

# ASC e-News

*Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club*



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Welcome to the latest edition of the ASC eNews!

## **A reminder from our terrific office crew**

Now and again the office receives a payment which does not have any identifiers which makes it hard & time consuming to allocate payments to the right person!

Please put your name as an identifier – one person identified the transfer as 'flying fling'!

## **ASC Members Forum...some notes**

### ***Safety***

- Members SMS statements were talked about. There are still quite a few members who haven't signed the members statement to say they have read the SMS.
- Crossing the run ways and communications – discussion regarding the need to have a strong situational awareness when crossing the runways.
- Incident report forms are in the briefing room and need to be completed. There are also GFA and LSA reporting procedures, but it is important that we (ASC) maintain the practice of completing our own as well. It was suggested that we print the online/computer reports, but this needs to be printed before 'submit' is pressed!

### ***Insurance and member protection policies***

- Currently there is an exclusion clause in that we are not covered for any liability with molestation of people under 18 years of age.
- Responsible club officers will need to have a National Police Check
- A club policy will need to be developed.
- New members will need to sign off that they have read the policy
- The secretary conducted a brief 'child safe' training session with those attending

### ***Communication***

- Times have changed over the years as technology has advanced. Once upon a time we had 'cloud base' but these days the official communication channel is via email on ASC Announce.
- Unfortunately there seems to be some confusion around the differences between ASC Members (which is more social and cultural) and ASC Announce.
- A proposal has been made to redefine the naming and styling of the way we officially communicate with the membership.
- It was also discussed that we need to maximise social media and the celebration of things that happen at the club by passing on the information.

### ***Deck Extension***

Plans are under way to extend the deck which is really exciting. Project leader, Geoff Wood reported that we will soon be calling for people to dig the holes. (Members called Doug are especially encouraged to help out...)

### ***Promotions Group***

- Peter Sachs outlined the purpose of the group and talked about some exciting upcoming initiatives around the club. An 'Aero Jumble', welcome letters to new members, members resignations surveys, new banners and signage, new club apparel, membership packages, Facebook and the advanced gliding payment scheme were all talked about and shared. (I look forward to hearing more about the 'Aero – Jumble' which, apparently, is a bit like a car boot sale!

### ***Airfield Lease...always a hot topic at the ASC***

- Over the years we have only had short term leases and we are now working towards a longer lease arrangement. There has been indication of general support from a number of significant players in our plans for a longer term lease.

### ***Airspace***

Club Airspace Officer, Peter Temple said that things are operating well, but he reiterated the importance of us correctly using the airspace.

- Safety
- Maintaining good relations
- The need to be seen as responsible airspace users
- Repeated infringements wont assist our airfield tenure

### ***The Bar!***

There was some discussion about ways we can make the bar area secure, safe, compliant and accessible. Got any ideas? Please speak to a committee member.

### ***Don't forget...***

Please pass on to Paul Clift if there are any maintenance issues coming up on our fleet. Don't rely on someone else doing it lest the matter 'grounds' an aircraft and takes it out of operation unnecessarily.



Photos from the Forum – Judy talking about club apparel and Peter talking about airspace

## Around the Airfield

...Private hangar owners - please check around your hangar for Caltrop. The recent rains have brought about another little burst of it and we're finding it around some of the private hangars.

...Steve and Brenton are at the Nationals in the DG1000.

...The Roseworthy CFS used the airfield for a grass fire training exercise last week in the evening and that was very successful.



# GFA Safety Seminar 2016



*Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00AM*

*Adelaide Soaring Club – Gawler Airfield*

**Presenters:** *Stuart Ferguson, John Hudson, Drew McKennie & Chris Thorpe*

*Topics include:*

- Learning from our mistakes (including a review recent incidents, accidents and trends)
- SOAR Reporting
- Pushing the Margins, Threat & Error Management
- Airworthiness Safety Management
- Human Factors
- Fuel Management for Tow Pilots
- Role of the Regional Safety Manager
- Q & A Forum

Conclusion of this meeting will be at approximately 5:00PM

\*lunch will be provided, please RSVP [pmason.ops@gmail.com](mailto:pmason.ops@gmail.com) so we can determine numbers for catering

## SMS member's statement

Have you read the club's Safety Management System statement and returned the form to say you have?

[http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/?page\\_id=716](http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/?page_id=716)

## An eventful calendar - Please let us know what's coming up and we'll add it to the list!

12-24 Feb: DG1000 at National Gliding Championships

### March

Thurs 3 March: CASA Safety Seminar in ASC clubrooms 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

Sat - Mon 12 & 14 March: ASC March gliding competition

Sat 19 March: GFA Safety Seminar in ASC clubrooms 9am-4 pm

Fri - Mon 25-28 March (Easter): ASC March gliding competition

### May

May 7-14: GFA glider airworthiness course, ASC workshop and clubrooms.

### July 2016

July 16-24: ASC Flinders expedition at Rawnsley Park



Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/adelaidesoaring?fref=ts>

### Please shut the gate

Please remember to shut the gate if you are the last person leaving the airfield of an evening.

### Some reminders about the limitations that have been placed on aeroplanes with Jabiru engines

**The new instrument commences 1st July, 2015** and expires 30th June, 2016, unless cancelled by CASA at an earlier date.

It lists the same limitations as the earlier instrument with the exception that a disclaimer to be signed by students and passengers now has a life of 3 months, an increase from the 28 days listed in the earlier instrument.

- VFR only
- A/craft flown so as to be able to glide clear of populous area and always 1,000' above ground unless taking off or landing
- Passengers & Trainee pilots flying solo need to sign a statement saying they are aware of & accept the risks of an engine failure
- Trainee pilots must have successfully completed engine failure exercises (in the previous 2 hours flying or previous 7 days whichever is the most recent) before solo flying
- At Gawler the limitations will have an effect on runway use where 23 and 31 have the best options for forced landings after take-off.
- The full runway length must always be used for take-offs on ALL runways.
- On 05 and 13. No 'touch and goes' by students unless they are flying under the direct supervision of an instructor and there is a significant headwind component.
- Pilots are to commence gentle climbing turns when safe after take-off (500') to stay clear of populous areas with a view to using a cross strip or suitable forced landing area (non-populous) in case of a power loss.
- Depending on wind conditions, circuit traffic and gliding activity, Pilots can consider using runways 23 and 31 for taking off, even with a crosswind that is within limits, and landing on 13 and 05.
- Appropriate radio use under these circumstances is essential as a safe operation is always paramount.
- If Pilots have any doubt when considering their options, DISCUSS THEM WITH AN INSTRUCTOR.

**And a reminder that you need to have a check flight if you haven't flown in a month.**

### OUR EMAIL LISTS - A reminder of their purpose

**ascannounce** - **This site is for conveying official information within the club.** Only officials of the club can post items on this list. Typically only one email per week is posted on this site so it is not a problem in terms of overloading anyone's email system. This is a vital function for our club and all members are urged to read all material that is presented on ascannounce.

**ascmembers** - This was intended to be a chat site. Any club member can post anything on it which concerns club matters. It is moderated only to the extent that any obscene or illegal material is removed. Naturally not everyone wants to receive the posts that result, so you can opt out of this site if you wish.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE OR ANY OTHER CLUB TOPICS CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF YOUR COMMITTEE.....**

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