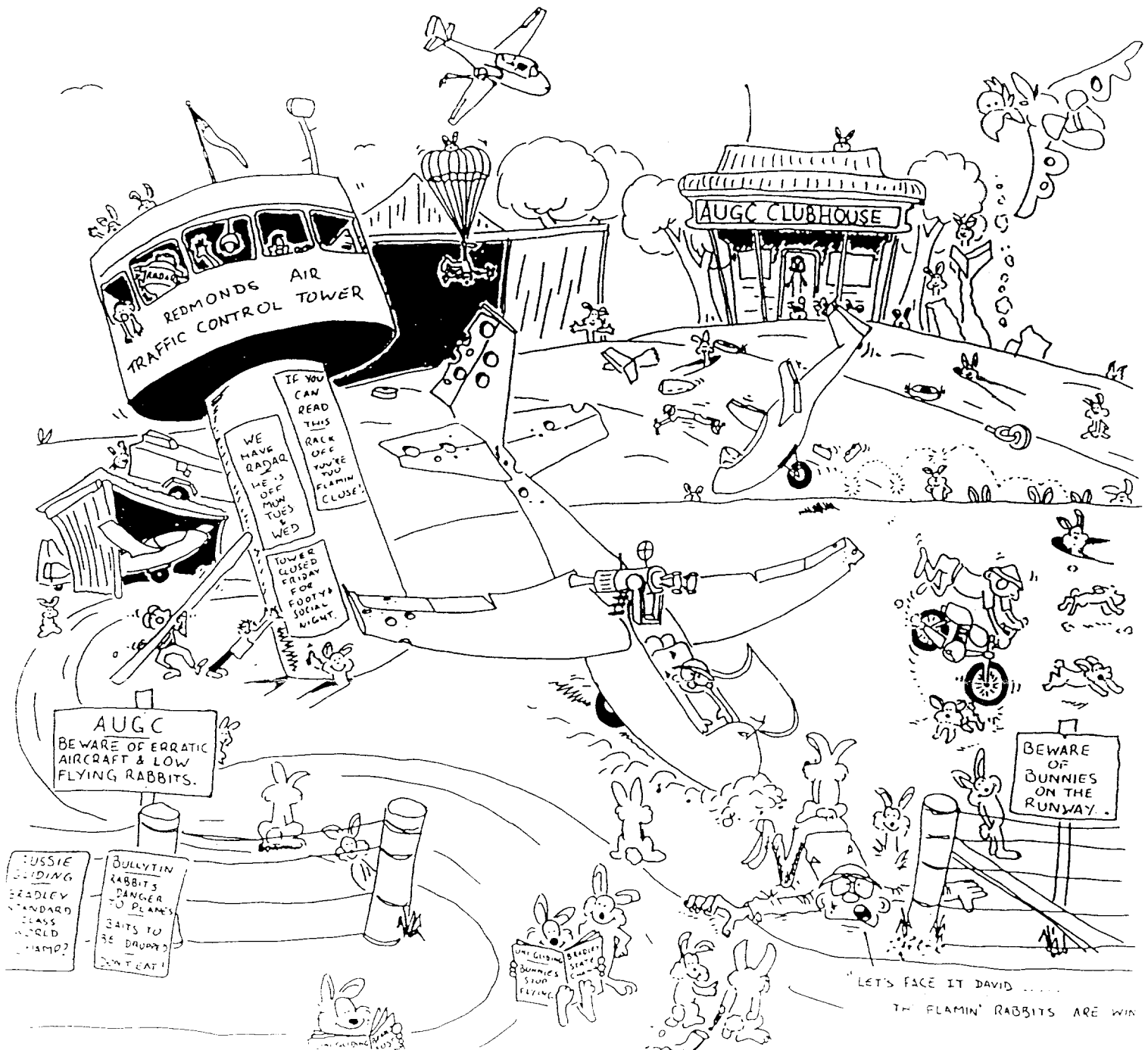


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Editorial

Welcome to this the May edition of Uni Gliding. In this edition are a couple of important details for our newer members. First however let me express welcome to the new executive and wish them joy in their chosen (?) tasks, and on behalf of our new president congratulate the following people:

Sonya Fennel for converting to the Super Arrow,
Sylvan Fennel along with Ruth & Rob Curtis for converting to the Arrow (good: it's needed someone to look after it ever since David Teagle left),
Adrienne Walker & Jeff Brenton for their passenger-friendly ratings.

Now for these other details, the first is that we have a NEW telephone CONTACT PERSON. This is the person that you should call to let us know that you are coming flying. So that if you need a lift from the footbridge or Bolivar it can be arranged. It also lets us make sure that we have enough instructors and crew to make the day run. The wonderful person who will do all this is Stephen Were, one of the clubs hard working instructors, who would like to hear from you on Thursday evenings (Tel: 352 5137). The second is that the return of the GENERAL MEETING. This is a meeting held on the first wednesday of the month where we have a talk/slides/video... on something of interest. Do you want to know how to drive our winch, or maybe how to talk to the CAA or especially how does Gary Hollands make a BOOMERANG do over 100km/hr. These and other mysteries await you. Hope to see you at the meetings or up at the field.

Martyn Roberts , editor

Important Club Numbers

President	Anthony Smith	
Secretary	Jeff Brenton	43 4518
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Chief Flying Instructor Redmond Quinn 344 5331

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Calender of Events

Social Diary:

- Saturday 15th May. Roast Lamb on a spit, to be held at the airfield.
Thursday 20th May. Pool Night. At U-Qube-2 in Gawler Place at 7:30 pm.
Tuesday 1st June. Movie Night, movie to be decided (any special requests).

Still to come a **Vultrek night** and the **Go-Karting Grand Prix**.

General Meetings:

- 2nd June. Winch Driving.
28th July. Cross Country Flying part 1
4th August. Cross Country Flying part 2.
1st September. Aerodynamics/Flight Loads.
6th October. Guest Speaker.

Executive Meetings:

19th May. At Justine Thompson's house. [4/29 Fuller St. Walkerville]
Pizza will be devoured.

16th June. Location to be decided at meeting above.

New Contact Person

So you want to go flying this weekend. The clubs normal travel arrangements are to leave from the University footbridge at 7:00 am or from the Shell petrol station at Bolivar at 7:30am. That's the station just after the White Horse Inn. You should ring the contact person to let us know who's coming. The contact is now STEPHEN WERE Tel# 352 5137. He should be rung on Thursday evenings 7:30 - 9:00pm. This way he can help you with a lift if you should need it, and make sure that we have all the appropriate people that we need.

Stephen WERE Tel: 352 5137

Thursday's 7:30 - 9:00pm

THE DIRT ROAD

ARE YOU NEXT?

This item is being written following the C.F.I.'s report to the club annual meeting at the beginning of April. It was a pleasure to report a year of safe flying. Unfortunately the same could not be said of our driving performance.

This caused me to look back over our statistics for the last five years. This picture has been fairly consistent. Our club members achieve one or two major accidents each year on the dirt road between Lochiel and the airfield. Other minor fender benders occur which don't even rate a mention. Statistics would indicate that the most likely timing of accidents is in the period following "O" week when new members are first driving to Lochiel and also when the first winter rains turn the road to a skid pan.

Turning the statistics into dollars the equation looks something like this:

- * Annual average damage bill: \$10,000
- * The damage represents something like \$3 for every launch on the airfield
- * The damage represents something like \$200/year for each person driving to the airfield.

A little thought on the issue would reveal that we suffer from a driver training/experience gap. Generally club members driving to Lochiel haven't held a licence for many years. Most have passed conventional driver training in Adelaide or other centres where all training and testing is carried out on sealed roads and skid control is not part of the practical syllabus. In many instances the dirt between Lochiel and the airfield is the first significant stretch of unsealed road encountered by the driver.

There is an even chance someone is going to wrap another car around a tree or a farmer's fence when the first rains of winter arrive. There is an uncomfortably high chance that it is going to be you. Since you're not bullet proof, next time you drive along the road have a look at those mallee trees, envisage what they look like rushing towards the driver's door when you've lost it and **SLOW DOWN**. Just for the record, whilst we have seen a continuing stream of cars demolished none has ever succeeded in knocking down a tree.

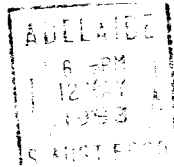
If you should ever get the chance to attend an advanced driving course covering skid control grab the opportunity. In the mean time continue to fly safely and drive to match.

Redmond Quinn
Chief Flying Instructor

Reminders:

The Barbeque is **this long weekend**. If this notice gets to your pidgeon hole too late, don't worry the contact person would have told you about it when you rang up.

For those of you who want to leave me a message or receive an ascii version of the newsletter can email to the editor at "marobert@teaching.cs.adelaide.edu.au". I'll send out electronic editions for them that wants them.



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