

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest edition of the ASC e-News. It's been a while since the last e-News and so this one's a bumper edition!

Welcome to our newest members

And we also welcome into membership the following people who have joined our club recently: Dermot Hanafin, Matthew Tusar, Jeffrey Chong, Stu Yeung, Yue Leung, Dan Maik, Mark Whitehorn, David Cashmore, Neville Bishop, Matthew Heritage, Baljit Singh, Prabjit Sandhu, Graham Sambhy, Tomaz Willinski, Christopher Baughwin and Dale Bishop

Safety Reports

All members are reminded of the importance of ensuring safety around the airfield at all times and the need to report any near misses or incidents. It's really important that we maintain the high standards the club has had in regards to this and to have a culture of continual learning and improvement.

2016 ASC Christmas Dinner

Make sure you keep the 10th December free for a great night. (Please note this date has been changed from the original date of the 3rd.)

Flinders Camp by Ali Swart

The ASC expedition to the Flinders has been and gone for another year. It is always a fun trip, with the tedium of packing up and getting ready, more than offset by the excitement of leaving the city behind, and getting that first glimpse of the magnificent Flinders Ranges. The hills exude a serenity that soothes the soul, while masking their capacity to produce ridge and wave lift that can set your adrenaline racing.

Rawnsley Park Station was again the destination, with people staying in the well-appointed cabins, or choosing more self-sufficient accommodation in the caravan park. The nightly bonfire is always a highlight. It is the scene for the post-flying debrief each day, and enables dinner to be cooked over the flames or in the coals. Brenton's camp oven damper this year was alleged to be the best he's ever made.



Rawnsley Park has its own airstrip, which is used by a local scenic flight operator as well as visiting powered aircraft, but the Arkapeena airstrip, some two nautical miles to the east of Rawnsley, nestled at the base of the Chace Range, is the site for our gliding operation. Arkapeena has four runways. 11/29 is 1000m long with a slight slope down from east to west. 07/25 is 600m long, and with a fence at the threshold of 25 and a creek at the overshoot, demands that flying be precise and aim points accurate.



For the most part the weather was unseasonably warm, with a couple of days reaching the low 20's, and no need for the warm hats and thick coats everyone had brought. But then the wind returned, and it was pretty cold out on the airfield for the last couple of days. The upside of the wind is the potential for it to generate ridge and wave lift. There was good ridge lift to be had from the Chace Range and southern side of Wilpena Pound at various times, and a few pilots were able to contact wave. And there can often be excellent thermalling conditions, but the thermals were a bit quiet this year. Although the greatest height achieved in wave was 7,500 feet, a far cry from the 15,000 feet plus achieved in

previous years, “getting into the wave” is a fabulous feeling – perfectly smooth but rising air, all you have to do is fly along it and enjoy the view.

So we have ridge, wave and thermals, the bonfire, the camaraderie, the escape from work and everyday life, the getting to know your fellow Club members a little better. But what is the absolute best part of the Flinders trip? Without doubt it is the opportunity to learn and improve your skills as a pilot. Flying at Gawler is great, but it does become comfortable. You know the runways, the turn points, the forced landing options. You have nice, wide, smooth runways, with no hills or rocks to contend with. Flying from or to any new location is good for your flying, but the Flinders is doubly so. The runways are narrow, undulating, and sloping. Runway 07/25 is short with obstacles at both ends. Runway 11 slopes uphill, which, combined with a small hill on its approach path, can be visually disorientating resulting in a tendency to undershoot.

The options for outlanding are limited to the strips at Arkapeena, Rawnsley and Wilpena, although they are all safely reachable from ridge top height. The instructors overseeing the camp have safety as their number one priority, and operate on a graduated approval basis ensuring no-one steps outside their comfort zone too far or takes on tasks they are not equipped to handle. All this means that while the flying is challenging, and at times a bit daunting, by the time the week is over your flying skills will have improved markedly. A week's concentrated flying in the Flinders is probably worth several months' of flying once a week at Gawler. As an added bonus, you will have experienced flying in ridge and wave lift, which are completely different to the thermal lift that is the norm at Gawler. And you will get to fly over terrain that is absolutely magnificent. Wilpena Pound seen from the air is a sight not easily forgotten, like a giant has smashed his fist into the ground and left an indentation surrounded by jagged ridges and peaks. Sunset on the Chace Range is a riot of colour, and highlights the timelessness and constancy of these hills that have sat here marking the entrance to the Flinders Ranges for millions of years.

There is a wealth of activities to keep non-flying partners and friends amused, or if you feel like a break from flying. Walking trails range from a sedate stroll up Alison's Saddle just south of the Rawnsley Park cabins, to the gut busting St Mary's Peak, which is not for the faint hearted but rewards you with fantastic views. Bikes can be hired from Rawnsley Park, or bring your own, but don't forget your puncture kit! There are numerous cycling trails within Rawnsley Park and the Flinders Ranges National Park, including part of the Mawson Trail, which traverses 800km from Adelaide to Blinman. Seeing the Flinders by bike is a great way to experience the size and majesty of the ranges, and gives you plenty of opportunity to stop and smell the flowers, or watch the emus and kangaroos do their thing. Renowned sites such as Brachina Gorge and the Ediacara Fossil Site are a short drive away. Or take a lunch time visit to the Parachilna Hotel for a “road kill” mixed grill. And don't underestimate the attraction of sitting on the sun filled deck of your cabin, book in one hand, beverage in the other, and just chilling out.

The next ASC Flinders camp will be held in the second half of 2017. All members and friends of the ASC are welcome to attend. Why not plan to come along? All you've got to lose is the opportunity to become a better pilot.

Ali Swart

ASC Annual Awards Presentation

On Saturday Night (27th Oct) we had an outstanding celebration of the Adelaide Soaring Club with great food and fun. Below is a list of the award recipients – congratulations to them all. (And sincere thanks to the House group for another outstanding meal.)

House Group Award

In appreciation of outstanding contribution in assistance to the House Group or for work related to enhancing club facilities. Recipient – Glenys Searle

President's Trophy

For best overall gliding performance. Recipient – Geoff Wood
Geoff, flying CC came 14th in the world, out of 1,257 entrants in the OLC, in the Oldtimer category. Geoff was the first to fly a 500km FAI triangle from Gawler in an Oldtimer sailplane.

Presidential Citation

For whatever reason that the President may determine. Recipient – (accepted by Geoff Wood on behalf of) Peter Temple. In recognition of Peter's work in airspace and as ASC Head Coach.

Helmut Apitz Memorial Award

For outstanding services to the ASC. Recipient – Daryl Trigg

Richard Deane Memorial Trophy

For the best placing in the GFA National Gliding Championships. Recipients – Peter Temple & Brian Rau. Peter and Brian flying the Arcus won the 2 Seater Gliding National Championships at Narromine.

LSA CFI's Award

For the best LSA student pilot of the year. Recipient – Anthony Lock

Gliding CFI's Award

For the best gliding student pilot of the year. Recipient – Belen Swart / Craig Humphris

Paul Rim Memorial Trophy

For the most meritorious flight in his/her first year of cross-country soaring. Recipient – Vlad Zhelezarov. Not a great x country season, but Vlad managed to attain his Silver C certificate

Lepage Trophy

For the best performance at the Easter Regatta. Recipient – Richard Atkinson. Richard achieved the highest aggregate score

Ames trophy

For the most meritorious flight at the Easter Regatta. Recipient – Geoff Wood
When everybody else landed out Geoff got around the course – well almost!



Fang Award

For the best flight or flights in a 2 seat glider at the Easter Regatta. Recipient – Craig Humphris and Peter Temple. Craig and Peter achieved the highest speed for the regatta in VH-GER.



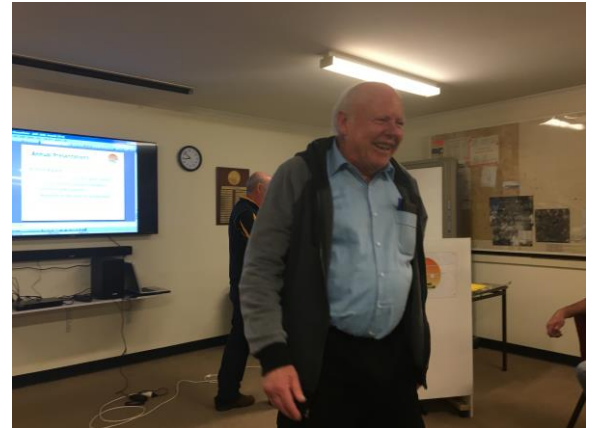
Darrel Ingham Memorial Trophy

For the most meritorious flight in an LSA aircraft. Recipient – (accepted by Sue Ingham on behalf of) Bob Page. Bob flew his Savannah aircraft to the Torres Strait and back.

Ashton Trophy (Galah Award)

For the greatest disparity between ambition and outcome. Awarded by acclamation.

The winner of the Ashton Award was Bruce Tuncks (Which he seemed quite proud to receive....!)



Congratulations - First Solo



(Not sure who looks more proud in these photos...the students or their instructors!)
Congratulations Angus and Fred.

Worth a look!

Get Totally Wild with Brenton Swart.... <http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild>

New Committee Elected

We congratulate and thank the members who will be serving as our elected committee from the next meeting. (And from the 1st September, John Whittingham will take over as the CFI of Gliding.)

Steve Pegler

Richard Atkinson

Ian Philp

Peter Sachs

Judy Smith

Scott Crew

Craig Humphris

New R.M.O

On the 1st of September Tom Leech will take over from Paul Mason as the RMO (Regional Manager of Operations) for SA/NT. You might be interested to know that Paul has held this position for the last 10 years! Quite an achievement – thanks Paul and thanks Tom.

Dual Aerotow Course at ASC Main Briefing Room starting 10.00am Sharp on Sunday 9/10/2016

Who can attend.

- Similar situation with the aerobatics (in terms of pilot skill level), however anyone can attend to experience this.
- This is also a great skill honing exercise, you'll find out how much more precise your aerotow in normal flying will be after this if you really nail this!
- Anyone seeking a rating as a key competency being able to 'box the slipstream' on aerotow to acceptable standard with a "hold" at each of the 4 corners. The pilots won't be checked for this before, it's just if they can do this their flying accuracy is such they will find it easier to handle doing a dual aerotow.
- Tug pilots that have not done this before & are interested - would need to talk to ASC Tug Master - Steve Pegler.

The briefing will be approx 1/2 to 3/4 hour & followed by flying (if the weather / wind conditions are suitable for this).

If the weather forecast lead up for that day is unsuitable will postpone for another day.

Thanks - Frank Johann - ASC Level 2 Gliding Instructor

A Busy Calendar

September 2016

17 – 25 September: Bunyan Wave Camp (Near Cooma NSW) <http://nls264.wix.com/canberra-gliding#!wave-camp/cctb>

October 2106

6 -10 October: Oz-Kosh (formerly Ausfly)

November 2016

6-10 November : Coaching with G Dale at Gawler

11-19 November : Club & Sports Class Nationals are this year at Waikerie

December 2106

10th December – ASC Christmas Dinner

27-31 December: SA Coaching Week at Waikerie

ASC 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.



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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