

ASC e-News



Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club 1st March, 2021

On the 6th January I was in the right place and time to go on a glider retrieve. Great opportunity and I was going to write about it last month but I had great content and saved it till this month. Certainly brought back some memories from the past. Great to see another club member do well in the RAAF (see below).

Karl Faeth

THE GREAT RETRIEVE

On Wednesday 6th January it was late afternoon after a nice days flying in the Jabiru. I was contemplating another coffee or not when Angela came down from the office to announce that Ian Philp had out-landed near Wasleys. Glider pilots and Brian Walsh, the tuggie, had left so it wasn't an aero-tow. Geoff Wood was still about so we got together as a retrieve crew.

I found Ian's car at 23 and brought it back to the glider trailer park. First decision was to find the right trailer, then how to undo the park brake on the trailer. Geoff and I scratched our heads and Andrew Wright had some advice but Geoff used his strength, the brake released and off we went.

Geoff had the address and the car's GPS accepted it and a lovely voice told us where to go. We passed Wasleys, then Hamley Bridge, took a couple of dirt roads and pulled up at a farm. Ian was happy to see us, got in the car and said, "it is just over there". It certainly was lovely country, rolling paddocks with a bit of stubble, through a creek bed and over some rises. Every time we came to a rise, I expected to see the glider and then we finally did. A lovely sight – a white glider in a golden field of stubble, which had landed perfectly in line with the crop lines.

The trailer was opened and lined up in front of IUN, the tailplane and canopy off. Aircraft level, pin out, port and then starboard wing neatly installed in the trailer. Then canopy back on and fuselage down the centre and tied down. Very nicely done. The trailers are great, they do make the job much easier. Then back home. Thank you Ian and Geoff for the experience.

I did reflect on the old days, flying from Stonefield and doing retrieves near Wanby where we retrieved the sailplane but couldn't find the pilot who had found a way to get home so he could get to work on Monday. Lots of little farms around – but all deserted. Or out-landing at Clare in a Libelle with leaking water ballast and spending the night in air conditioned comfort at the Clare Police Station. Pam rang the club to see where I was but the opinion from the bar was that "he has probably out-landed. He'll be alright – not much we can do tonight". No i-phones in those days.





Isn't it great to be telling people about your favorite past time.

Here we have club member Peter Twinn

wearing his passion on his "sleeve".

According to the very neat illustrations and print work, what he does is

**FLY A GLIDER
WATCH GLIDING VIDEOS
DO RESEARCH ON GLIDING
TALK ABOUT GLIDING
THINK ABOUT GLIDING
DREAM ABOUT GLIDING**

HIGH FLYING CLUB MEMBER



John Whittington our recent Gliding CFI is a very proud Grandfather. His Grandson, Cooper Jackson went solo at RAAF East Sale on 27th January in the PC 21.

Cooper commenced flying with the AAFC in the Motor Falke at 15 years of age and progressed to Glider Pilot Certificate and Air Experience Instructor. His journey was facilitated by a number of gliding instructors including Rob Moore, Reg Moore, Peter Phillips (who sent him solo because Granddad wasn't game), Richard Skinner, Richard Geytenbeek, Steve Pegler and Granddad. Cooper was also the recipient of two ASC scholarships and John Whittington is very grateful to the anonymous sponsors who made that possible.

Cooper has another 6 weeks at East Sale before moving to Pearce in WA for the next stage in training. Cooper is one of many members who joined the RAAF after learning to fly at Gawler.

DOWN TIME



8am Sat 6th February.

Not every day at Gawler is suitable for aviation. Here we have rain with low cloud sitting on the ground. Great opportunity to have a coffee and discuss aviation.

LATEST COVID-19 NEWS

It is still with us. However, Australians are probably the least (in and affected in the world. Let us all keep it that way. Use your COVID-SAFE Check-in when attending the ASC.

FLINDERS CAMP 2021

Those who are planning for and looking forward to attending this great sojourn, please make sure you are on the list. Due to incredible accommodation demand, the dates are a bit earlier this year. Please note:

DATES ARE 24TH JULY to 1-3 AUGUST, 2021.

THANK YOU DAY

There will be a different event at Gawler on Saturday, 27th March. At the suggestion of Tom Leech the Committee agreed to hold a very special **THANK YOU DAY** to recognise all our volunteers and the continual hard work they put in to make our club the largest and most successful flying club in Australia. ***We are all entitled to pat ourselves on the back!!!***

Our awards officer, Geoff Wood will not be able to make it on the day so he took the opportunity a couple of days ago to make a special presentation to one of our LSA Instructors, Chantal Didenko.

Our newer members may not be aware, but we had a great club 75th dinner at the Adelaide Aviation Museum to celebrate the occasion. Chantal put her hand up to organise it and what a fantastic evening it turned out to be. The effort Chantal put in was absolutely incredible.



GLIDING SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT.



Adelaide Soaring Club Gliding Scholarship Program – Future Support

Introduction

- ASC members will be aware that a Gliding Scholarship Program has been in operation at the club for several years.
- Some 20 plus members have so far benefitted from this program, assisting them to gain solo status and / or supporting them to further their recreational aviation skills and knowledge.
- In a significant number of cases, their gliding experiences have provided them with a foundation to progress careers in the Commercial or Defence Forces aviation industries.
- In the past, the ASC has been fortunate where generous members have made contributions to the Gliding Scholarship Program, some very significant.

Moving Forward

- The ASC now invites members, past and present, friends and associated businesses to consider ongoing support for the ASC Gliding Scholarship Program.
- Documentation relating to the objectives and management of the ASC Gliding Scholarship Program can be obtained from the Chair of the Scholarship Management Group, **Peter Sadler**,: **0435936950**, email: **peter.sadler50@gmail.com**.

Options

1. Donations

- Intending sponsors of this program may nominate any amount of financial support. No donation is too small.
- Donations may be made:
 - **Tax deductible donations** via the Australian Sports Foundation, nominating the ASC as the beneficiary can be made online at <https://ASF.org.au/projects/adelaide-soaring-club/ASC-gliding-scholarship-program/> and click on the DONATE tab.
 - Donations made through the Australian Sports Foundation attract income tax deductibility status for the donor.
 - **Non tax deductible**, one off donations can be made directly to the club or members may wish to organize periodic payment (monthly etc.) via a Direct Debit. Contact the ASC office by phone on 08 8552 21877 or by email at office@adelaidesoaring.org.au to organize a donation process of your choice.
- All donations received will be pooled and then managed through the ASC Gliding Scholarship Management Group in conjunction with the ASC Committee.

2. Wills / Estates

- As is common with many organisations, particularly, Not-for-Profit ones, individuals may wish to include nominated amounts within their estate documentation to support the ASC Gliding scholarship program. This can be done in conjunction with the ASC Office.

Recognition

- Recognition of any support given will be negotiated with individuals to suit their wishes.
- In the past, some benefactors have requested no public recognition of their support, other than via private and confidential communications from the Club Committee, along with periodic reports in relation to the progress and outcomes of the Gliding Scholarship Program.
- Periodic reports relating to the Gliding Scholarship Program will be forwarded to both individual sponsors as requested and via the range of the Club's communication and marketing channels.
- The Club plans to recognise sponsors' support in the form a "Sponsorship Board" to be established in the ASC Clubrooms. Naturally, where sponsors have requested anonymity, their wishes will be respected.
- Sponsors may receive invitations to specific club events that are associated with the Gliding Scholarship Program.

Questions

- For further information or questions please contact the Chair of ASC Gliding Scholarship Management Group, Peter Sadler, by phone on 0435 936 950 or by email at peter.sadler50@gmail.com.

Thanking you for your consideration of this opportunity, with the knowledge that "giving" can really help someone achieve their goals, and it does feel good to give.

GLIDING EVENTS

Frank Johann is organising two of our very popular events for glider pilots.

Dual Aerotow Sunday 28/3/2021

Aerobatics Sunday 23/5/2021

Start Time - 9.00am sharp. Ground training will be involved with both courses before flying and anyone can attend this..

Flight training for Ratings:

- Recommended Experience / Competencies:
 - Good flying currency - really being on top of the aircraft
 - Proficient at boxing the tug slipstream on tow.
 - Proficient in high tow specifically for dual aerotow.
 - Standard ASC Post Solo flying syllabus being completed & ideally Discus rated.
- These will help to ensure you can get the best outcomes if you are seeing rating, as this is advanced flying.

Please keep these dates free for the respective courses if you would like to attend.

Any queries please contact me directly fjohann@internode.on.net

BAROSSA AIRSHOW – 11/4/21

YESafter a few years Lay-Off – this great community event is back. **AND** The ASC will be there again. Our input will be a static display with photos and a glider and a Jabiru for the public to have a close look at. **AND**

There will be another excellent glider aerobatics display and sport aircraft handling by Instructors. A lively descriptive and informative commentary will be supplied by our Tom Leech. The event will be hosted by the Barossa Valley Rotary Club. More information at barossaairshow.com

PROUD SOLO PILOT



Well done Ron DAY

After a long career in the RAAF, maintaining aircraft, Ron decided that flying them should be a natural extension of his expertise.

THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER



That is what Phil Pullem said to Sib Bukhari after Sib passed his final navigation flight with Ian McDonald and finished his exam with Phil. Sib is basing himself at Strathalbyn but promises to be a regular visitor at Gawler.

[Below](#) Mauvy Mangat happy after enjoying his first solo flight.



ANTARCTICA BY AIR.



I decided to take the 'plunge' to visit Antarctica by air. A very pleasant, interesting flight of 12 hours, seeing sights that one cannot possibly imagine. Absolutely amazing experience. Even got a hug from a pelican. Here is Mt. Erebus, site of the terrible Air New Zealand tragedy a few years ago. We were very lucky – no wind or cloud – just beautiful sunshine at -20 degrees.

LATE NEWS



For info. The Committee has agreed for all Jabs to use Mogas. We have been using drums but changes are underway with a new Mogas installation being erected. Here is the first step – a new concrete base for the installation today.

On the right is our Roko. All the work at Aero Services is complete and the aircraft is due back at Gawler very shortly. It has been re-registered as **Experimental**. Still normal use but no Stalls and Spins. Some people are very happy about that bit.

A NEW GFC

No, this is not a financial prediction.



It's about the club's new-to-us glider, the LS8 VH-GFC, seen here on its recent test flight on Queensland.

It's now arrived at Gawler! The LS8 is a modern single-seat 18 m unflapped glider. It was purchased in the latter part of 2020 to replace the Discus we sold. It has excellent performance and a cockpit which

it is hoped will be more comfortable for those who do not fit easily into a Discus. The standards for conversion to the LS8 have been decided – see an instructor if you're interested.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

Also new to the ASC is the first motor glider to be owned by the club for many years. It is a Super Dimona, purchased from the Scout group which had been operating it at Blanchetown. It has been out of the air for some time and requires an overhaul, and Paul Clift has that in hand. Hopefully it will take to the air again in a couple of months and when it does, it will add a whole new range of flying possibilities for club members to enjoy.

COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

ASC WEBSITE

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

Information about the club for visitors and official information for members.

ASC OFFICE

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communications@adelaidesoaring.org.au

For official information within the club and 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 ASC 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 also a club Facebook Group.

ASC E-News

To convey information about club activities. Usually presented monthly.

COMMITTEE

The Committee meets monthly and meeting minutes are posted on Notice Boards.

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