



ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club 1st March, 2023.

A busy couple of months for our club with a very notable competition, run very professionally and also a Coaching/Learning week to develop cross country gliding for newer pilots.

A see you later time for regular visitor Ged Terry and a sad time with the memorial service for Rod Curtin. Arrangements are still being made to distribute his ashes over the field, along with Daisy Cussin's and Bob Foreman's. Latest plans are for a celebration at 1pm on Sunday 19th March, followed by a luncheon at 2 pm.

Karl Faeth

RISING STAR AWARD TO ZENON

Each year the SA Gliding Association (SAGA) conducts its Coaching Week, usually at Waikerie, with the intention to develop cross-country gliding skills for newer pilots. People from all over SA and the NT attend, and there is a **Rising Star** award for the most promising pilot on each course.

This year the Rising Star trophy was awarded to Zenon Bussenschutt of ASC –**CONGRATULATIONS**



THE MONDAY MOB

For a number of years now, Robin Richter has been running an extremely successful gliding operation every Monday at Gawler. For the attendees, non-attendees or anyone reading the ASC e-mails, he always gives a detailed account of the Monday proceedings, flying and afterwards.

For those who don't know – Robin is also responsible for maintaining suitable and adequate supplies in the bar. Just ask him about *SHIRAZ* and any lover of this important wine will walk away well satisfied with the options available.

On this occasion, mainly because Angela took a photo of the 'afters' attendees, I thought it would be a good idea to mention the event in E-News. No reason why this can't be a regular feature as long as some photos are available to illustrate the occasions. *Here is his account of Monday, 6th February.*

"Monday, a Goldilocks and the Three Bears type of day, not too hot, not too cold and the thermals, just right. All lived up to the predicted height and time, just not hot enough to achieve the release height available, at least no one broke the airspace vertically. On the last flights of the day, the dreaded sea breeze did arrive but only enough to make flying lower than 2,000ft very rough. Richard flew 12 aerotows in VH-PIT, thanks Richard, other than the aero tows we had one S/L, the Arcus, the Dimona flew a few sorties as did the private Falk. ZJN blitzed the field with a 3.5hr flight. A smattering of Jabiru's also had an outing. Club stats, ZDG 4 flights for over 2.5hrs, GPF 3 flights for exactly 2.5hrs, FC 1 flight for 77min and IUN 2 flights for 2hrs. got to keep the treasurer happy".



The above picture, the Mon Mob at the after flying social de-briefing, taken by Angela after some had left, Tom, Ray and Tess, just to name a few, and prior to the arrival of the maintenance crew. As usual, many subjects were spoken of, and many worldly problems solved. Unable to have a speech for Ged last week, (Michael was in Germany) could not contain himself and warmly welcomed the young ones present and did get a lovely response from the youngest one there. Michael you will have some competition in the future. A perfect ending to a near perfect day. Just an aside, thanks to Alan for keeping us informed re Horsham competition with a report and pictures.

Mollies thought for the day: "There is always one more imbecile than you counted upon." Rob R DOM

The Maintenance Crew were obviously hard at work making sure that aircraft were available to fly for club members, but I am sure they would have been there not long after. The fare dished up at the “afters” has become quite famous and is in copious quantities, as can be seen from the photo above.

A notable absentee was our visitor from the UK, Ged Terry. He got himself all spruced up on Saturday and walked around the club saying *Good Bye* and shaking hands. He was due to fly back with Qatar Airlines departing Adelaide at 2200 hours Saturday night. We wish him a good flight and look forward to seeing him again in December. (We have received an e-mail from him saying he arrived safely but not enjoying the cold conditions.)

SOLO PILOTS

We usually have a very good system of taking photos of newly solo pilots. They are sent to Phil Pullem who uses his extraordinary ability to make the subjects look presentable and the photo taker an expert. They are then printed and Peter Sachs then frames them and brings them into the briefing room, in the club, for collection.

The system broke down somewhere, but Peter brought some photos in on Saturday and I tried my best to produce a copy in E-News. So, here they are.



SPOT LANDING DAY 12/2/23

Thank you to Darrel McIntosh for being present and telling those of us that couldn't be there, what it was like, with words and pictures.

Sunday 12th of February 2023 saw the ASC LOG group host a spot landing competition for LSA pilots at the Adelaide Soaring Club.

The idea and spirit of the competition was to test one's self at managing their approach and landing, both powered and un-powered, including a friendly competition with a simulated engine failure.

There were two divisions, one for students and RPC holders and one for bragging rights amongst instructors. Dare I say much of the bragging has probably occurred in the instructor inner sanctum. The weather was a beautiful 25 degrees with partial cloud and a slight cross wind of 5-10 kts across Runway 23.

The target? The runway threshold marker. There were markers to designate two zones that pilots would score points. Land short or outside those zones and you would score zero points. Land hard or nose down and you would have points deducted. The winner was decided by the best overall score from both the powered and un-powered landing attempts.

The pressure was on and it showed with some landings a little harder than what our well trained pilots would normally do. There were prizes for first and second and they went to Marcin Nowina-Krowicki (who also won the name **Maverik**) and Richard Young (called **Goose**) respectively.

Ultimately all participants were winners as they all took away something from the day, whether it be more confidence or a chance to identify where more practice or instruction is required. Despite being a pilot myself I elected to selflessly designate (read chicken out) myself as unofficial event photographer. For me personally, I actually found it to be a valuable learning experience observing from close proximity on the ground. Having done all my training in a J170 and J230 and now being a J160 owner, I could really see and appreciate the difference in performance in ground effect between the J170 and other aircraft. Hundreds of photos were taken, but here are a select sample for you to enjoy looking at them as much as I enjoyed taking them!





Of course there were a number of experienced, knowledgeable pilots who were watching the competition from the side lines. Probably thinking, **not bad, I can probably do that, but I am comfortable just watching from here.**

For the competitors – being watched by fellow pilots – a bit more pressure?

As the Executive Officer of LOG, Geoff Wood says – We had a very successful spot landing day. There were 15 entrants with about 20 people present. It was one of those happy occasions where people both enjoyed themselves and also learned a lot. We all appreciated the opportunity to observe (a.k.a. pass judgement on) each others landings.

ALSO FROM LOG

Maintenance Training A member survey in 2022 revealed that a number of members would like the ASC offer some training in aircraft maintenance. Log has been working to further this issue, however there are of course rules and regulations as to who can present such training. We are waiting for RAAus to progress the matter,

April Flyaway

The next club flyaway has been arranged for 21-23 April. It is to **Broken Hill**.

This is a great place to visit. The distance is reasonable (a bit over 2 hours by Jabiru), the aerodrome is first-class, and there are lots of things to do (Flying Doctor Museum, mine-site visits, art galleries, astronomy, Mad Max museum...the list goes on.) All ASC club members are welcome whether flying a club-owned aircraft or a privately owned aircraft. All the ASC Jabirus have been reserved for to go on this expedition; contact Sue Ingham if you would like to be a part of it -

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Onwards and upwards...

Geoff Wood. Executive Officer, LOG

LSA MAINTENANCE

You will have noticed that Paul Clift has been very busy in the workshop, not only with LSA's but also gliders. Someone noticed a bit of oil dripping out of the bottom cowl of 8538. Paul deemed an oil leak, possibly from the head bolts. As it turned out, the engine is on approval from Jabiru (as it has done over 1,000 hours) in any case and due to be replaced. Later in the day, we were just packing up, when a delivery truck rocked up to the workshop to deliver the brand new engine Paul had previously ordered. WOW all going according to plan.

The new engine has now been fitted and it is performing well. As it is new, please don't fly it too far away – stay in near vicinity of Gawler while it is run in. In case a bit of oil is required – there are two bottles on the oil cart in the hangar. They are, of course, suitably marked for the relevant aircraft.

I checked them out this morning. A couple of things needed fixing – a reminder of the importance of pre-flight checks. Don't just glance at screws for instance – actually check to make sure they are really tight – not just hanging by a couple of threads.

Checked out 7385 – someone had flown it on Monday and had left the **MASTER ON**. So the battery was obviously flat and had to be re-charged. Luckily it wasn't needed this morning.

VISITOR TO GAWLER



I was flying TIF's the other day when Jenny called out "Karl, your next TIF is here"

I walked into the office and was a bit taken back when Jenny introduced us. Word quickly spread around the club and the boys on the veranda made sure that it was pointed out to me that this would be a test for me by a more experienced pilot.

Introducing Yang Che to the aircraft and putting her in the cockpit, it was obvious to me that she had no air experience at all. But she was very keen

to learn about the instruments and controls and really enjoyed her time up in the air. Turns out that Yang Che has been in Australia about 13 years, is a very experienced Nurse and conducts Nursing Training. She has two girls and has always wanted to fly an aircraft. So her husband bought her the flight as a birthday present and, as it is important to present oneself appropriately, also bought her the black slacks, white shirt and aeronautical badge, to help her look the part. **100% success!!**

WATER BOMBERS AT GAWLER

It was VERY hot the other day. No gliding activity and an early morning LSA flight. General thinking was – what a good day for a fire. Well, lo and behold, Jenny came out and asked “Anyone Flying? The water bombers are coming”. It turned out that there was a fire at Kangaroo Flat and also further afield – so Gawler was the perfect re-filling station for fire quenching water. The wind was from the north so 31 was the ideal runway for the 6 water bombers that came in. As it turned out – it didn’t take them long to reduce the danger. I must say – it was a very well run operation.



Another one about to land and a busy scene at the 31 end.





Ground crew hard at work. Re-filling with available GEL and also FOAM. Pilots also took the opportunity to take on some cool water to re-hydrate the body.

AIRSPACE AND BOUNDARIES

ASC Pilots have always been aware of the importance of staying clear of our airspace boundaries. However, recently a couple of things happened that have brought boundaries into greater focus.

One is that David Bradshaw has taken on the role of “Airspace Officer” and updated ‘FLARMS’ have been fitted to LSA. When David downloads relevant info from the flarms, the exact position of a club aircraft in relation to a boundary or height limitation, is made very clear.

This has resulted in a number of incident reports being submitted and consequently RAAus have become aware and have queried the sudden increase in breaches. Our LSA CFI, Sue Ingham, gave them a very clear explanation of current events to put their minds at ease.

However, breaches of airspace/boundaries, are of course not acceptable and if not curtailed can lead to us losing airspace as we are always flying in Restricted Air-Space. As a result, Sue has mandated that all LSA pilots at the ASC MUST attend a briefing on airspace. A briefing attendance will be noted in the pilot logbook and Instructors have been asked to check these at BFR times.

These workshops will be run at regular intervals and the dates will be promulgated. They are run by Paul Marshall, gliding CFI, who works in the air space field. *See below.*

Airspace Workshop.

I am holding regular Airspace workshops to help members understand the airspace at Gawler.

The next workshops will be on Sunday 26th Feb 2023 at 9:30am, or Monday 13th March 2023 at 12 noon. Note Monday 13th March is Adelaide Cup public holiday!

Either of these workshops are great places to come and ask questions. From previous experience the workshop should last about 40min.

Please email (Gliding-CFI@AdelaideSoaring.org.au) if you are interested in attending.

If you can't make this workshop, there will be future workshops date and time yet to be determined. Please email me if you have any suggestions on when would be the best time for these workshops.

Future workshops will be advertised via Communications-ASC.

Regards

Paul Marshall

Adelaide Soaring Club - Gliding CFI

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AERO – SCENE

Jeff Schuster has, of course, been conducting his regular meetings at the 'Grand Hotel' Junction Road, every 2nd Tuesday in the month. Last meeting was 14th February and he had 12 attendees and an enjoyable night.

Events noted are –

Booloroo Steam & Traction Rally. Sunday 26th March. 1000 at Booloroo airfield, a short walk to the event. Tickets are \$15 available from eventbrite.com

Barossa Airshow. At Rowland Flat Sunday 16th April.

ASC Fly Away to Broken Hill 21st April to 23rd April.

Avalon Airshow 3rd to 5th March. This promises to be a great show. A preview of the program highlights the South Korean Air Force Aerobatic Team and on Saturday there is a flypast of two B-52 bombers. Some members are flying in to represent RAAus and have been given their briefing by Sue Ingham and Karl Faeth who has done this trip a couple of times. Bradley and Richard from Gawler and Mick Hender from Truro are on their way on Thursday. Safe flying – should be a great experience as only the main runway at Avalon will be used.

OPS SCENE

A reminder for glider pilots from Paul Marshall CFI Gliding.

Tow out gear – morning inspection.

When you get the aircraft ready in the morning, can you please check the tow out gear. Give the gear a quick daily inspection, is it in good condition? Is it safe to use? If not, please remove it from service and let our maintenance team know it needs repairing.

This of course important as there may well be a rush to get in the air and suddenly it is found that the tow out gear needs to be repaired. Pre-flight inspection is so very important in all types of aviation.

COMMITTEE NEWS

From Ali Swart

New Members to the Adelaide Soaring Club.

Daniel FORBES, Peter ELLERY, Matthew JOHNS, Pamela BROWN, Andrew McSEVENEY, Michael HOEFER, Patrick MAKEHAM, Anthony HILL, Robert BASEWOW, Katherine McBRIDE, Austin ARNOLD, Haali GOODSSELL, Branson DARCH, Dylon BOSCH, Jai CARSON. Plus of course our long-time friend Ged TERRY who enjoyed his annual visit and is now back in the land of cold.

PAUL GALLAWAY – DOWNWIND DEPARTURE

Good afternoon Members,

Today was my last flight with ASC as I will be departing downwind at ground level to return home to Newcastle as I discharge from the Air Force.

Thank you to the fantastic committee for the facilities and functions you provide. Its one of the best run clubs I've ever been involved with.

Thank you to the office staff whose input should never be underestimated. Thanks for the minties. Top shelf.

Thank you to the maintenance staff who kept me safely in the air with zero problems.

Thank you so much to Sue and your team of instructors that helped me on my journey from my first lesson with Colin, to my certificate flight with you Sue. I flew at least once with all of our instructors and was always impressed with your professionalism. I hope to drop by again one day and until then tail winds and blue skies for you all. **PAUL**

Editor. I flew with Paul and also shared some interesting viewpoints with him during our time in the RAAF in relation to aircraft maintenance. What a great guy. A conscientious pilot who took pride in his pre-flight inspections. He was an excellent ASC Member and hopefully will stay one.



Paul Gallaway. Happy retirement Paul. Hope we see you regularly.

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ASC WEBSITE	https://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au	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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