day. The other two are used for training until midday.

Goboko cancellations. Pilots who book an aircraft are obliged to honour that booking. However, at times Pilots have sudden other commitments that come up and there is no alternative but to miss out on that flight. Should that occur – **PLEASE PLEASE cancel the flight as early as possible on Goboko to give another Member the opportunity of taking that booking. There is always someone else waiting.**

GLIDING -- FLYING FURTHER

Tommy Kalsbeek has announced another “flying further” course at Gawler.

The course consists of a 5 day duration of classroom lectures and 2 seat glider training aimed for the students to be competent with the soaring skills of the GPC.

The course **does not** cover out landings – however this can be covered closer to the course in the Dimona.

The course is planned from Wednesday 30th November to Tuesday 6th December, with the weekend off.

The course is suitable for any gliding pilot that is current in general flying and has achieved the requirements for their 'B' certificate.

Anyone interested please contact tommy.kalsbeek@gmail.com with details of total and recent flying times.

ADS-B – FOR ALL AIRCRAFT

Just reading the new Spring Edition of **Flight Safety** the excellent magazine issued by CASA. As always, there are a number of very pertinent articles that provide food for thought, offer good advice and make pilots think about how well they prepare, or not, for aviation and the possible outcome if they don't.

On page 34 is a really informative article, with testimonials about the safety benefits of ADS-B. Whilst all aviators have heard of it, the account goes into detail about how it works and the installation required. What struck me was that it is recommended for **ALL** aircraft, including recreational and that it operates all over Australia. Another positive is that it is strongly supported by the Federal Government which is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for fitting the equipment to Australian registered aircraft. Good article to read.

The ins and outs of ADS-B

Shelley Ross says the safety and operational benefits of this technology make it a must for any category of aircraft

ASC - EVENTS

Thurs 8/9/22. 1800hrs. CASA Seminar at club. Topic is **Non controlled aerodromes**. A great write up on the seminar is in the Flight Safety Magazine. A must for all pilots.

Register on <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/avsafety-seminar-gawler-tickets-4010261088876>

Sat 17/9/22 Sylvia and Tony putting on a great meal night. Sylvia has sent out details. More info at glasssetch101@iinet.net.au

Let the office know if you are coming.

Sun 23/10/22 Jamestown Air Show. Not to be missed. ASC will be participating – so be there. <https://jamestownflyinggroup.com.au/air-spectacular/>

4-5th November Fri to Sun. Bendleby Flyaway. Bridgette and Sue have recently been there and Bridgette has done a lot of work to organise this trip away. It will be an overnighter 134 nm from Gawler in the Flinders Ranges.

Accommodation is in the Shearers quarters however Cottages and Camping is also available. Heaps of activities are available and to learn more – visit the station website. <https://www.bendlebyranges.com.au/>

Again, this is one where some members can fly – others can drive or fly back or have a fly to check out this very scenic area. Something to think about.

COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

ASC WEBSITE	https://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au	Information about the club for visitors and official for members.
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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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