



ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club **1st March, 2022**

Even though some events were washed out, plans are afoot for new trips away. Weather is changeable as always **but** there are and were great days for aviation. (See photo below).

The working bees were humming and the appearance of our club rooms is ever changing (for the better of course). The downside is that Covid is still with us. Phil Pullem's inside story is compelling.

Karl Faeth

LOVELY GLIDING DAY AT GAWLER – 23rd February.



The view out of the Window. What a great day it was. Beautiful conditions for soaring, training and XC. The photo is of GER returning from a training flight in which we explored the area around Stockwell. We had to continually pull out of strong thermals in this area to keep below the 8,500 step.

Cheers Ian Philp.



What a great line-up of ASC Members, happy to lend a hand and help Megan and Rod to bring the club up to the high standard, according to Megan. we can and should aspire to.



Neil and Jeff in their working attire.



Bridgette loves her orange paint, and note, there is none on her nice yellow top.



The workers must be fed. Scott is busy determining which end of the chook is what. Who got the Parson's nose?

Everyone enjoying a lovely Sunday repast, reflecting on the work already done and what is still ahead?

As Megan says: This was a huge effort on a hot day, moving 22 tables, cupboards, patched, screwed and sanded and finished in air-conditioned comfort. Thank you to all volunteers who gave up their Sunday to help in a massive effort. Lunch was organised by Rod Cartin, Megan Houton and Scott Crew(chef).

Also very special **THANK YOU** to the Lovegrove family for the donations of furnishings on behalf of Galligher's Law Firm. **Greatly appreciated by our Club.**

COMMITTEE UPDATE by Ali Swart

- An e-pay system will be installed in the bar, to enable electronic payment for drinks etc. Cash payment will, of course, remain.
- Welcome to new Members – David FARRANT, Michael HARRIS, Cindi SAPWELL, Thomas COLYER and Dylan HARRISON-BRADY.
- Flarms are to be installed in all club operated aircraft – with the aim of improving safety.
- Our new Dimona aircraft will soon be used to fly Scouts at Gawler.
- COVID – Members and visitors to the club are encouraged to wear masks as an effective, additional barrier.

ROBIN MOSEBY UPDATES

Well the photograph from Ian and Peter T says it all - ER on an 89 min flight where they explored to the NE and had trouble staying under 8,000 Ft

It was blue day at first with a few little Cu forming, a top of 32 Degrees forecast and on the ground the light wind was everywhere.

Operations started on 31 as a compromise between wind direction and options after take-off.

We had a Eudunda 6,500 Ft clearance and Daryl in JN was up and away towards the Riverland. Tom took ZDG for a check flight. ER with Ian P instructing had a flight with Nathan of 39 mins and another with Rick of 26 mins.

I took IUN up after lunch when the runway changed to 23 and after a few big bumps on the tow found lift and made 6,500 Ft in a nice thermal after dodging some 8 kts sink nearby. Went to Freeling but came back because there was a member who wanted to fly the Discus so doing the right thing and getting back within the hour found that the member had gone :-) so I could have stayed up longer than the 55 mins - that's life So there were 6 tows in all

Thanks to Ian and Tommy

Robin Moseby

WORKSHOP UPDATE

Paul had a very much deserved week off, exploring Peninsula beaches and checking out the fishing options. LC is in for its annual and 7693 was due for a 100 hourly and completed before he left..

8538 is now due for its 100 hourly. On Saturday morning it greeted the lovely morning sun with a flat tyre, so I took the opportunity to put a new tyre on the wheel whilst it was off. Anthony Lock had a few minutes to spare whilst waiting to fly with Peter Luhrs in the 230 so he gave me a hand whilst I did a check flight.

BUT that is not the end of the story. Walking past the workshop on Monday, Paul said " Have a look at this". There were Mogas stains down the starboard side of the fuselage, coming down from the wing root. So it was a case of draining the wing, taking the wing off and having a close look at the wing root. The end result after a close, time consuming inspection, is that 'Yes there is a leak in the tank, which of course, is in the wing itself.

Paul's knowledge and experience came to the fore, agreeing with Graham Beck's comment that the tank needs to be cleaned out and a sealing compound introduced.

That will be a time consuming effort.

On my way home that night I just kept thinking how lucky we are as a club to have all this expertise in our membership.

Later in the day 7385 was due for a 25 hourly so I did that and Ty Wellington took the opportunity to have a closer look at the engine after successfully completing his BAK exam.

LSA FLY AWAY

Well, as I reported last month – the weather always has the last say so Sue and Britgette have re-organised the Naracoorte get-away for the first weekend in April. They have promised To Not Advertise It to the weather so as to not give it an opportunity to wash it out again.

The plan is for intending pilots to put their name on a list in the dining room – not sure how the aircraft will be allocated but I would hope that those who intended to travel last time would get first priority.

In any case there will, no doubt, be more opportunities for this destination to come up in the future.

HISTORY GROUP

Older Members will remember that the ASC has always had a History Officer. I have a lot of memories of Peter Killmier asking me for the minutes of Committee meetings etc . He was very particular with history material and how he filed information. Everything was physical in those days and history material took up a lot of space.

Considering the age of our club, remember the 75th birthday celebration at the Aviation Museum?, there is a lot of history material and looking into the future – there is lots more to come. I am sure everyone agrees – we are in a very unique position, great reputation, great position and airfield location, on the Northern Expressway and soon to be connected to Adelaide by electric trains.

Our Committee (well done and hard-working) have considered the situation and obviously recognised that it would not be appropriate to dump the history portfolio on one person's shoulder so they have come up with the formation of a **HISTORY GROUP**.

The initial group consists of Tom Leech as chair(in a voluntary capacity) Megan Gabell, Allan Bradley, Robin Richter, Rob Moore and Rod Curtin. This is a formative stage and others may well be appointed.

The first task is the protection and storage of our existing historical artifacts and documents. They are also developing a display for the clubrooms and office, a historical website (Wikipedia) and collating stories for a coffee table book.

Anyone with an interest or has information that is relevant – please contact Tom Leech.

A COVID EXPERIENCE Phil Pullem

*We all anticipate seeing Phil Pullem doing his ground instructing job on Friday and Saturday. When he wasn't there we wondered where he was as we have all been double vaxxed and are all doing **THE RIGHT THING**. Well, things can go wrong and the following story gives us a view from the inside – the patients view.*

The Dreaded Disease – a View from the Inside !

Early Saturday morning my sore throat reached a pain level of about 5 out of 10, so I took paracetamol and a 'RAT'(RapidAntigenTestforCovid19).

The test showed a very faint line, described in the text as 'inconclusive' and recommended a PCR test ASAP.

By Saturday night my throat reached a 10/10 and defied description. However I will try.

Firstly it was way beyond any sore throat I had ever experienced..

Imagine a cricket ball sized bunch of barbed wire stuck in your neck and heated until red hot. Impossible to even turn or rock your head without the barbs going deeper. A cough or making more than a whisper caused the

hundred or so 'neck demons' to pour acid over the open wounds and jump up and down on the red hot barbed wire !

Saturday night was the worst night of my life so far.

Sunday morning, no sleep and no better, plus my brain had become a slowly solidifying puddle of cold soup.

Then the phone call came.. "You have tested positive for Covid 19"... and something about 10 days quarantine.

That's all I heard - although the voice went on with information about what I was to do and what would happen next, but it was all lost on me. My thoughts were about - a slow death at 76, my wife Lyn getting Covid too, she has a heart problem, her frail mum in her 90s, my adult daughter who has cardio myopathy, my friends I had seen lately... and etc.

A text from SA Heath came in, it had a '10 minute survey' of questions about my symptoms and condition, plus about 20 pages of info to read. I started with the 20 pages but my soup-brain just dissolved the text into a curdled mush.

I figured I might need this possibly life-saving information.. and I'd never find it again on the web later, so my solution was to make 47 screenshots. (I did read it all 3 days later) !

The headache started at about midday on day 2. If a migraine is a 10, this was an 8.

It took about an hour and a half to complete the '10 minute survey' questions. I sent it.

This is where the interesting part of the story begins...

I received a second phone call on Sunday from SA Health and a very pleasant lady asked me, all the same questions I had answered in the one and a half hour '10 minute survey', except it took just a few minutes and she was extremely caring.

I was asked what medications I was taking for my symptoms, if I was too hot or too cold, what I needed, maybe a call from a doctor, could they deliver anything, food, even prescriptions, they would arrange it and to just let them know. I was then advised they would call me back later. How nice I thought !

Another pleasant lady called me back later in the day and asked me all the same questions again and if each symptom was improving or worsening. Again she listed all the things they could do to help if there was anything at all that I needed. Someone out there cared !

The calls were so pleasant I felt elated and just a little better for a few minutes following each call.

It's now been 9 days and very morning I have had such a call from SA Health ! Always very pleasant and caring. Always concerned about my condition, personal comfort and the need for any help with the basics while in quarantine. All were willing and able to answer all my questions clearly. My Conclusions...

1. I contracted Covid 19 because someone did not follow the clear guidelines..

They went out and vulnerable people were put at risk !

2. Covid 19 can be anything from an inconvenience with no symptoms... to dying.

But in my case it was not - *just like a cold or flu* !

2. My infection was considered 'moderate'. I'm double vaxed, yet I have never felt more unwell.

Lyn, my wife, has since tested positive, yet has almost no symptoms. (the b !!)

3. Vaccinations are not a cure, but they do prevent the disease from being much more severe.

4. The service from SA Health is extremely caring, very clear, appropriate and almost unlimited.

Had I been alone or unable to care for myself, the calls would have been an absolute blessing.

5. The texts and phone calls from family and dear friends all woke me up or caused me to curse.
Every call also made me very much happier - and the worst days much easier.

THANK YOU ! Phil Pullem.

COMMUNICATION AT ADELAIDE SOARING CLUB

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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