

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the first edition of the ASC e-News for 2017

In the Eastern States they call it 'stripping!'



The crop on the airfield is currently getting a haircut.

Thanks for the photo Leonard

American River Fly-In

The American River Fly-in Gala Day at KI is on again for Sun 15th January 2017. There will be a shuttle bus from Johnson's Airfield into town. It is a great flight over to KI and a good day out for all.

Contact at American River is Dean - PH 0885537367

Jeff Schuster will be attending and can assist with any questions you may have about the day / Airstrip.

Geoff Horwood...by Jeff Schuster



As a tribute you might like to use a photo in your next newsletter of the late Geoff Horwood and his wife.

Geoff was a friend of mine and a real true blue character, for the short time I knew him. He has a founding history with the ASC and Port Pirie Gliding Club which I was not aware of. What I do know that his last flight as pilot in command of a club J170 was in the Nexy Flights when the Northern Expressway way was opened. Geoff was near or at the age of 90 when that happened. The photo taken was his last event at the club (ASC 50th celebration in Oct 2014). He told me he was hanging up his wings and retiring from the club to be his wife's full time carer. A very noble man.

Did you know that we are suffering one of our worst seasons for Three Corner Jacks? So... to avoid flat tyres please use the taxi ways and gravel/bitumen runways where practical. Areas most affected include straight across from the launch point of 23 where gliders are towed across the runway and 13 right through the old crop area.

The Australian (newspaper – Jan 7, 2017)



The cricket and the looming Australian Open tennis may be attracting the national sporting headlines but in Benalla, in regional Victoria, all the talk is about the World Gliding Championships.

As many as 700 international competitors and crew will flock to the town, more than 200km northeast of Melbourne and home to fewer than 10,000 people.

The opening ceremony will be held tomorrow with two weeks of competition to start on Monday.

Gliding means being at the mercy of the weather — given the aircraft are powered by the wind rather than a motor — and pilots are faced with wetter conditions than usual at this time of the year.

“So anything could happen over the next two weeks,” said Australian pilot Peter Temple.

The World Gliding Championships are held every two years and the last time it was held in Australia was in 1987, also at Benalla.

The event was also hosted by South Australia in the 1970s.

There will be 115 pilots from 28 countries competing, and Temple thinks the team of six local pilots is in with a good shot, although it faces stiff competition from the Dutch, German, French and Czech teams.

“We’ve got some really good pilots on the team and we have the advantage of local knowledge, but of course we are up against some very good pilots and we can only do the best we can do,” he said.

“It’s been a long time between the competition coming to Australia so it really is a good opportunity for Australian pilots to compete on home ground, which we don’t normally get.”

Each day the pilots will fly around a course ranging from 370km to 800km depending on the weather.

“In each task there are generally three to five different towns that we fly around and then we come home. The fastest (time) around the task wins,” he said.

Temple said the event would be a boon for the local economy.

“We’ve got about 600 or 700 people who have come in for this competition, so that’s the pilots, the crews as well as other people that are coming to watch,” he said.

“That ... really is a bonus for the town.”

LOXTON AERO CLUB FLY IN – 7 & 8th April, 2017

The Loxton Aero Club has pleasure in inviting you to our 6th Biennial Fly In.

The focus for our 2017 Fly In is 'Partners of Pilots', in addition to lots of other interesting information.

Highlights include –

- Our very popular HANGAR DINNER with Guest Speaker, Kathy Mexted (Editor of Airsport, SAAA)
- Hangar Dinner lucky ticket prizes (\$200 first prize and \$50 second prize)
- Awards for best presented plane and the pilot who has flown the furthest to attend the Fly In.
- Presentations throughout the afternoon on Saturday, 8th April, featuring our very own Howard Hendrick (WW11 Bomber Pilot – now 93 years old and still flying PIC!). There will be a number of other Presentations (and we are keeping our fingers crossed that Shelley Ross will be able to attend and do a Presentation).
Keep an eye on our Website – www.loxtonaero.com which will be updated as the Program for the Fly In develops – stay tuned!
- Fully catered from Friday lunch time until Sunday breakfast – you won't go home hungry!

All information, Registration and Payment forms will be available on the website – www.loxtonaero.com BY THE END OF DECEMBER,

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

Recently 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

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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