

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News. Sincere thanks to the many contributors who have forwarded information for this edition.

Carol Bairnsfather

It is with great sadness that Club members are advised of the passing of Carol Bairnsfather. Carol had been suffering with acute myeloid leukaemia and lost her battle on Friday 17th February.

Carol had been a member of the ASC for over 40 years, the last 22 as a Life Member. Members would fondly remember Carol as the lovely, friendly lady that headed the ASC's House Group and in particular for the fabulous meals that she and her team provided at Club occasions for over 30 years. If would like to pay your respects and to help celebrate Carol's life, her funeral will be held at: Bowen Family Funerals, 6 Briar Road, Felixstow. At this stage a day and time cannot be confirmed. Once known, advice will be given by email from ASC Announce or keep your eye on The Advertiser.

SAGA State Comps 2017

Below is the link for the SAGA State Comps website. This event is to be held at the Gawler Airfield) and is from the 11th March to the 19th March this year.

If ASC members would like to fly club gliders in the state comps, if please contact Brenton Swart. There will be coaching available in our 2 seaters with Peter Temple and Matthew Scutter available to coach. All club gliders are available for use. <https://saga309.wordpress.com/>

Peter Temple

In the last issue of ASC e-News there was a brief reference to Peter Temple competing in the World Gliding Championships at Benalla in January 2017.

Peter competed in the 18metre class and finished 8th out of 43 entries. This may not have been the outcome that Pete had been working so hard and so long for, but it is truly a fabulous result. Although there were 11 days allocated to completion, due weather, only 7 were flown and Pete won one of those days. Pilots competing at this world class level are the best of the best and Pete was very close to achieving his goal as there were only 300 points separating the top eight finishers.

Congratulations Pete - a truly magnificent performance.

I'm sure we all take our airspace availability somewhat for granted. Pete is the ASC's Airspace Officer and works diligently on securing the best airspace he can to the benefit of all Club members. This, of course, heavily weighs on Peter's crystal ball gazing ability when trying to match our airspace request with expected weather conditions.

Pete is also the Regional Technical Officer Sports for gliding in SA/NT and in that role has overall responsibility for development of the sporting aspects of gliding in our region. He is the ASC's Head Coach and in that role is very keen to pass on his vast knowledge in areas relating to competition and cross country soaring. So, if you would like to learn from a champion, book a coaching flight with Peter.

Some members with long memories may recall a regular item called OpScene that appeared in the ASC's former newsletter, Cloudbase. Some things that are old are new again and so it is that OpScene will appear as a regular item in ASC e-News. OpScene will become an important part of our Safety Management System by providing feedback to members relating to safety and compliance matters. Topics covered will largely be based on occurrences that have been reported by members and addressed by the Safety Committee. Improved safety outcomes can only come from us all working together in an environment supported by a just (no blame) culture with the principal element of Occurrence Reporting at its core. The CFIs, Karl Faeth and John Whittington will jointly produce OpScene. You are encouraged to carefully read and to take on board the messages provided.

Airspace

This is a vital issue for the ASC – without airspace we would not exist. We fly in Military Restricted Areas and must do our utmost to operate within the set boundaries. Remember – we can and are being observed and monitored.

Early in training we should be “flying the boundaries” to make ourselves familiar with roads and railway lines etc. to accurately recognise our area's lateral and vertical limits. All users of the Gawler airspace are encouraged to use the computer in the briefing room to check the current notams on airspace availability prior to flying. If unsure – speak with an instructor. The great photographic depiction on the briefing room wall gives a very clear indication of airspace boundaries and landmarks. Look at it. This combination photo display took a lot of time and effort to produce. We are lucky to have it. A big thank you to Phil Pullem for producing it for the ASC. There have been several airspace incursions reported over the last year. For example:
A low time glider pilot was observed thermalling approximately one kilometre into the military airspace to the north-west of the circuit area. The pilot, when questioned, was fully aware of the airspace boundaries. He had been flying for a long time (given his low level of experience) and as it was a good thermal day had spent much of the flight at high altitudes and may have been caught out by the error of parallax. The military airspace was active. The pilot has had his understanding of the airspace checked by an instructor and flown the boundaries on a check flight.
A low time LSA pilot was on crosswind and to avoid conflict with a glider that he could not see, but who had given a circuit joining call, deliberately flew further upwind and into military airspace. Unbeknown to the pilot the military airspace was not active. The pilot has had his understanding of the airspace checked by an instructor.

Airspace incursions will have a serious impact on our relationship with our neighbour - the RAAF. Remember, our privilege to fly at Gawler is dependent on flying in strict accordance with the available airspace.

Daily Inspections

Effective airframe daily inspections are a vital part of aviation. When in the air, unlike a motor vehicle, you can't pull to the side of the road to check on a potential problem. When you take off – you are committed to aviation, so make sure you and the aircraft are prepared and safe to fly. Recently a pre-flight inspection of a Jabiru found one of the nosewheel spat screws missing. The pilot who flew the previous flight said – “they are all there before I took off”.

Safety Seminar

The next CASA AvSafety Seminar will be held in a museum! (The South Australian Aviation Museum at Port Adelaide to be precise.) If you haven't been to one of these seminars (presented by CASA's pilot advisor Terry Horsam) do try it – they are well done and contain info that may save your life one day. And you will get to look round the museum.

CASA AvSafety Seminar, SA Aviation Museum, Lipson St Port Adelaide 22 March at 6.30 pm.

Airfield Rolling

You might notice that the airfield is being rolled at the moment?



Congratulations Danielle

Congratulations to Danielle Thompson who gained her 'C' certificate in Gliding with a flight of 80 mins in FQQ.

The word on the street is that her smile is a nautical mile wide.

'A noteworthy event at Gawler' by Karl Faeth

Member Geoff Davis owns a number of historic aircraft which he stores at his hangar at Gawler and also at his country property.

One of them, a Curtiss Robin, built in 1929, high wing fitted with a radial engine was recently sold to an enthusiast in Tyabb Victoria.

On Friday, 10th February, when I arrived at Gawler, pilot and mechanics with support from Mick Wright, were busy readying the aircraft for its long journey to Tyabb. There were a few problems with fuel leaks which needed to be fixed but after a while it was ready.

Out came the crank handle to wind up the flywheel and after a couple of tries the radial engine caught and fired up.

Then came a diligent pre-flight and a taxi to 05 from where it left Gawler. It only used about 1/3 of the runway and then was airborne. Reports were that it arrived safely in Horsham, where it stayed the night and the next successfully ended its voyage in Tyabb.

It was great to see it fly.



Barossa Airshow

The Barossa Air Show is on the second of April this year and our ASC Committee has approved the club contributing to this great event. Our club publicity / promotions Group would appreciate the names of volunteers to:

- * conduct an aerobatic Glider display. (LSA personnel have already been identified.)
- * fly a tow plane to, from and at, Rowland Flat.
- * staff the information booth on a roster basis. Equal mix of Glider and LSA personnel- up to 10 would be ideal and a mix of males and females.
- * show the public the club's Glider and LSA aircraft with interested people to experience what it feels like to sit in the respective aircraft.

We are also looking for good printable pictures (on a USB) of current ASC aircraft and / or operations on the field (flying / social etc)

If you can help out, please contact: Email: petersachs@iprimus.com.au Mobile: 0402123059

Fly Away

Aeroscene and the ASC LSA team are planning on attend the Booleroo Steam & Traction Preservation Society Annual Rally on Sunday March 26th 2017, as the airfield is near the Town on the E-SE side. (walking distance)

The event is at the Booleroo Centre Oval (Arthur Street), from 10:00am - 4:00pm. The entry cost is \$10 for Adults with food available all day. There is lots of history in the fabulous machines and other farming implements and equipment to see.

We will be departing Gawler at 0900hr, it is approx 104NM away, so just over an hour away.

Please head to Goboko and book your aircraft if you are interested in coming. If you are looking for a spare seat, please let us know.

Booleroo Steam & Traction Preservation Society Inc.

* Stationary Engines * Vintage & Veteran Tractors * Motor Vehicles
* Steam Exhibits * Blacksmith Shop * Bag Loading * Farming Memorabilia
* Dam Scooping With two Fowler Engines +- Food & Drinks * Craft Stalls
* Swap Meet 8 - 10am Camping & Ablutions Airfield Nearby

**Annual Rally and Swap Meet
March 26th 2017**

Featuring Small Garden Implements & Horticultural Equipment

Food All Day
Breakfast Starts at 8am

ADMISSION
Adults \$10.00
Children \$5.00
Family \$25.00

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NHMA member

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!

A Busy Calendar

March 2017

11th - 19th March - State Gliding Comps to be held at Gawler
26th March - Flyaway to Booleroo Steam Rally

April 2017

2nd April - Barossa Airshow

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.

Daryl Trigg (ASC Secretary)

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