



ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club **1st MAY, 2024.**

April was another very busy month. Jeff Schuster turned 70 and Tafi 50. Sigh – yes we are all getting older. Jeff gives us a good report on his ‘Aero-scene Night’ on events past and coming up.

Had a nice photo of PIT last month, undergoing some maintenance at Parafield. I looked through my computer and found a photo of BOT under construction. I came across it being built when I was interstate and researching LSA aircraft for the ASC. Congratulations to David Scutchings who completed all sorts of tugging tests and is now a qualified tug pilot.

Rob Moore looked at past Easter Regattas last month. This month Geoff Wood has a look at this year’s Regatta. He is also commencing a new **Events Calendar** for ASC activities coming up.

We had the Aldinga Airshow on 7th April and one in Nhill on the 13th. Jeff Schuster gives us a good account of Nhill and I have a couple of words on the Aldinga event. Seeing a Winjeel brought some memories back. Sorry for indulging.

There was also a huge event at Parkes Airport 12-14th April with static displays, airshows and vendors. Sue and Bridgette attended in their aircraft and Ian also flew over in his. Should have a report & piccies for June.

On the 20th and 21st April we had the Level 1 Maintenance Course at Gawler, run by Darren Barnfield from RAAUS with 13 attendees and incredible support from Marc Michell.

Karl Faeth

BOT



BOT being born (under construction) . Looking pristine.

ALDINGA AIR SHOW

This was a great event. I said to Phil Pullem that we had to get out of the office and that 8538 needed a run. He agreed and so we made the necessary preparations. The only (and main) factor over which we had no control – was the weather. Fuel and a good inspection was done on Saturday afternoon and we were ready to go on Sunday morning.

As usual – looking at Lyndoch – bit of low cloud. So we made our way very gently – always ready to turn back should the occasion arise – looking back of course to make sure conditions allowed us to do so safely. Approaching Strathalbyn it brightened up and shortly after Phil gave an inbound call. Runway was 21 and traffic was beautifully handled by Patrick Normoyle (works at Adelaide Tower) and the frequency used was UNICOM. Parking was on disused 16 and follow the quad bike.

I must say that the event was great and the work put in by the local club was phenomenal. There were numerous vendors vans, displays, local craftwork and also a large line-up of **HOT** cars, which proved very interesting for Phil.

We wandered through the displays and also checked out the display aircraft. We assisted moving a Winjeel into the display area and that gave me an opportunity to have a closer look. Standing next to it I was a bit taken back by its size, with its large radial engine. It came back to me that I had 115 hours in it – completing the BFTC 37 in the RAAF in early 1960. Sorry to mention that.

The day started with parachutes complete with the Australian Flag and was full of displays and aerobatics. A highlight was a fly past by a P8, flown by (so I have been reliably informed) our own Committee person, Josh Brown. This was so well done, nice and low and also slow with gear and flaps out. Excellent display.

The food and drink vans were busy and the line ups somewhat intimidating. But progress was good with very informed conversations in the queues. Burgers ran out but hot SPUDS were very tasty.

Hay bales came in handy while we ate. It was just so nice to see fellow club members during the day and particularly when occupying the bales. A few had arrived the day before and spent the night “under the wings”.

Departure on 21 was well organised by the Unicorn operator even though a departing display aircraft accidentally covered the runway with smoke. We heard that 10,000 people had attended the day.



Matt Hall having a chat.



Is that Josh Brown waving out the Pilot window?



Police aircraft ensuring 'Safer Communities'



Display aircraft



Both have aged a bit but the Winjeel is still looking good.



Time to have lunch and check out the hay bales. Phil is taking the photo.

Andrew HOLDBACK - Solo Pilot



Another Happy Pilot

Andrew Holdback being congratulated by Senior Instructor Stan Nowakowski on successfully flying solo in a club Jabiru on 20/3/24.

APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEPTIVE



We had an interesting and unusual visitor to Gawler recently:

No, it's not a Tiger Moth, it's a Stampe. The Stampe was a Belgian design manufactured from about 1935 to 1955. It is reputed to have very good handling characteristics and is valued for use in the simpler types of aerobatics right up to this day.

This particular aircraft was made in 1945 and belongs to Kevin Bailey from Mundijong, just south of Perth in WA. He is a friend of Marc Michell and dropped in to see Marc on his way from WA to Corowa in northern Victoria for the annual Antique Aeroplane Association Fly-In. That's a long way at 75 knots!

AERO -SCENE

Jeff Schuster reports a good attendance on the 9th with 17 fronting up for a meal and discussion. The Gawler meal night on the 13th was mentioned as was Parkes (NSW) fly-in 12-14th April. A couple of members attended and we have a report.

Saturday 18th May – the Barossa Birdman Fly-In at Truro Flats.

Sunday 19th May. Gawler Airfield Observation Trial. Similar to the last one which was great fun. To register ring the office 08 85221877. or office@adelaide soaring.org.au

Saturday 15th June. Gawler Airfield Clubhouse 1300 hrs. OzRunways Tutorial with a midday sausage sizzle. Again – ring or contact the office to register.

GLIDER AEROBATICS COURSE

Frank Johann is planning a much awaited aerobatics course at Gawler. He initially had a date organised for 19th May. However looking at activities and availability of facilities Frank has now settled on **Sunday 2nd June.**

If interested – please lodge your name on the ‘Gliding Register’ **NOW.** The earlier the better as it helps with planning. The register will be used to send out Course Notes.

Frank is looking at – positive ‘g’ loops, wing overs, lazy eights and stall turns.

GAWLER EVENTS

We've got a lot coming up at ASC! I am aware of the EVENTS because I am on GOG and LOG, so I thought it would be useful to gather things together into an **Events Calendar** available to all members through ASC e-News. If you know of an upcoming club event, please let me know and I'll include it in future editions. woodgslc@ozemail.com.au

Geoff Wood

ASC OBSERVATION TRIAL

When: 19 May 2024

Where: Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? A fun event where you and your observer flying in an LSA, motor glider, or powered aircraft go on a flight of about 1 hour, answering questions about named features. The questions will be set out on a task sheet to be given to you. Club-owned Jabirus and private aircraft are all welcome, and it's also suitable for the club's Dimona Motor glider..

How you can be involved: Fly as a pilot, or fly with a friend as the observer.

Further Info: Marc Michell (0408 819 998) for details of how the task works.

Contact: Call **Sue Ingham** to book a club Jabiru or **Andrew Wright** if you'd like to fly in the Dimona. If you will be flying a private aircraft please register with the ASC office on 08 8522 1877 or office@adelaidesoaring.org.au

OZRUNWAYS TUTORIAL

When: 15 June 2024 at 1 pm

Where: The ASC Clubhouse, Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? The creators of OzRunways are attending Gawler to help us with a tutorial on how to use and get the most from the OzRunways package. There will be a presentation followed by an opportunity for questions. Bring your device!

There will be a sausage sizzle (\$5) from 12 noon up to the start of the presentation at 1 pm.

How you can be involved: Please register with the ASC office (08) 8522 1877 or on office@adelaidesoaring.org.au

Further Info: Geoff Wood 0402 410 827

Contact: ASC office (08) 8522 1877 or office@adelaidesoaring.org.au

ASC FLINDERS WEEK

When: 7-15 September 2024

Where: Rawnsley Park, Flinders Ranges

What's it about? This is an annual club event. It's based around ridge and wave soaring in gliders, and socializing at the Rawnsley Park resort.

How you can be involved: Go for a week or a couple of days. Fly club gliders or your own, or fly up in a Jabiru or other aircraft to join in the social side.

Further Info: Brenton Swart

Contact: Brenton Swart 0411 885 320

NATIONAL LIBELLE GET-TOGETHER

When: 15-18 November 2024 (inclusive)

Where: Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? ASC is hosting a gathering of Libelle gliders over a 4-day weekend in November. Some fun flying,

How you can be involved: Bring your Libelle, encourage others to do so, or just come along and admire.

Further Info: Alan Dean

Contact: Alan Dean 0438 556 640

SAGA COACHING WEEK

When: 28 Dec 2024 to 04 Jan 2025 (Sat to Sat).

Where: Waikerie aerodrome

What's it about? This is an annual event promoted by the South Australian Gliding Association (SAGA), aiming to develop glider pilots' skills in cross-country soaring. You can fly with an experienced coach in a two-seater, or fly a single-seat glider and profit from the lectures and coaching on the ground. ASC supports the event, and one or more club gliders will be going. There is financial support available.

How you can be involved: Make enquiries, and sign up if you decide it's for you.

Further Info: Frank Johann

Contact: Frank Johann 0427 263 071

SAILPLANE GRAND PRIX

When: 5-12 January 2025

Where: Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? This is the gliding equivalent of the Formula 1 Grand Prix, and the winner becomes the top Sailplane Grand Prix pilot in the world. There are stages held in 10 countries and Australia's is at Gawler. The event has much more visual appeal than the usual gliding contest because all the gliders start together and it's a race to the finish line. We expect to have up to 20 competing gliders at the Gawler stage, with around 50 visiting pilots and crew.

How you can be involved: Volunteers are needed to assist with the operation. Please make yourself known to Mandy Temple (Contest Director)

Further Info: <https://magazine.glidingaustralia.org/competitions/sailplane-grand-prix-gawler-5-12-january-2025>

Contact: Mandy Temple – 0428 378 076 or mandytemplecd@gmail.com

GAWLER WEEK (draft title)

When: 5-12 January 2025

Where: Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? At the same time as the Sailplane Grand Prix, ASC is conducting a lower-key local contest suitable for a wide range of pilot skill levels. Fly in a club glider (two-or-single seater) or bring your own.

How you can be involved: Come for a few days or the whole week.

Further Info: Tommy Kalsbeek

Contact: Tommy Kalsbeek 0432 735 950

ASC OBSERVATION TRIAL

When: Sunday 19 May 2024

Where: Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? This is a repeat of the very successful similar event last year. You and your observer will fly in an LSA, motor glider, or your own powered aircraft on a flight of about 1 hour, finding the answers to questions set out on a task sheet given to you. Club-owned aircraft and private aircraft are all welcome.

How you can be involved: Fly as a pilot, or fly with a friend as the observer.

Further Info: Marc Michell (0408 819 998) for details of how the task works.

Contact: The ASC office on 08 8522 1877 or office@adelaide soaring.org.au to register your interest, and Sue Ingham to book a club Jabiru.

OZRUNWAYS TUTORIAL

When: Saturday 15 June 2024 at 1 pm

Where: The ASC Clubhouse, Gawler aerodrome

What's it about? The OzRunways organisation are sending their expert presenters to give us a tutorial in this excellent program. We've asked them to tailor their presentation to us as recreational pilots, and there will be ample opportunity to ask them your own personal questions(s). There will be a sausage sizzle happen from midday onwards, so you can enjoy some snags and salad before the presentation starts at 1 pm.

How you can be involved: Register with the office and come along.

Contact: ASC office on 08 8522 1877 or office@adelaide soaring.org.au

How about putting these dates in your diary now? I'll send reminders nearer the time for each.

Cheers, Geoff Wood

Executive Officer, LOG

EASTER at GAWLER

Readers will remember the article from Rob Moore in last month's e-news about past Easter Regattas. Well, this year was much of an improvement and Geoff Wood is giving us an insight.

It's so long since we've had an organised Easter gliding event at Gawler that it may be worth a few words about what was formerly a highlight of the club year. Each gliding club in SA used to have a featured gliding regatta on one holiday weekend, and Easter was Gawler's. At its peak there would be 25 gliders or more competing from clubs all over SA and beyond. Due to a series of wet weekends (and also changing preferences) the whole thing fell away and the last time there was a formal event was 2018. Well, it's back...

Tommy Kalsbeek as head of the club's Gliding Operations Group (GOG) took the initiative on this one and reoriented it to emphasize coaching rather than competition. **Pete Temple** set tasks and carried out briefings on the three days we flew. Each day a long task and a short task were set, allowing people to choose a level of "stretch" that suited their experience level and the performance of the glider they were flying. Fifteen pilots flew in all on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The weather was kindest on Saturday, although Sunday was also

better than expected. Experienced pilots and new pilots alike enjoyed themselves, those benefiting from Pete's coaching gained new insights, and Ali Swart achieved her Silver C distance.



A good line-up waiting for a tow.

LEVEL 1 Course

Full marks to the LOG people for seeing the need and then organising the Level 1 Maintenance Course at Gawler.

Chair of the group, Marc Michell, volunteered his time for the weekend of 20-21st April, made his hangar available and also arranged the various items required, like wheels, used oil filters etc. for the 13 participants to get into and get their hands dirty. As Darren stressed throughout the course, **most pilots have no idea about maintenance** so it was a good idea for them to get down and dirty and experience some of the things that maintainers have to put up with. (We thought kind thoughts of our Richard Young).

The course was for 2 full days. Mornings were spent in the classroom where Darren gave us the benefit of his huge maintenance experience. He has spent time with CASA and has also investigated numerous fatal and injury free accidents. He is the sole person responsible for the quality of the maintenance in RAAUS and also the accreditation of maintainer levels. He let slip that he conducts courses like this in his own time because he knows maintenance is so important in aviation.

Breaks for lunch are always important when attending courses. Again, Marc came to the fore and organised some nice fruit drinks and very sumptuous rolls. There was also time to discuss the mornings theory work and experience some of the beautiful weather we are blessed with at present.

The afternoons were spent in Marc's hangar. Practical work included some valuable lessons on tie wiring, leak down testing, oil filter opening and checking out the filtered residue, changing tyres on wheels, removing and replacing wheels on undercarriages and adjusting brakes. There was also an opportunity to replace the brake linings on a wheel. All good maintenance lessons.

Steve did mention that this was an opportunity too good to miss – **a Jabiru in Marc Michell's hangar.**



What is under the cowl



Marc really means it.



Who put this in my hangar?



Not that funny – a thank you to Marc& Darren



The Course



Ford Single Spinner – seen at Aldinga



Sleeping under the wing is encouraged by the RAAUS Committee—even if there is no wing.

OPS SCENE

Daily inspection and mandatory maintenance

The Daily Inspection Schedule GFA Form 1 lists three important steps that must be completed when undertaking a Daily Inspection.

STEP 1 Are there any defects outstanding or maintenance due?

Check Part 1 and Part 2 of the Maintenance release for outstanding maintenance or defects.

STEP 2 Is it rigged correctly? Focusing on points of rigging / derigging

STEP 3 Now work through the following checklist.

It has become evident that some people doing Daily Inspections are not diligently performing STEP-1. They are not checking the aircraft flight hours or number of flights to determine if mandatory maintenance must be performed before the aircraft can be flown.

As an example, Glider FQQ has two items listed in Part 1 of the maintenance release that must be done after a set number of flights or hours.

The TOST springs (tow release assembly) must be checked after 9258 flights.

The Aircraft needs a life extension after 5950 hours.

About 10 club members had DI'ed FQQ and signed the aircraft out as airworthy, when the maintenance release indicated that it had exceeded 9258 flights. In this case the listed flights flown had an error, but unless you can identify the error, you can not sign the aircraft out as flight worthy. So please take the time and check the items listed in STEP1 before proceeding with the DI

As always, stay safe and enjoy your flying.

Paul Marshall ASC Gliding CFI

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