

Far Cumulus (Cu)

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REBEL LEADER DEMANDS NEWS

A not so surprising raid by a rebel group of glider pilots has seized control of the gliding club newsletter. Outraged by the lack of any regular news being issued to gliding club members through Uni Gliding, the rebel group is determined to see the re-emergence of the infamous 'Far Cu' newsletter. This newsletter has been dormant for many years after it was used on a previous newsletter editor who couldn't produce the goods.

Whilst completely unofficial, the rebels claim that it is far better than the media blackout imposed by the current newsletter editor. In the only statement so far, the rebel leader has claimed "Whilst in control of the newsletter, we will tell everyone about what is happening in our club! We will do it on time and on budget!".

The rebels claim their first issue of 'Far Cu', although limited to a few pages by the urgent need to get information of their coup out quickly, will tell of what has been going on, new TIF rates and flying charges and future events planned for the Gliding Club.

MONEY MATTERS: READ THIS!

There are a number of money matters that everyone need to be aware of in the club.

New TIF Rates: The executive committee has reviewed the TIF rates. As of the weekend of 7-8th October the cost of a TIF for a non-student will be \$40. This includes one launch and up to 20 minutes of flying. Any subsequent flying on that day is at club rates. If the person decides to take up gliding and join the club within 3 months of their TIF, \$20 will be credited to their account.

Clubhouse Development Levy: The club needs to generate more funds to improve the standard of the clubhouse. From 7-8th October onwards, a \$1 per day levy will be applied to everyone who flies at Lochiel. This will be added on to your ac-

count using the flight sheet as an attendance record. The funds from this levy will be used towards a executive committee nominated improvement in the clubhouse eg flooring, new freezer, air conditioning, curtains etc.

Launch Cost: Due to the increase in petrol costs, winch launches may need to be increased to \$3.50. This will be reviewed after the next delivery of fuel to the airfield. More to come.

Club Accounts: Your account status is printed on the address label. If the figure is in brackets, you owe the club money. If this owed amount is more than \$50, you will need to reduce this debt in the very near future. Ask Dennis about your account if you have a query.

WHAT DOES IT COST TO GO GLIDING ?

	FIRST FLIGHT	SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT WEEKENDS		
ADELAIDE UNI STUDENT	\$3 Introductory (3 day) GFA, \$5 to join club and all flights at club rates.	Student GFA (pro rata) \$96.00 per year (club pays \$48.00 and student pays 48.00)	OR	\$3 Introductory (3 day) GFA
Forms to fill in before flight	Fill in GFA Form. (Must include student number and department) and Club Membership Form.	GFA Form		GFA Form
OTHER STUDENT	\$20 Trial Instructional Flight Includes: 20 minutes flying (25 c per minute for extra time) and one launch, AUGC Training Pack, 3 day GFA, and subsequent flights at club rates.	\$5 to join AUGC, \$60 to join Adelaide Uni Sports Assn, and Student GFA (pro rata) \$96.00	OR	\$5 to join AUGC, \$60 to join Adelaide Uni Sports Assn, and \$3 Introductory (3 day) GFA
Forms to fill in before flight	Fill in GFA Form	GFA Form, and Club Membership Form		GFA Form, Club Membership Form
NON-STUDENT	\$40 Trial Instructional Flight Includes: 20 minutes flying (25 c per minute for extra time) and one launch, AUGC Training Pack, 3 day GFA, and subsequent flights at club rates.	\$5 to join AUGC, \$60 to join Adelaide Uni Sports Assn, and Full GFA (pro rata) \$154.00 per year. \$20 credit in account from TIF (if within three months).	OR	\$5 to join AUGC, \$60 to join Adelaide Uni Sports Assn, and \$5 Introductory (3 day) GFA. \$20 credit in account from TIF (if within three months).
Forms to fill in before flight	Fill in GFA Form.	GFA Form and Club Membership Form		GFA Form, Club Membership Form

Notes: Family, 6 and 3 month GFA available. GFA rates may vary. AUGC training pack includes: training book and bumper sticker. GFA form must be completed **before** flying. Introductory GFA does not allow solo flying.

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!

Lots and lots of things have been happening within the club over the last month or two. The Bergy is in the shed at West Beach for its annual inspection along with the PIK. In the mean time we have been graciously loaned a Blanik two seater from **Emilis** so that we still have two training aircraft available to members. The Club Libelle has finished its annual inspection. It has been levered out of **Scott** (but wait there are still more things that I can improve) **Lewis's** grasp. **Scott** has invested a large amount of time and effort into improving the aircrafts performance by adding control seals as well as adding to (male) pilot comfort by the installation of a relief tube.

The trip to the Flinders Ranges in June was moderately successful. While the weather wasn't fantastic, at least it was better than the wind and rain that we had last year.

Lots of people have achieved things in the last few months. **Jon Jordan** went solo and converted to the Arrow prior to his departure back to his home in Ohio. **Derek Spencer** has re-soloed, re-converted to the Arrow, gained an aerotow rating at Gawler and finally converted to MI too. **Steve Gray** has also converted to MI as well. **Mark Newton** has gone solo recently. A large number of people have taken the opportunity to convert to the Blanik while it is at the airfield. **Scott Battersby** now has his AEI rating. Despite the rainy weather there has been some great ridge flying this year. As we move towards summer we should get more thermals and less ridge. **You should be up there to enjoy it.** Even **Guy Harley** has made an appearance at the airfield.

A lot of things have been happening up at the airfield recently. Notably, the new hangar is all but finished thanks to the huge efforts of **David Conway** and helpers. It was officially opened on Saturday 12 August where it was liberally anointed with some of the last Black Crow in captivity. Now we've got to keep on going with the clubhouse extension.

SO YOU WANT TO HELP 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, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The **Bergfalke** needs lots of TLC. The airbrakes need to be fibreglassed and the paint touched up. Lots of work still to be done. The **PIK-20D** needs lubrication and re-assembly. Should be back at Lochiel by 30 Sep. The **Bocian** is still at the back being slowly rebuilt. **Winch #3** needs the gearbox need to be fitted to the front engine. The transfer box then needs to be located and fitted.

- So you want to help fix the gliders at West Beach, but can't get there?
- You can ring Anthony on 8269 2687, E-mail: Anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net. He can organise a lift for those who need it. If you are **truly desperate**, his work phone is : 8393 3319.
- A lift can be available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30pm by arrangement.

SO YOU WANT TO GO FLYING THIS WEEKEND?

- You must ring the club contact person, Matt, on the Thursday before, between 8.00pm and 10:00pm, on 0412 870 963, so that he can organise instructors and transport for those intending to fly.
- A lift to Lochiel is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.15am, or from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield road, Bolivar at 7.45am
- **Remember to phone the contact person or you could be forgotten.....**

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON

Scott Lewis's 21st Birthday Party at Lochiel, Sun 1 Oct 00

Scott Lewis hits 21 and is having a party at Lochiel to celebrate. Free food, drink and entertainment (ie throwing Scott into the sheep trough) just turn up on the night. RSVP to Scott as soon as you can.

General Meeting, Wed 11 Oct 00

Cross country flying. Essential briefing if you want to try cross country flights this summer for your Silver C or Gold. Simon's Motorfalke will be at Lochiel some time soon afterwards to do out-landing checks. Presented by Cathy Conway and diverse others.

6:30 pm Uni Bistro for dinner, then
7:30 pm Canon Poole Room, Adelaide Uni

Executive Meeting, Thurs 19 Oct 00

7:30 pm at Dennis Medlow's place
90 River Drive, Athelstone
Everyone welcome to have a say in what happens in the club and what the club spends all the money on.

General Meeting, Wed 8 Nov 00

Official Observer Course. Essential briefing if you want to be an Official Observer for badge flights. We need lots of people to be OO's in the

club for all the cross country flying that the people who went to the previous meeting will be doing. Presented by Cathy Conway.

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Sky Diving, November 00

Matt is arranging a skydiving weekend. If you have ever wondered about how to use a parachute, this is your chance! Huge amounts of adrenaline fueled fun!! Call Matt for details.

Cross Country Weekend, Sat and Sun 18+19 Nov 00

A dedicated weekend for all those people who want to try and go cross-country flying at Lochiel. Book an aircraft in advance!

Christmas Party, Sometime in December

Yes its time for the Gliding Club Christmas Party! Usually a BBQ evening at someones place. Who will get thrown into a pool this year? More details as soon as they are available.

Flying Extravaganza 26 Dec-1 Jan 00

A full week of fantastic flying at your favourite flying field. Simply the best time of the year to fly, especially if you want to do some cross country tasks or just lounge around at 10,000 feet.

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