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WHATS INSIDE

- So how good was last year? The year 2000 is reviewed by the President on page 2.
- What's been going on? You name it, it is all happening! Check out page 3 to see what you have been missing out on.
- Lots and lots of things will be happening this year. See page 4 for what's going to be happening soon with the club.

STOP PRESS

Bocian Bits Sold: Robert Marriott from Sydney has purchased the Bocian bits from the club. He plans to rebuild it and fly it. He will be coming over to Adelaide, complete with Bocian trailer, in late January / early February to pick up the pieces.

Orientation Week 2001: Orientation Week is the last week in February and forms a large part of our recruiting efforts. Scott Lewis is arranging the club's efforts for O' Week 2001. If you want to help in any of the activities centered around Orientation Week, please let Scott know.

Clubhouse Extension is Go! The Sports Association has given us an additional \$1500 to get the next stage of the clubhouse completed. Hopefully the frames will be erected sometime in Jan / Feb.

Web Site Refreshed! The club is sporting a new look website by Matt Fenn. Have a look at it and send any suggested improvements to Matt.

Newsletters on the Web! The newsletter will now be available from the AUGC website in PDF format. As time permits, older newsletters will be added in PDF format to form a newsletter archive and repository for some of the club's history.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The club's annual general meeting will be held on the evening of Wednesday 4 April at 7:30pm (we are trying to book the Little Cinema for this extravaganza). This is an important meeting for the club where the reports from last year's Executive Committee are tabled and a new committee elected. The club development plan which will set the direction of the club for the next 10 years, will also be tabled for discussion and approval.

Every member of the club should come along (or present a note from their mum or death certificate).

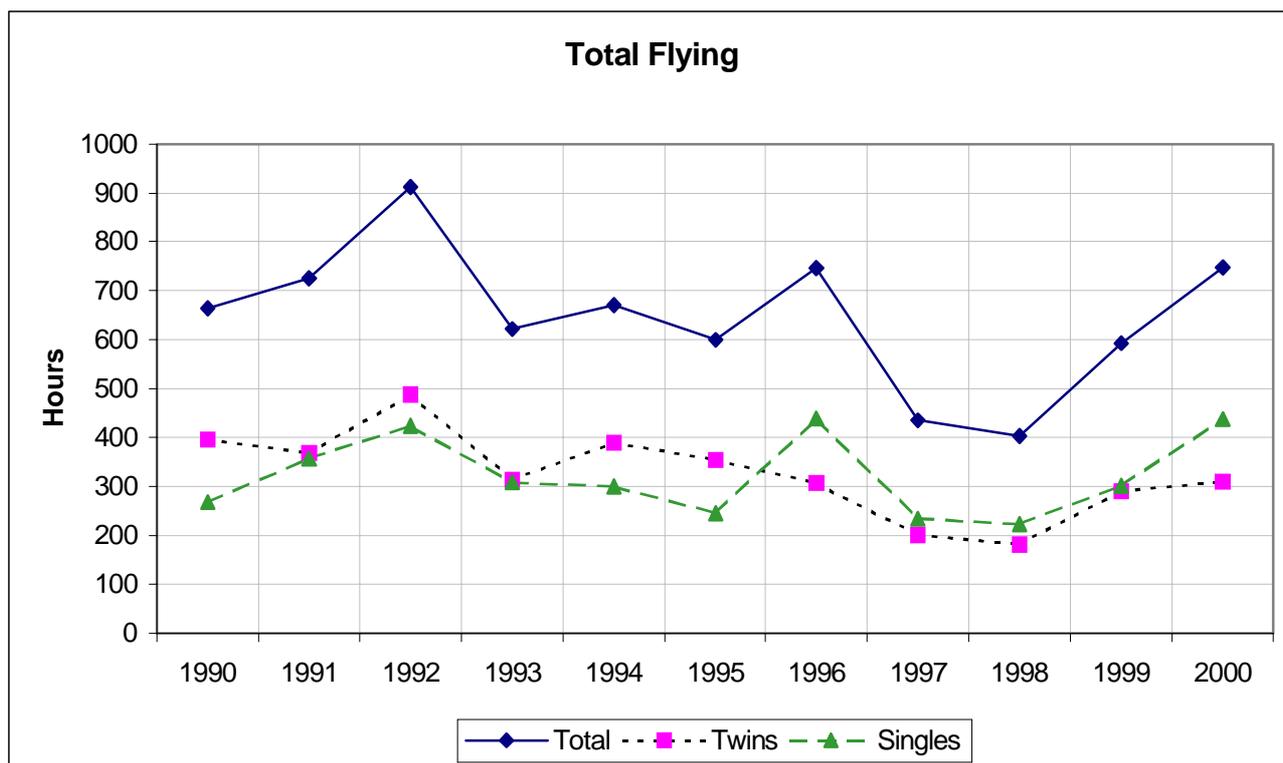
THE PRESIDENTS LAST YEAR IN REVIEW

2000 has been my third year as President of the Gliding Club and has been a very successful year for the Gliding Club. The club has continued its consolidation work from the previous years and this has shown significant results in terms of flying and active club numbers. The graph at the bottom of the page shows the total amount of flying done by the club over the last ten years. Of particular note is that the single seat aircraft did twice as much flying last year as compared to 1998 and is up to the peak levels of previous years. Whilst this is a good result, we can also see that the two seater hours are still low compared to the early nineties. As the two seater hours are predominantly from the training of new members, it suggests that there is still some work to do in this area. The other area of significant improvement in the club has been the revenue raised by the clubhouse through regular post-flying barbecues and David Hichens and helpers should be congratulated on their efforts.

The major thrust of the consolidation work carried out over the last three years has been to improve the club's assets and the services that the club provides. Improvements to the club's assets include the acquisition of a PIK-20D high performance single seat glider, continued renovation of the winch used to launch the gliders, the start of an extension to the club house, fitting better instruments to the club's gliders and completing the club's new hangar at the airfield.

Marring this years efforts was the unintentional landing of the club's Standard Libelle CY on 'the ridge'. This resulted in the aircraft being an insurance write off. Fortunately the pilot was unharmed in the accident. Ironically, the club executive had decided to sell this aircraft the previous week in order to raise funds to acquire the PIK-20D.

The other problem the club faced this year was the low retention of people interested in learning to fly. Whilst the club regularly gets large numbers of people coming to the airfield to experience gliding for the first time, the club is failing to retain their interest. This problem will need to be the focus of the improvement efforts during this year.



WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON!

Lots and lots of things have been happening within the club over the last month. The Bergfalke has finally returned to Lochiel and lots of people have achieved things in December and early January. **Karen Were** was converted to the PIK-20 (how soon till she flies OK?) and **Scott Lewis** achieved his Silver C and Gold height gain. **Scott Lewis** and **Cathy Conway** competed in the SA State competition held at Waikerie during the first week of January.

A big congratulation goes to **Peter Temple** who is now Australia's Club Class Champion. The comp was held in December and Peter has promised to write an article about how he did it.

The Pik has been hired to Zeljko Roskar from Slovenia for the duration of the World Club Class Competition. After taking some time to get used to the people at Gawler, Australian conditions, the people at Gawler, the glider and Gawler itself, Zeljko is performing reasonably well ie he hasn't outlanded yet. Keep track of what is going on at the official web site: www.worldclubclass.on.net

At West Beach the Arrow is due for Form 2 very soon. The wings will be inspected at the airfield but the fuselage will be at West Beach for a couple of weeks. As soon as the Arrow is finished the Puchatek will be dragged into West Beach for its annual inspection as well. We will want lots of help in order to get this aircraft back to Lochiel before the O'week hordes arrive on field.

Last of all the newsletter will be available in Adobe PDF format on the club web site. I am also slowly converting some of the past issues too. These will appear on the web site as I complete them. The first was from March 1981 which has some strange parallels: the treasurer disappeared overseas and people in the club wanted to buy another glider. The club is no longer dominated by a tall, skinny megalomaniac though, now it is dominated by a short, red-headed control freak!

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 **Arrow** will be there soon. All the **Bocian** bits need to be found. **Winch #3** has had the gearbox fitted to the front engine and now the transfer box 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 10:00 pm, 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

Arrow Annual Inspection, Mon 22 Jan to Fri 2 Feb. The Arrow needs its Form 2 inspection very soon. The wings will be inspected at Lochiel and the fuselage at West Beach. Come on down and lend a hand.

Skyshow Sat 27 Jan. 4:00 pm onwards at the Conway's, 1 Cuming St, Mile End. A short walk down to Bonython park in the evening.

Planning Meeting Part 2, Wed 31 Jan. Help set the future course of the club. 7:30 pm at the Conway's place, 1 Cuming St, Mile End.

Sky Diving, Sometime in Feb. 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.

Horsham Week 3-10 Feb. This is a week of cross country flying ranging for novice cross country pilots through to improving the performance of experienced pilots. Take MI across to Horsham for a whole week of good flying.

Puchatek Annual Inspection, Mon 5 Feb to Fri 23 Feb. The Puchatek will need to be inspected before O'week. We will need a bulk ef-

fort at West Beach on this aircraft over these three weeks.

Exec Meeting Wed 21 Feb. Help run the club by coming along to the executive meeting. 7:30pm at Dennis's residence, 90 River Dr Athelstone.

X-country Weekend, Sat 24 to Sun 25 Feb. Another dedicated weekend for people to select an aircraft and go cross country.

O'Week, Mon 26 Feb to Fri 2 Mar. Help recruit new, keen glider pilots from the masses of students at O'week. Help will be needed to rig in the morning and de-rig the Club Libelle in the afternoon. Club members will also be needed to talk to people and hand out pamphlets etc during the day. Call Scott L for details.

General Meeting Wed 7 Mar: Welcome to new members. Come along and meet the people that joined during O'week. Beers, pizzas and videos. What more could you want in a night? 7:30pm Canon Poole Room, Union Building.

25th Anniversary of AUGC. The 25th anniversary celebrations will include a huge dinner for past and present members as well as a flying weekend. Date to be decided. Call Cathy if you want to help.

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