

ASC e-News

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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News.

New Members

We welcome the following people who were accepted into membership at our club at the most recent Committee meeting: Nick Randlborn, Jeremy Sleep, Lachlan Bamford and Nick Arman.

SAGA State Comps 2017

The SAGA State Comps will be held March 11th 12th 13th 18th and 19th at the Gawler airfield.

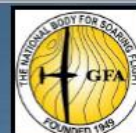
Below is the link to the website.

From Brenton: *We still have aircraft available to fly in the comp. You do not need to fly every day. If you would like to fly just one day that is fine. We also still have a few coaching slots available to fly with Matthew Scutter or Peter Temple. This is a great opportunity to fly with two of the best pilots in the world. Let me know ASAP if your keen we have slots available for next weekend on Saturday and Monday.*

<https://saga309.wordpress.com/>

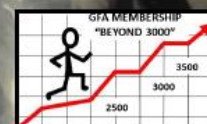
Got any friends?

Project Beyond 3000



Aviate in April

1. Fly a Friend at any gliding club in Australia in April
2. When they join GFA for 12 months GFA will repay 50% of the GFA membership fee to your club.
3. When the member renews in April 2018 GFA will again refund 50% of the GFA fee to your club.
4. Let's do it!



Safety Occurrence Reporting

Members are encouraged to report incidents, hazards, and accidents through the ASC Occurrence Reporting System and the respective LSA and Gliding National Bodies. Issues can then be addressed and remedies put in place to ensure that we all fly in a safe environment. It can be clearly demonstrated that the more reports that are generated (when necessary) the safer the culture of an organisation becomes. We want to establish an open, non-punitive, educative environment in which we can all operate safely.

Circuit directions

It is important when flying in a busy environment, such as Gawler, that we adhere, as far as possible, to the published practices. We should be predictable and by following the normal procedures other users will know where we'll most likely be in the sky.

An incident was reported where an aircraft taking off on RWY31 turned right after take-off and departed the circuit to the north east. The pilot of another aircraft was approaching the circuit from the north and planned to join the circuit on the crosswind leg. Clearly there was potential for a head-on incident. Pilots should note that they need to follow CAA6.4 and except for exceptional circumstances follow the circuit direction of the active runway. In this instance the pilot that was taking off should have executed a left turn onto crosswind, climbed in the circuit and then departed to the north east..

Runway Incursions

On 20/08/2016, a Jabiru crossed runway 23 from the taxiway, whilst a glider-tug combination was rolling. Luckily this resulted in a 50ft overfly, but the result could have been disastrous. Both pilots reported that they made the appropriate radio broadcasts, but the LSA instructor and student neither saw the combination rolling, nor heard the tug rolling radio call. To help mitigate the risk of further incidents like this these procedures should be adopted:

- a. Aircraft crossing the active runway must stop at the hold point and ensure all is clear before proceeding to enter the runway.
- b. If a tug (or any other aircraft) is observed on the take-off pad then it must be assumed that a take-off roll is imminent. It is essential that prior to entering the runway that radio contact is made with the tug pilot to check on the status of the take-off. It may well be that there is sufficient time for the entering aircraft to safely cross the runway, but this must only occur with the tug pilot's approval.
- c. Tugs, when not immediately about to launch a glider are to be parked off the runway, on the grass, at approx. 45 degrees to the take-off direction.

Instructors

Welcome back Chantal. After tearing tendons and breaking a bone she is back LSA instructing again.

Paul Clift has completed his Level 2 GFA Instructor Rating.

By the time this goes to press Andrew Wright will have completed his GFA Level 1 Instructor Rating.

Gliding Level 1 Independent Operators

Level 1 Independent Operators are required to obtain the Gliding CFI's approval on each occasion they intend to operate without an instructor on the field (MOSP Pt 2 Nov 2016 Pg 42. 13.1.1). The Gliding CFI has requested all IO L1's to register their intention to fly the night before on the ASC Gliding Register. The Gliding CFI will send each pilot a text notifying them of his approval that evening.

Maintenance

LSA

Recently, a diligent pre-flight inspection of 7385 found a crack in the rubber leading edge of the propeller. Although the issue may not have been structural, the prop was removed and sent back

to Bolly for investigation. The aircraft now has a new propeller. Imagine losing a propeller blade in flight!

8198 is due for a new engine soon. It has about 50 hours left to run. Mick Wright has spoken to Jabiru and they are building a new one for us.

Our newest Jabiru, 8538 had a bit of a brake problem a few weeks ago. One of the brake pads came adrift. Again a vigilant pre-flight inspection by Graham Beck found the problem. Jabiru was advised and has given us free replacements for both wheels. The old pads were only 'glued' but the new ones are riveted and glued. For interest – previous J170D models had 2 brake callipers for each wheel; the new model only has 1 per wheel.

Gliding

GER is currently not rated for aerobatic flight due to the harness manufacturer's service bulletin.

Safe flying.

Karl Faeth John Whittington
LSA CFI Gliding CFI

Lost your ring?

A ring has been found in the front seat of glider ZDG around the 27th Feb. See Jenny in the office if it is yours.

Found your ring?

Congratulations to Tom and Karen on your recent wedding.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Bobby Sambhy, Ollie Wines and Carina Law who have all recently gone solo.

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

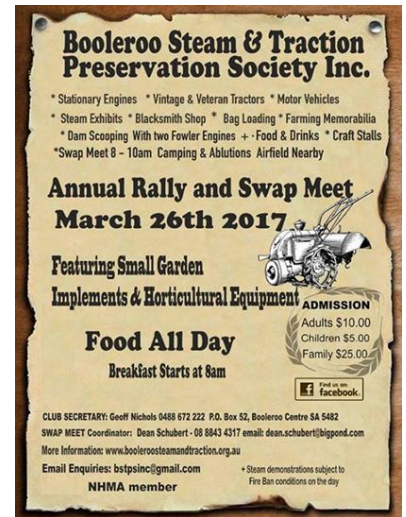
Fly Away

Aeroscene and the ASC LSA team are planning on attending 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.



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

March 11th 12th 13th 18th and 19th - 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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