



# ASC e-News

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

Welcome to winter. But, as we know, there are still some beautiful days to enjoy aviation. We had our first LSA Air Trial and there were enthusiastic supporters. For some, it was the first look at aviation away from Gawler, for others it was a more in depth look at a familiar area – “Gee I didn’t know that was there”.

Thank you to Marc Michell for flying and designing the trial, for Sue and Geoff Wood for running the day and looking after lunch and Becky for his cooking expertise. A great day.

Karl Faeth

## LSA AIR TRIAL



Top two photos show pilots duty-fully studying the task sheet and maps with Graham Beck getting a bit of advice from Paul Clift. Then Becky is summonsed to show his expertise in sizzling the lunch sausages. The last is Andrew Wright, doing what he does best – flying the Dimona with Mike Hentschke on the first trial for the day.

As Geoff Wood says:

**The Adelaide Soaring Club Air Trial** was conducted on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> May and it was a great success. Twenty six members took part flying Jabirus, the Super Dimona motor glider or their own private aircraft. Hard working Instructors Sue Ingham, Kael Faeth and Colin Drew guided newer Jabiru pilots, Andrew Wright did the course three times with various pilots in the Dimona while Scott Crew distinguished himself by doing the course first in his own Corby Starlet and then helping others in Jabirus.

Four more people were due to fly but the weather turned threatening towards the end of the day and at 3 pm it was decided to call a halt to proceedings.

The event took the form of what I heard someone describe as “orienteering in the sky”. Participants were given a briefing and a task sheet which required them to fly to various places and identify features or answer questions related to the flight. There were also questions on procedural matters to answer.

As can be seen by the photos – there was much poring over maps and VFR guides and NAIPS came in handy for Restricted Area information.

All sheets were scored after the flights concluded. Results of these were variable as you would expect. Some “opportunities for improvement” were identified in the understanding by some pilots of procedural matters and our training system will be adjusted accordingly.

The organisers Also learned a lot – next time we can do even better.

In the end, the results were very close. The winners were **Chad Mauger and Marcin Nowina-Krowick**, closely followed by **Peter Luhrs and David Lindner**.

An almost perfect score was achieved by **Leigh Stokes** who flew the course late in the day.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to those who made it possible, particularly **Marc Michell** for setting out the questions and piloting his Mooney over the course on a test run, to **Graham Beck** who sixxled sausages for us at short notice and **Susan Wood** who arranged and served the lunch.

**LOG** is planning a series over the coming year to promote enjoyment in our flying, You can look forward to information about future events shortly.

Regards

Geoff Wood. Executive Officer, LOG.

## ASC COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to Ali.

- Tom Leech is designing a new cash-less pay system for the bar. No money is no excuse.
- The Committee has identified some priorities for the airfield – resurfacing taxiways between the hangars, filling holes in taxiways and runways.
- Multiple *Airspace Breaches* have occurred. Pilots to re-familiarise themselves of boundaries. There is also serious consideration to change circuit direction on 31 and 13.
- Welcome to new members – Jay HUNTER, Todd SLOAN, Nicholas WARNEST, Ronald GODFREY, Mark GARRAD, Leanne MIRANDA, Oliver WOOD and Matthew WOOD.

## NEW BAR PAYMENT SYSTEM

As mentioned in The Committee News, Tom has designed a cashless pay system for the bar. Tom pondered on the best system to educate our Members – technology wise or not – and came up with a video to show how it works. Well, we know that everyone always reads *INSTRUCTIONS* don't they?.

In any case - Please look it up and make yourself familiar with the system.

<https://youtu.be/UUR2FhshFio>

If you run into problems – let Tom or the Office Staff know.

## THE GAWLER TRANSIT LOUNGE

Coming out to Gawler the other day – WOW we have a visitor. Parked on the lawn in front of the veranda was a Pilatus turbo prop passenger aircraft. Great to see. It was there a few days and I thought – “Ahh obviously some people enjoying ‘The Barossa’.”

Then, on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, a Pilot arrived to do a thorough D.I. At about 0830 a bus arrived from ‘Air Adventures’ and a number of tourists got out and headed for our veranda. As there was a strong cold wind, they continued on into the kitchen and dining room, for a bit of comfort. After a bit of to-ing and fro-ing, it was apparent that they were on an ‘Air Adventure’ tour, had been up in the Flinders at the Prairie Hotel, spent a few days in the Barossa before heading down to Mt. Gambier for a tour to the Wynns winery. Some were also anxious for the Kangaroo Island Resort to be re-built so they could enjoy its world-renowned 6 Star facilities.

Chatting to the tourists (mostly ladies) they were very complimentary about our facilities. Here they were, just waiting for their flight to board, enjoying our lovely lounge chairs, looking out of the windows overlooking their aircraft and the runway behind it and just being comfortable.

I felt really proud to be a club member and having these facilities available. I did say a quiet ‘**Thank You**’ to Megan for her design, work and leadership and the volunteers for their work.

A short time later the aircraft was ready and the tourists boarded. Then came the stirring sound of the jet engine starting, the long forgotten smell of kerosine and the powerful sound of the turbo-prop as it departed down 31.



**What a lovely Transit Lounge.**

## THE GREAT MARALINGA EXPERIENCE

For while now, Chris Penfold has been thinking about a trip to visit the old **ATOMIC BOMB SITE** at Maralinga, north of Ceduna. A few members were interested and Colin Drew particularly so. Enquiries were made and it seems that this trip can be made by air and the site is promoted as a Tourist Attraction. It is of course closely controlled, identities checked and a Covid RAT test is mandatory.

After a last minute cancellation due to Covid, the date was finally set and firm plans could be made. Final tourists would be Jeff Schuster in his J160 with Ross Holzapfel and Chris Penfold in the J230 with Colin Drew. The departure date was Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May. I was out there that morning and conditions were a bit marginal BUT looking North they looked a lot better.

Itinerary was to fly to Maralinga where they would be picked up by the tour and taken to their accommodation. As Jeff says – the route was Gawler – Wudinna – Ceduna – Maralinga, a flight time of 6.5 hours. Tuesday was the sight-seeing day and the return flight was on Wednesday.

The testing took place in the late 1950's and according to Jeff, there were 7 atmospheric nuclear blasts and a further 250 dirty bombs were tested. There has obviously been a thorough and extensive clean-up operation over the years, however tourism and entry into the site is still tightly controlled. Permissions is required to fly in to the 2km long runway and arrivals are picked up by the operators.



2 km long runway. No probs landing long.



Cruising at 8,500 ft. Good view from up here.

Camera and other instrument boxes left after the blasts



Welcome at the Maralinga airport





Chris and Colin at the plinth noting an atomic test on 9/10/57.



A sample of the sand/earth fused by the atomic heat.

A local dog – obviously of the dingo variety



The picture says it all

#### A BIRD IN "Hand" ?

This is the first time this has ever happened to me in my 49 odd years at Gawler. I was sitting in the Jabiru with Todd Sloan and discussing pre-flight checks and starting procedure, when a little bird landed on the top part of the propellor and just sat there and had a good look at us. It was there for so long I had time to get my phone out and take a piccie..

Now, as usual , when I showed it to Phil, the professional comment was – the sun is in the wrong direction etc etc, **BUT send it to me and I'll fix it**. So, with Phil's expertise here is the photo.

**YES** - the bird flew off before the engine was started.



## SOARING GRAND PRIX

### Message from Mandy Temple.

The Soaring Grand Prix will be held at Gawler in January Next year.

There will be numerous pilots visiting and also taking part in this event and they will be looking for accommodation. I ran the 2001 event and I know how I was blown away with the interest shown from all over the world. A lot of work is involved in sourcing and then arranging and managing accommodation.

The request is **If there is anyone who can assist with accommodation for this event, please let the ASC know so that Mandy can be informed.**

## OUR LATEST 'LAKE ROSSI'

Some members will remember back some time ago when the Northern Expressway wound its way around the Gawler Airfield. We lost a bit of 2 runways and there were some problems with accumulating water near the hangars. I was out there on Monday to do a bit of work and the wind was blowing and rain was belting down. In front of the workshop and hangars was this beautiful lake. It even had a little island in the middle.



## COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

### ASC WEBSITE

<https://www.adelaidesoaring.org.au>

Information about the club for visitors and official for members.

### ASC OFFICE

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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.

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For contacting the official aircraft maintainer.

**ASC MEMBERS**

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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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