

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest edition of the ASC e-News.

Welcome

At the last Committee meeting we welcomed the following new members into our club: Leonard Zec, Simran Kaur, Ekala Buck, Brian Smith, Matthew Gordon, John Healey, Wael Al Jammal, Chun Hung Li Kai Hin Yuen, Mike Yam, Craig Oswald, Carina Law, Luke Wendland, Finlay Poole

Another fine day at Gawler.... By Geoff Wood

It was a great day at Gawler on Sunday 27 November. The sky was blue, the winds were light, and many ASC members were out and about enjoying the best that Gawler, flying and the ASC have to offer.

First off were the several members who flew to Truro Flats on the Christmas Toy Run – you will have seen Mick Wright's invitation to take part. Apart from Mick himself in his Auster, other supporters included Marc Michell in the Thatcher, Paul Clift in his Minimax, Steve Lovegrove in the Bulldog, and John Cooper-Smart in his Savannah. Chad Thornton took the new ASC Jabiru. Rumour is Santa really appreciated their efforts. Gliders out included the father and son Libelles of Peter and Steve Cesco:



Club gliders worked hard all day and the Air Cadets had their ASK21 out as well. Bruce Tuncks and Geoff Wood flew north in their gliders and reported heights up to 7500 ft in the blue.

A highlight of the day was a visit from the Rover Car Club of SA led by former ASC member Geoff Rogers. A number of members their members took glider flights as well. Peter Sachs worked hard to make this a success for both the Rover Club and ASC – thanks Peter.





All in all, a top day, with many more to come now the good weather has arrived.

Congratulation Nat and Bret on going solo



Many thanks...



...to ex-ASC member Sub Lieutenant Arvids Quinn and his crew for flying the Australian Air Force Cadets on Nov the 19th.

And also to Patrick for his work to make this happen.

Gliding for glory

MATTEO GAGLIARDI

THE sky's the limit for Gawler-trained junior world champion glider pilot Matthew Scutter, who will be participating in the World Gliding Championships in January.

Mr Scutter, 25, has gone from training to be a pilot with the Adelaide Soaring Club in Gawler, several years ago, to winning the Junior World Gliding Championships last December.

Now working as a software engineer in Sydney, Mr Scutter said the success made up for all the sacrifices he had to make to follow his passion.

"It was pretty good, I spent a lot of years spending time and money, and sacrificing a lot of other stuff, to be there," he said.

"It was a culmination of a lot of effort that had gone into my career."

Mr Scutter is now looking forward to the World Gliding Championships on January 8, in Benalla, Victoria.

With just one more full team training session to go, the focus, now, is on getting as much practise as possible, and obtaining funding for the expensive exploit.

Competing against 114 other pilots from around 30 different countries, Mr Scutter said he was aiming for a top 10 or, possibly, even top three, finish.

"This one's much, much tougher than the last one," he said.

"There's a lot of very talented pilots, and they're coming over in gliders that you can't buy anywhere else.

"It's the next level of competition."

Mr Scutter said his time at the local soaring club provided him with great experience to become the pilot he is today.

"Gawler's quite unique because there's lots of high-level competition pilots there, and that definitely contributed a lot," he said.

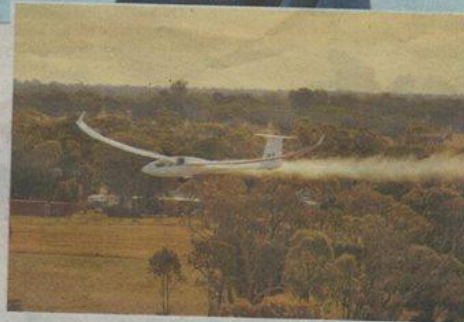
"I wanted to be an airline pilot initially, and gliding was an affordable way to get your hours up - any kind of flying counts towards your hours.

"The most fundamental skill is being able to read the weather and choose your path through the air, accordingly.

"You need to find air that's going up to keep on gliding, so you've got to be able to read the skies and interpret where the lift is going to be, given the conditions."



Matthew Scutter went from training for his pilot's licence at the Gawler Aerodrome to winning the Junior World Gliding Championships. PHOTOS: Supplied



Matthew Scutter dropping water ballast, on approach for landing, at the Junior World Gliding Championships at Narromine, New South Wales, last December.

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- MATTHEW SCUTTER

Human Factors Training Day

All Attendees need to register with the ASC office at adsoar@adsl.net.au or Ph: (08) 8522 1877

The Venue: Adelaide Soaring Club - Gawler Airfield.
The Date: **Sunday December 4th. 2016.**
The Time: 0900 ~ 1630.
Catering: Morning tea and BBQ lunch provided on site

All things strategic

You will recall that there has been a proposal about building onto our deck area at the club rooms? At the last committee meeting it was decided that a focus for the coming period will be to develop a strategic plan for our club moving into the future. In light of that it was decided that we should consider the deck as a part of our overall strategic intentions, in line with other matters such as the entrance road and other developments around our club. Stay tuned! Exciting times!

Help!

If you are able to offer some support by being regularly available to mow/slash around the airfield, then please contact Tom (our General Airfield Manager.)

National Police Certificates

Last week all of our Gliding Air Experience Instructors, Flight Coordinators, Committee Members and Staff should have received an email informing them of our club's responsibility towards child protection and our policy which requires these officers to have a current National Police Certificate.

In the letter it stated that you simply need to have this cited by one of our staff.

This is incorrect as our policy actually states that only Tom Leech, Judy Smith or Daryl Trigg are authorised to see the National Police Certificates.

Certainly we appreciate your support in attending to this important matter as soon as possible.

Club Aircraft

Members flying LSA aircraft are strongly encouraged to fly club aircraft in preference to cross hired aircraft when there is an option. How do you know if it's a club aircraft? It has our logo on the side (and the financial benefits to the club are quite significant.) This also means that club owned aircraft should be parked closer to the door for easier access!

Barossa Airshow

This great event is on again on the 2nd April 2017.

A Busy Calendar

December 2106

10th December – ASC Christmas Dinner

27-31 December: SA Coaching Week at Waikerie

March 2016

State Gliding Comps

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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