

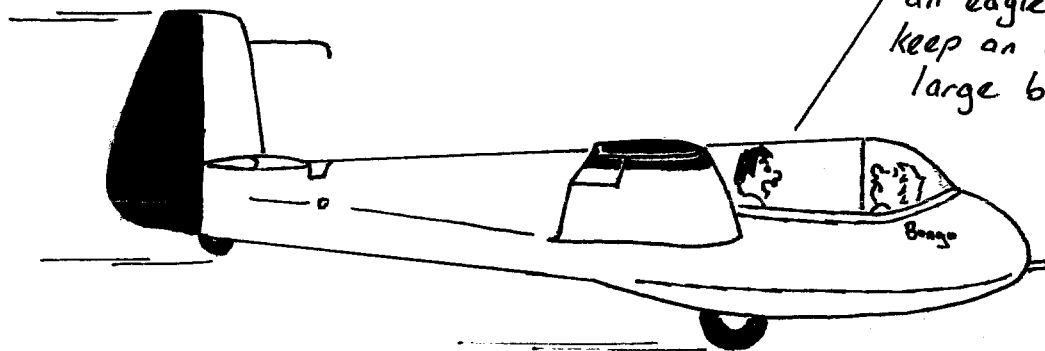
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*This is where I clobbered
an eagle last week...
keep an eye out for any
large birds!!*

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

All solo pilots - you must have completed your Annual Check Flight by 1st October, or you will not be able to fly until you have had the check.
It is up to YOU to take the initiative to get the check done and endorsed in your logbook.
(The emphasis is on spinning and cable breaks.)

All club members - be aware that TIF forms must be completed before flying, otherwise the flight/club is not covered by insurance.

PRESIDENT'S SPIEL

Hi Everyone.

Well everything appears to be back to normal - as normal as it gets around this club anyway. The winch works, gliders are flying (and occasionally going up for a while too) and people are enjoying themselves. It is good to see the efforts of a number of people paying off. Congratulations this month go to **Angus MacGillivray**, **Andrew McCauley** and **Kevin Zietz** for successfully getting their outlanding checks completed in the *Motorfalke*. These guys can now attempt cross country flights by themselves if they think the weather is good enough. Thanks go to **Simon Hackett** for letting the club use his *Motorfalke* to get the checks done.

We had a big weekend for pouring the concrete for the new hangar recently. Thank you to everyone who lent a hand, and especially to **Peter Temple** and **Mandy Wilson** who put on a dinner that night that everyone enjoyed immensely.

This month sees the *Bergfalke* down at West Beach, soon to be joined by the *Arrow*. **Ian Linke** has kindly done some work to reinforce the vent holes in the *Bergy's* canopy, and made up some custom vents to fit them. This promises to make the *Bergy* a bit more comfortable in summer and a bit quieter, especially in the back seat. **Kevin Zietz** is tidying up the loose ends on the *Bergy's* radio (with the intention of eventually fitting headsets). **Redmond Quinn** has made up a new nose fairing and is patching up the skid. Meanwhile, I have been playing with making a new seat pan for ZM and removing some of the slop from the front seat control circuit. If you would like to fly the *Bergy* then I recommend you join the names above at the West Beach shed and lend a hand.

More good news is that the *Puchatek* is back at Lochiel, and has survived a couple of weekends without being broken (mind you, we haven't let Redmond fly it yet!). However, **Peter Cassidy** has taken on the eagles yet again in it. We have two juvenile eagles in the area at the moment. While they appear to avoid most pilots, I seriously recommend that you leave them alone till they work out that they won't win if they take on a glider. Note that the older eagles don't bother with us anymore.

Lastly, when we have a lot of people on field wanting to fly, it is important to have a 'duty pilot' to organise things. The duty pilot is generally someone who has been around the club for a while and knows what should be done to make the day work. This covers, but is not exclusively limited to, having a list of who is to fly next, who is on the winch next, and ensuring that gliders are being retrieved in a timely manner, etc. When the duty pilot goes flying it is essential that the relevant info be handed over to a replacement person or the day will collapse into a disorganised heap. You don't have to rant and scream at people if you are 'on duty', but a lot more flying can be achieved if the day is run in an organised manner.

Looking forward to seeing you up there sometime,

Anthony
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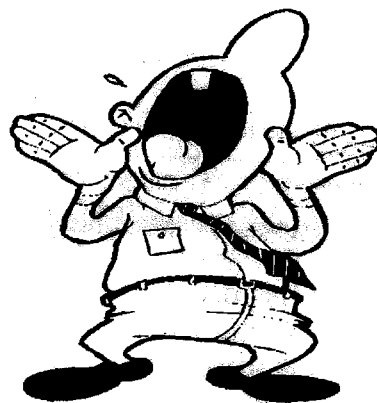
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Go Gliding.

TREASURER'S BLAST

Have a look at the address label on your newsletter. At the top right hand corner is an amount of money. If this is not in brackets, then your flying account is positive (i.e. the club owes you flying); this is a good thing. Come flying and reduce it to zero. If however this number is in brackets it means that **you owe the club money**, and this is a **bad thing**. The club is currently owed approximately \$4,500 by club members (this is about equal to the amount we have in the bank at the moment). While some of this is recent debt for a lot of people from all the aerotows at the Flinders, the rest is from people who have had outstanding debts for some time (and a lot of these are not small amounts either!).

The club cannot operate as a charity. As such, people with larger debts will be receiving a statement of their account with the request that they **pay as soon as possible**. Eventually, if people don't pay, then the club will consider employing a debt collector (**large, unfriendly person**) to collect the money (**less than pleasant experience**). While no-one enjoys threatening people, the club cannot afford to tolerate people who owe money for extended periods of time. The alternative is to do away with flying accounts and ensure people pay on the day (or maybe before) they go flying. *Don't abuse the system, and thus allow the club to continue to operate for many years to come.*



JULY ON FIELD

Sun 12 July: 18 flights, total 4 hrs 34 mins.
Longest flight by A. McCauley (86 mins, MI).

Sat 18 July: 23 flights, total 5 hrs 23 mins.
Longest flight by A. Smith/Dilip Varms
(62 mins, KRO). *Motorfalke* also on field.

Sat 25 July: 24 flights, total 4 hrs 9 mins.
Longest flight by A. McCauley (38 mins, PN).
Barossa Valley Gliding Club
visited for the weekend.

Sun 26 July: 30 flights, total 10 hrs 25 mins.
Longest flight by A. McCauley (145 mins,
PN). P. Cassidy, R. Curtis and friends flew up
from Parafield in a C182. Great day for flying.

AT WEST BEACH

West Beach is where we carry out the maintenance and repair on our gliders and equipment. There are usually volunteers working down there on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Here is a summary of what has been going on:

Bergfalke: Annual inspection - a big effort is called for to get our venerable work horse back into the air as soon as possible.

Bocian: Still at the back being slowly rebuilt. It was extensively damaged a few years ago and progress is slow because of all the other work.

Winch #3: The winch drums and diff have been mounted on the F100 chassis. Part of the back wall of the cab needs to be cut away to fit the winch drive shaft to the transfer box.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST?

General Meeting Wed 5th

A talk on Meteorology and Weather Forecasting.

6:30 pm Uni bistro for dinner.

7:30 pm Canon Poole Room, Adelaide Uni.

Drinks in the bar afterwards.

Executive Meeting Tue 18th

7:30 pm at Mandy & Peter's (6 Neptune Ave, Modbury Heights); all Club members welcome to attend and have a say in how the Club is run. Not as boring as you might think!

Royal Aeronautical Society Lecture Thu 27th

Flinders University Airborne Research Australia presents its newly acquired *Grobb*.

Presented by Dr Jorg Hacker and Professor Peter Schwerdtfeger.

6:00 pm, FUARA hangar, Parafield aerodrome.

NOTE: *The very cold, wet winter we've been having must be making it hard for people to get out of an evening - a couple of recent social events have been rather poorly attended. Also, your Social Convenor has had an extremely busy month, so unfortunately there aren't many events planned for this month (well, none at all, to be precise). However, don't despair, SPRING will soon be upon us, and there are some novel and fun events in the pipeline for next month.*

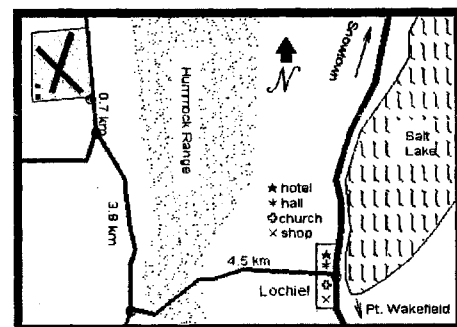
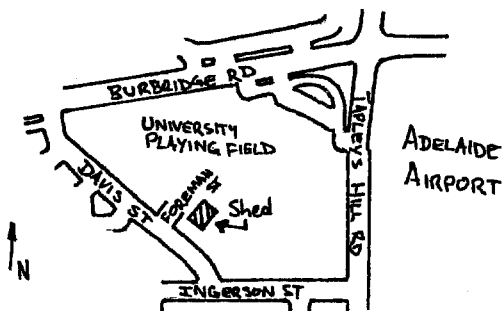
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AUGC: What's on in August?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31 7.45 pm West Beach Shed Bergfalke Form II Bocian repair Winch #3					1 <i>Go gliding...</i>	2 <i>Go gliding...</i>
3 7.45 pm West Beach Shed Bergfalke Form II Bocian repair Winch #3	4	5 General Meeting <i>Weather & Forecasting</i> 7.30 pm Canon Poole Room, Adel Uni <i>All Welcome</i>	6 <i>Call Contact Person</i> 018 810 963	7	8 <i>Go gliding...</i>	9 <i>Go gliding...</i>
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SO YOU WANT TO HELP AT WEST BEACH?

- Do you want to help fix the gliders or build the winch at West Beach, but can't get there?
- A lift is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30 pm Mondays and Tuesdays.
- You can also ring Anthony on (08) 8393 2646, e-mail: anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net. He can organize a lift for those who need it.



SO YOU WANT TO GO FLYING THIS WEEKEND?

- You must ring the club contact person, Mandy, on the Thursday before, between 8.30 pm and 10.00 pm, on **018 810 963** so that she can organize instructors and transport for those intending to fly.
- A lift to Lochiel is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.00 am, from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield Rd, Bolivar at 7.30 am, or from elsewhere (by arrangement only) if you have real transport problems.

→ Remember to phone the contact person or you could be forgotten

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