

ASC e-News

Electronic news from the Adelaide Soaring Club



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Welcome to the latest ASC e-News. Our last one for 2017 and we wish all the members and friends of the ASC a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Christmas Cheer

The annual club Christmas Dinner was great night – thanks to the House and Social crew and to everyone who attended.



Did you know?

Did you know...

...that many members of our club fill positions at national and state levels in aviation, and through them help to maintain our freedom to fly? Some examples are –

- Peter Cesco is national President of the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA)
- Karl Faeth is Area Coordinator and pilot examiner for RAAus
- Mandy Temple continues an important national promotion role in GFA
- Steve Pegler is President of the South Australian Gliding Association
- Mick Wright is the sole SA Authorised Person (AP) with power delegated from CASA to inspect and “sign off” amateur-built aircraft before their first flight
- Brenton Swart represents SA on the national GFA Board
- Geoff Wood is convenor of CASA’s Regional Airspace and Procedures Advisory Committee (RAPAC) for South Australia

A reminder

If your membership fees (due 1 November) are still unpaid you are now unfinancial. Please contact the office and make arrangements promptly to pay your dues. Regrettably, until this is done the club’s facilities and services must remain unavailable to you. If you do not intend to continue with your membership of the club it would be appreciated if you could let the office know by email at adsoar@adsl.on.net to prevent further follow-up. Geoff Wood / Treasurer, ASC

The Crop

Have you notice that the crop on the aerodrome has been harvested? This was done on 14-15 December. The non-operational parts of the aerodrome are farmed under a share-cropping arrangement.

The income from this is variable, typically \$4000-\$8000 per year. All this income is used on maintenance of the aerodrome for such things as weed sprays, equipment, bitumen repairs and so on.

Cyril Sneath,

Cyril passed away and his funeral will be held at Acacia Chapel, Enfield Memorial Park on Friday (today) 22nd December at 4pm.

Cyril was an LSA member here at the club and his grand-niece – Deanna, has passed on the invitation to those who knew Cyril that they are more than welcome to attend the service.

1000 km flight

Matthew Scutter completed the first 1000 km glider flight from Gawler for the 2017-18 summer early in December. He was a little disappointed – he was aiming for 1500 km!!

Graham Readett...by Karl Faeth

I just received an email from Graham Readett, advising that he is standing down as an Instructor of the Adelaide Soaring Club.

Graham has been a significant part of the ASC for the past 40 years. He had his first glider flight in 1972 and was made Assistant Instructor in August, 1977. He was appointed Qualified Flying Instructor August 1979. He instructed in gliders until 2001 and logged over 1,000 hours instructing. He was also a tug pilot from 1995 to 1998. In 1998 the ASC purchased a Jabiru and he became an ultra-light Instructor with CFI Brian Brealey.

Graham was an important part of the then Ultra-light team and used his extensive aeronautical knowledge, expertise and experience to keep our little Jabiru flying at Gawler, ably assisted by the late Len Talbot who was an expert mechanic with the RAA and our maintenance guru, Ian White.

Graham has logged 920 instructional hours in Jabirus.

Graham was the RTO (SA) 1991 to 1999. As such he conducted 8 Ground Engineer Courses for about 50 ground engineers and Daily Inspection Courses from 1974 to 1991. He was awarded the Ryan Trophy in 1996. In 2002 he was presented with the Helmut Apitz Award by the club.

In 2006 the Adelaide Soaring Club awarded him Life Membership.

Graham Readett has made a very valuable contribution to the Adelaide Soaring Club over many years. Well done Graham and thanks from all of us.

Christmas vouchers

Are you facing an endless stream of people asking “Hey, what would you like for Christmas this year?”

Well the ASC is here to help. You could just tell your loved ones, friends and relations to call the ASC office and get an [ASC Gift Voucher](#) for you. Here's what they need to do -

- Call the office on (08) 8522 1877
- Nominate the amount and pay over the phone by credit card
- The office will send one of the club's attractive vouchers, so there's something tangible to put under your Christmas tree
- You get to use the funds on anything the club provides – flying, fuel, maps, dinners, anything!

Only a few short voucher-shopping days to Christmas so why not do it now?

Male models, mug shots and hats



The office will be selling these caps for \$12 each while stocks last (we have 50 of them) and the next batch will cost \$17.50.

The bottom collar of the cap is designed to wet for cooling purpose. They'd make great Christmas presents!

Congratulations

Congratulations to club member Ben Mahoney (left) who did his first solo flight at Gawler on Friday 15th December and also to Damian Nguyen (right) who flew a Jabiru for the first time as a solo pilot on Wednesday 20th December.



An interesting tail.... By Karl Faeth

Late last month I was contacted by Brian McIntyre of the Millicent Gliding Club.

He told me that he had just purchased a Pipistrel Sinus Motor Glider in Western Australia and that he was trailing it back to SA. The aircraft was registered with RAAus 24-4124 and he needed to learn to fly it. He phoned the Ops Manager at RAAus and was advised that he should contact me for training.



He arrived at Gawler on Sunday, 10th December and I spent the next week with him. On Monday the 11th we rigged the aircraft and spent the next week learning about the aircraft, its handling



characteristics and how to fly it. Being a tail wheel aircraft presented further challenges. There were a couple of hiccups like a battery explosion and a flat tail wheel but overall all went well.

Brian went solo on the Friday afternoon and did the required solo hour for a conversion from glider pilot to RAAus pilot. The Pipistrel drew a lot of attention from pilots, both gliding and LSA and a lot of compliments for the quality of the design and construction of the aircraft.

There is never a dull moment at Gawler!

Please shut the gate

Please remember to shut the gate if you are the last person leaving the airfield of an evening.



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