



ASC e-News

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

It has been a sad month with the passing of Bob Foreman and Noel Roediger. Both have, of course, made great contributions to our club with Bob Foreman awarded Life Membership in 1982. Sue Ingham organised a fly-past for Daisy Cussans' ashes on Saturday 25th March. Daisy was made a Life Member in 1977.

On Sunday 19th March was of course the ashes fly-past for Rod Curtin. This was well organised by Chantal Didenko with the memorial service nicely catered for and run by Megan Gabell with club helpers.

A sad month but they will be remembered.

Karl Faeth

CERTIFICATE PILOTS

As always, pilots work hard and try to get the highest achievements for their efforts. And when they do, they get proper recognition from club members and their friends.



On the left is Cromwell IRVING. He is being congratulated on achieving his Pilot Certificate by CFI Sue Ingham. A really nice fellow to have around the club and a safe conscientious pilot.

On the right is Michael HOEFER. Michael was introduced to the club by Alan Irving and proved to be a good pilot. He is well learned and told me he had to be back in Germany by the end of March to start an engineering position. So his ambition was to have his Pilot Certificate before he left. He studied hard, did his exams and with some help from Instructors was able to successfully complete his final test with CFI Sue Ingham. He was very grateful and the next day appeared in the briefing room (pictured) with a selection of gifts for the instructors. In fact they were a selection of chocolates from a popular ALDI store and my wife told me that she really enjoyed the packet seen poking out of the basket. He is such a nice bloke and let's hope he comes back to see us at some time.

LSA & GLIDER MAINTENANCE

Everyone knows the amount of work put in by Paul CLIFT over the years to keep up with the very important Maintenance Requirements to keep our aircraft flying. With the sad passing of Mick Wright, Paul, who had been busy with the glider operation, now was also going to cope with the LSA side and BOY has he made a great job of it. At long last, however, a decision has been made, people have volunteered and it has been agreed that Paul will continue to concentrate on glider maintenance and Robert Young is joining the maintenance team to look after LSA's. This is an advance notice to keep you in the loop until a firmer announcement is made to make everyone aware how the system will work.

Just a note from LSA CFI Sue Ingham

All LSA pilots – if you see LSA maintenance issues and also programmed maintenance coming due – please let me know so I can ensure it is taken care of. Jabiru7314@gmail.com

AEROSCENE

Everyone should be aware by now of the excellent group run by Jeff Schuster and started off by Gary Williams that meets every 2nd Tuesday at the GRAND NORTH HOTEL Northfield. They have nice meals, excellent conversations (aviation is mentioned) and they also plan some trips to places that don't hit the headlines much.

A recent one attended by Jeff and Tafi, in their two aircraft was to the DIESEL & DIRT event, held at Keith. This day had a programme of about 34 events including SUPERBOATS on the water, header demolishing derby, fireworks and a JET flyover. There was of course a local runway and some transport. Sounds like an event many would have attended.





A huge line-up of participants



The obligatory aero displays.

THE AVALON AIRSHOW

The Avalon Air-show was ON again this year after the enforced Covid shut down. I have flown in in previous years but age is creeping up and I thought a conducted trip would be the go. I finally found a group (in New Zealand mind you), so I was organised.

A couple from Gawler wanted to fly in, so procedure required an official briefing for a sign off. This was done and they were OK to go. Or they thought. Apparently on the morning there were engine problem in one aircraft and Bradley made the correct decision to leave it at home. Richard then offered to take Bradley and as they taxied out at Gawler, a wheel broke off. Very lucky it was at taxi speed. Both aviators then decided to drive. They did and enjoyed a very great air-show.



Being in an organised tour meant we visited a couple of museums on the way. One was the great B-24 Restoration project at Werribee. A great place to visit. Senior people doing a great job BUT need more help as their numbers diminish with age. We were supposed to visit Point Cook (good memories) but the museum was closed for renovation which was not great timing for air-show attendees.



The show was very well attended with max 80,000 every day. Transport/parking could have been better and on the way home the M1 had 4 lanes going each way and the traffic was stopped. However everyone got home in the end. Highlight for most was the awesome aerobatic display by the South Korean Air Force flying F16's. This was beautifully done with immaculate position keeping and execution. Ladies loved their display of a large heart with an arrow through it.

Our Air Force was well represented with the Roulettes display, F-35 giving an ear numbing fly-by and the USA F-22 Raptor giving a typical well commentated solo display.



The Air-Show was advertised as an International event and that it certainly was. Speaking with other people, including a couple from the UK who had been to every air-show in the world and took excellent photos, (huge

lenses) all agreed that the highlight was the display by the South Korean Team. The Japanese also took part in the event and above is a view of the USA and German aircraft open for inspection by the public.



Anyone who has attended AVALON will no doubt have been enthused by the NIGHT Display. These are full of fireworks, lots of noise and also quiet beauty. Pyrotechnics are simply fabulous. Some of the display is shown by the JET GLIDER. This is done to music in the night sky. Beautiful sight to watch.

Apart from the flying displays there is also the Commercial side of the show which occurs between Monday and Friday. We arrived early on Sunday so I thought it was an ideal time to visit the huge commercial tents. One display I came across was the team from Martin-Baker ejection seats. Great people and very willing to discuss their products. In passing I mentioned the ejection seats in the Vampire, where, before flight, we had to put straps on our calves to ensure legs were pulled in when the seat was activated.

This resulted in a detailed account of how the seats had improved over the years and how their testing was so intensive and on-going. Over 1,000 lives have been saved all over the world but the team let slip that seat costs were now in the vicinity of \$1m. As a parting gift I was given an official MB key ring (above). Happy.!!

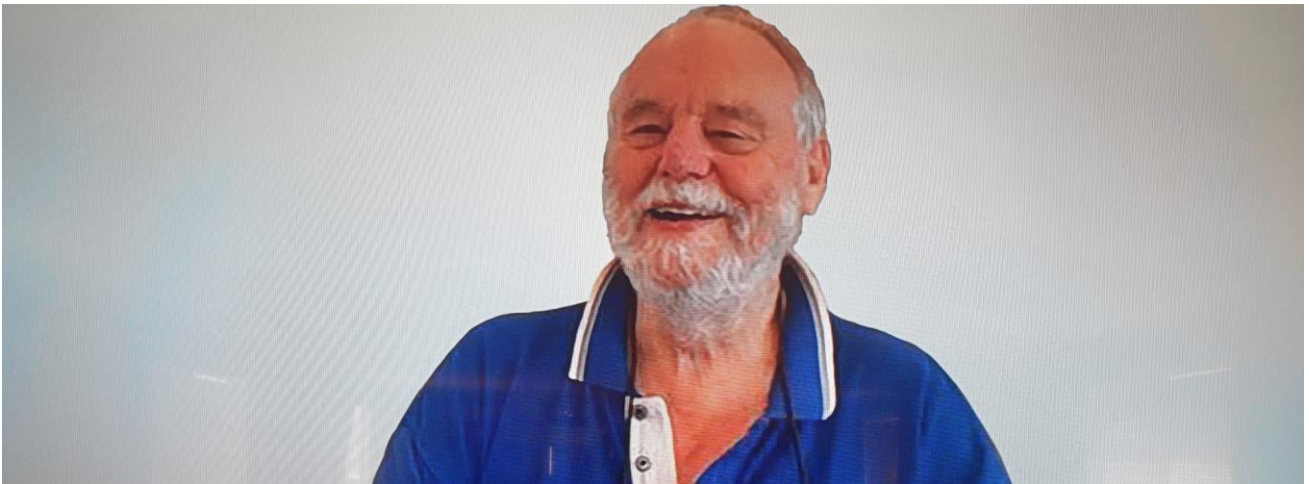
AIRSPACE AND BOUNDARIES

As mentioned in the last E-News, Airspace and Boundaries are vital for the future wellbeing of the Adelaide Soaring Club. Paul Marshall has done some excellent presentations on the subject and a couple of dates were mentioned last month.

The March date was Monday 13th which happened to be a Public Holiday. I managed to get that Monday off and attended Paul's lecture. I was very amazed at the number of members that took the part of the PH off to attend. It was a great sight to behold to see that members recognise the importance of boundaries and the need to obey them. Well done everyone that was able to attend.

ROD CURTIN SERVICE

On Sunday 19th March was the service at the ASC to finally say farewell to Rod Curtin. There was a respectful session where people who knew him, were able to say a few words in memory. Nicely organised by Megan



Gabell. There was also a flypast choreographed and led by Chantal Didenko. This was obviously really appreciated by the veranda group.



Raelene and Jeff Telfer from Pilgrim Church giving some anecdotes about Rod.

Matthew Bond, Member and also a Reverend from the Pilgrim Church made suitable comments, as did our Peter Heuzenroeder.

Rob Moore also made some very appropriate comments about Rod and our club.

Trish Arelle and Derek Brice, great friends of Rod made some comments and were very impressed by the function put on by the ASC.



Looking up at the display put on by our club. All look like they have enjoyed the wonderful meal put on by Megan and her group

BINS IN LSA HANGAR



You would think that Pilots are switched on and really observant wouldn't you. Above is a photo I took the other day before I emptied the bins. The big green one and the one on the right are obviously rubbish bins and should be used as such. The green on the left is one we keep our RAGS in. Maintenance at times does get a bit oily and greasy so rags are really important. I keep that bin under the table BUT some people still seem to find it and use it for rubbish. *Please don't. USE THE RUBBISH BINS FOR RUBBISH.*

STATE GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

From Geoff Wood

Another day, another award...

The State Gliding Championships were held this year at Stonefield over two weekends in March. Unusually, there was a tie for winner with **Sid Nankivell** (WGC) and **Leigh Stokes** (AUGC) taking this out and jointly winning the Tim and Sue Laidler Trophy.

Also awarded at the State Gliding Championships is the Roger Bond Memorial Trophy. This goes to a pilot new to competitive gliding who displays "Greatest Determination and Merit" during the contest. This went to ASC's **Zenon Bussenschutt** and comes close on the heels of his win at Coaching Week in January. Well done Zenon!

Zenon's trophies are on display in the glass-fronted cabinet outside the ASC office.

Gliding – Integrated Training Program (ITP)

As some of you may be aware, “Gliding Australia” have been rolling out a new training syllabus called the “Integrated Training Program” (ITP). At the start of the year all the instructors underwent some additional training to help them teach the ITP syllabus.

The ITP goals are as follows.

- More supporting materials for trainers and pilots
- Standardise training
- Modernise training
- Consolidate all training information in one place
- Give students more responsibility/involvement for their learning progress
- Easier for trainers

The core skills taught in the new syllabus are the same as we have been using for some time. The syllabus has been updated to help students progress to gaining their Glider Pilot Certificate (GPC)

Take a look at the [new pilot guides for GPC units 1 to 26](#) and [pilot guides for GPC units 27 to 44](#)

New student’s will find their training progress is recorded in the new Log-books. For those already training we will still use the “Glider Pilot Training Record” books to record your progress.

If you have any questions about the new training program or want help working towards your Glider Pilot Certificate, please have a word to any of our gliding instructors, I am sure they will be happy to help you.

As always, stay safe and enjoy your flying.

Paul Marshall

ASC Gliding CFI

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For members to post items relating to club matters. Members can opt out.

FACEBOOK
ASC E-NEWS
COMMITTEE

The ASC has a Facebook page and a club Facebook group.
Information about club and member activities. Usually monthly.
Meets monthly. Minutes are posted on Notice Boards.

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