

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News. A special welcome to our latest members who have joined us recently: Tom Banko, Matthew Howe, Matthew Vas, Ryan Breslin, Ramin Docouhaki, Timo Staal.

Committee News

The ASC Committee meets each month to make decisions on all sorts of policy, operational and financial matters. Some of the more important in recent times have been:

- **Road condition - interim and ongoing:** The Committee has fixing the entrance road as a top priority. However it won't be quick and Committee is not prepared to spend your money on an expensive solution which won't be a long-term solution. It has therefore obtained a professional road survey and had this processed by a civil engineer with a road-building background. This has confirmed the fact that drainage works to keep water runoff away from the entrance road is an essential preliminary to a long-term solution.

Discussions with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) are about to begin on these matters, and plans are being prepared for a better entrance road. In the meantime Tom Leech is arranging for volunteers to keep the existing road in as good a condition as possible in the interim. In the end substantial spending of the club's accumulated reserves will be necessary to finally fix the problem.

Shelter for glider trailers and other club infrastructure: Committee has approved the building of a new shelter to protect the club's glider trailers and some of the machinery used for aerodrome maintenance from the weather. This will be placed near the exiting tractor shed. The value of the trailers and other equipment is around \$100,000 so it's worth protecting.

- **Aerodrome lease:** Negotiations are proceeding between the club and the Light Regional Council regarding an extension of the club's lease. Indications are positive about obtaining a greatly extended lease.

Accounts

Each month you receive one or more *invoices* from the club for costs incurred such as flying fees, and a *statement* summarising all that you owe. What you owe is what is on the statement.

Please pay the amount you owe as soon as possible and certainly by the end of the calendar month. You can do this –

- By direct credit to the club's account – details are on your statement
- By credit card over the phone (08 - 85221877) to the ASC office
- In person in the office, using card or cash
- By cheque in the mail.

Your fees are all used to keep the club flying and the aerodrome operational. (Incidentally you may not know that fees are quarantined into a number of separate budget lines – glider flying fees go to support gliding activities, LSA fees to support LSA activities and so on. All your annual subscription fees go things that keep the aerodrome open – upkeep, rates, telecommunications, tractors, insurances and so on).

Unpaid accounts may cause you to be declared unfinancial. If that happens you cannot fly or otherwise use the airfield or facilities of the club.

Trip to Maitland and CASA Seminar

We had a good attendance at the CASA Pilot Safety Seminar at Maitland on Sunday 30 April. Five ASC aircraft and eight members made the journey, some combining the trip with a navigation exercise. CASA's pilot safety adviser Terry Horsam gave his usual excellent presentation and included some thought-provoking ideas about partial engine failure and fuel management, well supported by examples. Terry will be doing a presentation at Gawler in a few months – it's worth attending.

Aerodrome Procedures

A new version of By-Law 7 **Gawler Airfield Operational Guidelines** has been approved. This is the document setting out how to operate at Gawler and you can find it here:

<http://adelaidesoaring.on.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/ASC-By-Law-7-April-2017.pdf>



2017
Catch up Food & Flyin'
at
The Gawler Air Field
Saturday 13th May
10am – 2pm

Gliding commences at 10am so come and give that a go

Please refer to ERSA for circuit operations

Chat with other flying enthusiasts, compare notes and experiences
while enjoying a catered meal

Sausage \$2.50 Chips \$3

Please contact the ASC office on 8522 1877 or email at adsoar@adsl.on.net
by 3pm on Thursday the 11th of May to allow planning of catering

From Geoff's recent trip to Woollongong.



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!

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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