

Uni Gliding



The Official Journal of the Adelaide University Gliding Club



The Bergfalke going up the wire: Photo by David Conway

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- New rules from the treasurer are also on Page 15.
- Lots and lots of things will be happening this year. See Page 16 for what's happening soon.

STOP PRESS

Sat 9 – Wed 13 June, Flinders Ranges Camp. It is definitely on! 5 whole days of flying, bush walking, gorge touring and camp fires galore at Rawnsley's Bluff. Call Cathy Conway now on 0429 803 705 to let her know which days you will be there and if you want accommodation in the cabins.

Quotes of the Month: "I am the only girl in a car with 4 guys and you are telling me I am the ONLY ONE thinking of sex?!" Claire in a car with four blokes on a rabbit shoot one night.

EDITORIAL

Well it has been a pretty ratty month for your editor. It started off with my new car getting broken into and it finished off with me seriously damaging the Puchatek (I am now waiting for the house to burn down to complete the trifecta). *(After I wrote this, I found out that the shed at West Beach had been broken into. A couple of tools have been stolen, but fortunately no aircraft were damaged (including mine). With a bit of luck the house will still be there when I get back tonight. Anthony)*

There has been a bit of controversy over my recent effort in the Puchatek. Some people have suggested that it was an attempt for the club to get a high performance two-seater like a Janus or maybe an ASH-25 (we got the PIK-20D after the club's Standard Libelle CY was inadvertently written off; a serious step up in single seat glider performance). Others have suggested that I had become too good at gliding and have become bored and started experimenting with a whole lot more exciting (but very short lived) aspect of the sport; crashing into things. Some people have suggested that I have tried to enact some of my cartoons. A small minority have even suggested that I just screwed up big time..... I'll let you decide.

The good news is that I have finally finished off writing up the Strategic Plan for the club. It starts on page 6. Some of the original notes that I had made disappeared when my car was broken into and I have completed it as best I can remember. Please read it and come along to the Executive Meeting on Wednesday 20th June to discuss it and the General Meeting on Wednesday 4th July 01 to ratify it.

I have also been progressing with the scanning all of the old issues of the newsletter and converting them into Adobe PDF format. I have completed all the 'archived' newsletters (ie there are a few missing) from 1976 through to 1985 and I have just started 1986. Eventually these will be put onto a CD-ROM for all of those members (and previous members) who are interested.

I am pleased to say that the new fire pit has been used a lot over the last month. I am glad that we didn't make it any bigger as Redmond has already demonstrated that he is able to use a whole trailer load of wood in one night with the fire pit at its present size. Fortunately no LPG bottles were nearby!

Finally, there is a competition this month to see who can name all of the faces in this months calendar. Points will be awarded for every correct face. To keep it fair there will be a points deduction based on how many years that you have been in the club. (This will also sort out who reads the editorial and who doesn't). Thanks to David Conway for contributing the photos.

Watch out for those trees, they're nasty buggers for grabbing wingtips,

Anthony

Editor and aerial tree trimmer.

STAY IN TOUCH

The club has an e-mail group address, **augc-people@lists.internode.on.net**, that is used to either discuss or arrange things within the club. If you want to stay in touch with the club, send a blank e-mail to **augc-people-request@lists.internode.on.net** and it will send a n automatic reply with instructions on how to join the group list.

You can also get the latest newsletter and up to date news at the club's web page:

<http://www.augc.aus-soaring.on.net/>

PRESIDENT'S RAVINGS

The Flinders Ranges camp is definitely happening!

We are extremely grateful to the Renmark Gliding Club and to Peter Siddall who will be our tug pilot. We are also very grateful to the Barossa Valley Gliding Club for the offer of their trailer winch should no other launch mechanism be available. Those of you going to the Flinders Camp should make every effort to attend the briefing on Wednesday 6th May in the Cannon Poole Room where we will work out details of car pooling, trailer towing and other exciting logistics.

The Flinders is an exciting place to fly. Here is a photo taken by **David C** in May this year just to tantalize you.



Photograph of a Ventus wingtip with Wilpena Pound in the background: David Conway

By now you would all have heard of the Puchatek's accident. This will consume club resources as we push to get it repaired as quickly as possible. The club is hoping to have another 2 seater available until the Puchatek is returned to service.

In past years we have prided ourselves in our low accident rate and safe, responsible flying operations. We all need to take responsibility as an organization and determine any deficiencies. I'll leave further discussion to the CFI and instructors panel on that topic (David – its an operational matter ☺)

In keeping with our history theme, here are two old photos my father discovered in a recent cleanup. The first shows a regular attendee at Lochiel for a couple of years (although he never joined the club). He used to help with operations, clearing sheep from the strip and testing the landing ability (from relatively low launch heights) of certain instructors!



This is what Cathy used to ride occasionally at Lochiel. No not the bloke, the horse. His name was Dan and he used to throw off instructors, at least the ones that were trying to date Cathy at the time. The Conway Collection

The next photograph shows the first fibreglass glider ever owned by the club. Our 17m open class Phoebus! The Phoebus was blessed with 42:1 performance, but at very slow speed only – but nothing could beat it on a weak day! It also had an all-flying tail – there is a big red lump of lead forward of



The Phoebus. Note the model glider next to it. The Conway Collection

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JUNE



This months calendar photo is from the David Conway collection (taken in early 1986?)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2 <i>Go gliding</i>	3 <i>Go gliding</i>
4	5	6 General Meeting: Flinders Trip Planning 7:30 pm Canon Poole Room	7	8	9 Flinders Camp <i>Go gliding</i>	10 Flinders Camp <i>Go gliding</i>
11 Flinders Camp <i>Go gliding</i>	12 Flinders Camp <i>Go gliding</i>	13 Flinders Camp <i>Go gliding</i>	14	15	16 <i>Go gliding</i>	17 <i>Go gliding</i>
18	19 Movie Night <i>Pearl Harbour</i> <i>Norwood Cinemas</i>	20 Exec Meeting: 7:30 pm Conway's place. 1 Cuming St, Mile End	21	22	23 <i>Go gliding</i>	24 <i>Go gliding</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Go gliding</i>	

THE CLUB'S FUTURE DIRECTION

A little while ago the club held two meetings to try and put together a strategic plan for the club. The resulting outcomes from this meeting have now been hammered into shape and the club will hopefully have a good idea of its future direction for the next 10 years. It is by no means complete, but it is a very good start (in my opinion). At the General Meeting to be held on 4 July, the plan will be ratified. From there, it will get reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Some of the ideas from the meeting were so good that the executive committee at the time started implementing them. These include building a new pie cart and considering acquiring another single seat glider. Future considerations for the club include getting a self-launching two seat glider around 3 or 4 years time.

THE CLUB'S STRATEGIC PLAN

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY GLIDING CLUB STRATEGIC PLAN 2000

WHAT THE CLUB DOES

The AUGC provides flying opportunities to Adelaide University students, graduates and the wider community at an affordable cost.

WHERE DOES THE CLUB WANT TO BE IN 2010

1. Have secure use of the airfield and maintenance facilities.
2. Have more active GFA members, including a greater proportion of student members and a greater proportion of female members.
3. Have a well maintained, reliable fleet that meets members needs and expectations.
4. Be in a financially sustainable position without reliance on grants.

STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE THE ABOVE GOALS

1. HAVE SECURE USE OF THE AIRFIELD AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES.

(a) Have Secure Use Of The Airfield.

- Review current lease and look at viability of inserting 'first option to purchase' clause.
- Review land price and research viable financing option.
- Review the period of the lease to see if we can extend the term of tenure.
- Review the rent we pay for the airfield and ensure that is financially attractive for the owner to retain the club.

- Have a contingency plan in case of loss of airfield
- (b) **Have Secure Use Of Maintenance Facilities.**
- Lobby the Sports Association to secure use of suitable facilities.

2. **HAVE MORE ACTIVE GFA MEMBERS, INCLUDING A GREATER PROPORTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS AND A GREATER PROPORTION OF FEMALE MEMBERS.**

(a) **Better Recruitment of Student Members**

- Develop a promotional CD-Rom / video / contact package
- AUGC business cards
- AU diary voucher
- Posters around both City and Waite Campus's
- Regular 'On Dit' articles
- Cross-pollination with other outdoor clubs.
 - Arrange mutual camps, activities, special deals between clubs.
- O'week desk at both City and Waite campus's
- Mid week displays on Bar Smith lawns

(b) **Better Retention of Members**

- Provide a casual relaxing day for everybody.
- Provide a fair and equitable opportunity at flying
 - Better on field management of day. Run pre and post operations briefs.
 - Require 16 to 20 instructors. This is to ensure 2 x instructors each day and that no instructor, instructs more than once per month.
 - Organise instructors by Wednesday night
 - E-mail notice of attendance to contact person to be done before 5pm Thursday nights
- Prioritise members over TIFs.
 - Limit numbers of TIFs/trainees each day. 4 per day, per two seater. This is to ensure everyone gets an acceptable flight / number of flights in the aircraft
- Regular social events after flying on field
- Ensure member progress, development and achievement.
 - Limit numbers of TIFs/trainees each day.
 - Ensure at least one instructor per two seater each day
- Ensure member inclusion in activities
 - Buddy system for new people on field
- Improve launch point facilities
- Improve club house facilities
- Improve winch comfort
- Improve appearance of aircraft
- Encourage pilot goals by having a progress board

(c) **Improving Proportion of Female Members**

- Improve launch point and clubhouse facilities.
- Improve appearance and cleanliness of aircraft
- Control attitude of individuals on field by group enforcement of acceptable behavior

3. **HAVE A WELL MAINTAINED, RELIABLE FLEET THAT MEETS MEMBERS NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS.**

(a) **Improving aircraft maintenance.**

- Have a Form 2 person designated per aircraft.

(b) **A fleet that meets members needs and expectations.**

- Acquire a self-launching two seater.
- Improve appearance of Bergfalke and Arrow.
- Acquire additional single seater for early solo to intermediate stage.

4. **BE IN A FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE POSITION WITHOUT RELIANCE ON GRANTS.**

- Research where our costs are and our sources of income.
- Arrange mid week flying and ensure that the more active members from Goal 2 do more flying
- Research self-insurance of Arrow and Club Libelle

HAVE SECURE USE OF THE AIRFIELD AND MAINTENANCE FACILITIES

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Action By
AIRFIELD											
Review current lease and look at viability of inserting 'first option to purchase' clause.	X					X					Cathy C, Redmond and Scott L
Review land price and research viable financing option.	X		X		X		X		X		
Review the period of the lease to see if we can extend the term of tenure.	X					X					
Review the rent we pay for the airfield and ensure that is financially attractive for the owner to retain the club	X					X					
Contingency plan for loss of paddock	X		X		X		X		X		
MAINTENANCE FACILITIES											
Lobby the Sports Association to secure use of suitable facilities.	Continuous as required...										

HAVE MORE ACTIVE GFA MEMBERS, INCLUDING A GREATER PROPORTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS AND A GREATER PROPORTION OF FEMALE MEMBERS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Action by
BETTER RECRUITMENT OF STUDENT MEMBERS											
Develop a promotional CD-Rom / video / contact package	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	David C and Claire
AUGC business cards	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Matt F
AU diary voucher	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Scott L
Posters around both City and Waite Campus's	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Anyone
Regular 'On Dit' articles	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Anthony
Cross-pollination with other outdoor clubs. - Arrange mutual camps, activities, special deals between clubs	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Matt F
O'week desk at both City and Waite campus's	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Scott L, Matt F
Mid week displays on Bar Smith lawns	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Exec Committee
BETTER RETENTION OF MEMBERS											
Provide a casual relaxing day for everybody	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Instructors Panel
Provide a fair and equitable opportunity at flying - Better on field management of day - Require 16-20 instructors. This is to ensure 2 x instructors each day and that no instructor, instructs more than once per month. - Organise instructors by Wed night - E-mail notice of attendance to contact person to be done before 5pm Thursday nights	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Instructors Panel

Prioritise members over TIFs. - Limit numbers of TIFs/ trainees each day. 4 per day, per two seater. This is to en- sure everyone gets an accept- able flight / number of flights in the aircraft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Regular social events after fly- ing on field	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	David H
Ensure member progress, devel- opment and achievement. - Limit numbers of TIFs/ trainees each day. - Ensure at least one instructor per two seater each day	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Ensure member inclusion in activities - Buddy system for new people on field	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Improve launch point facilities	X	X	X								Derek
Improve club house facilities	X	X	X								Redmond, David H and Greg N
Improve winch comfort	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Scott L
Improve appearance and cleanliness of aircraft	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Matt F
Improving Proportion of Fe- male Members											
Control attitude of individuals on field by group enforcement of acceptable behaviour	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	Everyone

HAVE A WELL MAINTAINED, RELIABLE FLEET THAT MEETS MEMEBERS NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Action By
Improving aircraft maintenance											
Have a Form 2 person designated per aircraft	X										Redmond
A fleet that meets members needs and expectations											
Acquire a self-launching two seater					X	X					
Improve appearance of Bergfalke and Arrow	X	X									
Acquire additional single seater for early solo to intermediate stage	X										
Well maintained facilities											
Airfield management - Erosion control - Firebreaks	X										Cathy C

BE IN A FINANCIALLY SUSTAINABLE POSITION WITHOUT RELIANCE ON GRANTS

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Action By
Research where our costs are and our sources of income	X										Dennis M
Arrange mid week flying and ensure that the more active members from goal 2 do more flying	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Research self-insurance of Arrow and Club Libelle	X										Dennis M

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We have had more solo and conversion flights in the club. Congratulations to **Tim Malone** for going solo and converting to the Arrow. Congratulations also to **Derek Spencer** for converting to the Pik.

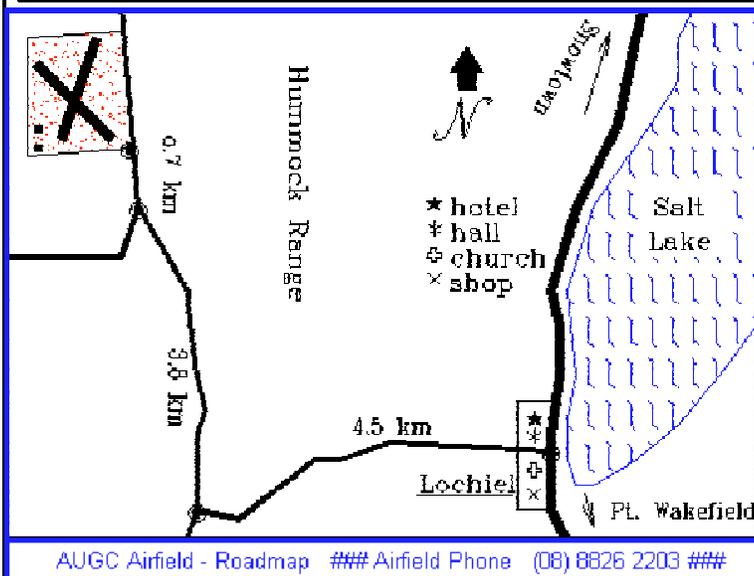
At the General Meeting in July, **Anthony** will be presenting the Club's Strategic Plan. This is an important document as we plan for the club's future for the next 10 years. It covers such topics as what our glider fleet should look like, and what facilities we require. All members should attend so you can have a say in what we work towards and we can take into account your own ambitions in gliding.

At the General Meeting in November, **Maurie Bradney**, ex-Australian team member to numerous World Gliding Competitions and current CTO/Sports (this means National Coach) will be speaking on advanced cross country and competition flying. This includes methods for analyzing your flying.

Until next month, fly safely.

Cath

SO YOU WANT TO FLY THIS WEEKEND?



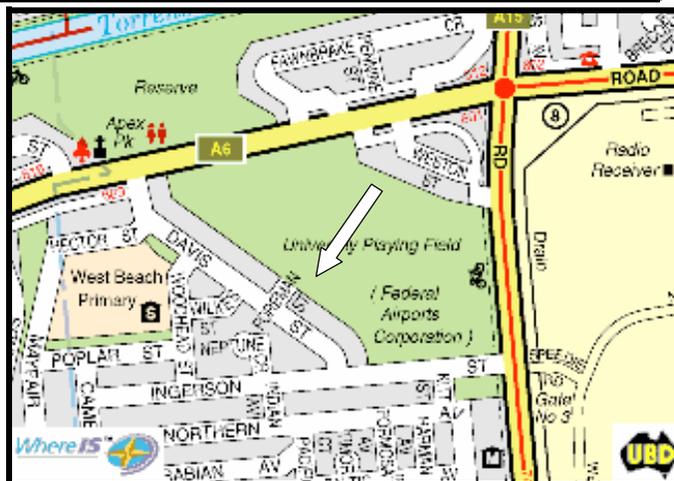
You want to go flying on the weekend? You must ring the club contact person, Scott, on the Thursday before, between 8.00pm and 10:00 pm, on 0412 870 963, (or by e-mail before)so that he can organise instructors and transport for those intending to fly.

You can either drive up yourself by following the map at left, or Scott can arrange a lift to Lochiel either from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.15am, or from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield road, Bolivar at 7.45am.

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 entrance is at the end of Foreman St, West Beach.

So you want to help fix the gliders at West Beach, but can't get there? A lift can be available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30pm by arrangement. Ring Anthony on (wk) 8393 3319, (hm) 8269 2687 or E-mail: Anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net.



FROM THE INSTRUCTORS PANEL

The safety talk we had on Wednesday night was very well attended, thanks to all for coming along.

As discussed at the meeting, flying safety ultimately rests with each of us to know his or her limits, to fly within those limits and to allow a margin for error for when things go wrong. It also depends on good decision making sooner rather than later, as this can avoid most of the situations which may ultimately lead to an accident. The issues were serious enough to cancel flying the previous weekend, and I trust that when we resume operations this weekend people will arrive with a healthier attitude and adjust their flying - and operations generally - accordingly.

As discussed at the meeting, many of the past accidents relate to loss of separation with obstacles on the ridge and also on the airfield. Consequently, in future **minimum separation limits will be strictly enforced**, and pilots can **expect disciplinary action if these limits are compromised**. These details will be established at the next instructors meeting and duly advised.

Meanwhile, **a wingspan is the absolute minimum clearance from any obstacle** - normally you should be much greater than this and you can expect to be asked to provide an explanation if for some reason you need to reduce the separation to that minimum limit. **Any closer and you can expect to be grounded unless you have a very good reason**. Finally the Flinders weekend is coming up and I ask that all pilots attend the briefing the previous Wednesday (6th June).

See you there

David Conway

CFI AUGC

FRUSTRATIONS FROM THE TREASURER

Flight Sheet Payments: There have been recent problems with payments written on the flight sheet not matching the amount of cash in the tin. **From now on any flight sheet payments must be witnessed and initialled by the duty pilot or the duty instructor.** Any payments not witnessed will be considered a donation to the club.

GFA Forms: With the GFA now charging us \$500 per book of TIF forms **it is VITAL we get every TIF form back**, regardless of whether it was used or not. Because in their wisdom (?) the GFA charge us \$5 per form, we have to get a \$3 credit for each student TIF we fly!

Tax Invoices: It is VERY, VERY important to ensure that if you get a receipt for things you have paid for on behalf of the Club that you get a Tax Invoice. A Tax Invoice is required to be issued by any supplier who is registered for (and therefore charges) the GST on request of the purchaser (and is mandatory for any supply over \$ 50.00). Look at your next supermarket checkout docket - you'll probably see it is a Tax Invoice. You can recognise a Tax Invoice as it has the words 'Tax Invoice' and the suppliers ABN at the top and itemises (or shows separately) the amount of GST.

Why is this important? ... At the moment (subject to an ATO ruling) the Sports Association is not deducting GST amounts from our Grant payments, therefore if we supply a Tax Invoice for say \$10 on a Grant Request, we get paid \$10 but only \$9 is deducted from our Grant Funding. If we don't submit a Tax Invoice then our grant balance is slugged the full amount. Therefore we can get better use of our Grant monies by supplying Tax Invoices. Obviously exempt supplies (and there are darn few of them such as fresh food and plain milk) won't attract the GST, nor will supplies from a non-GST registered supplier but a receipt is still needed to ensure we can claim against our grant.

Credit card receipts are NOT sufficient and should not be used as the basis of reimbursement. Please do not submit them any more.

WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON

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.

Wed 6 June, General Meeting: Planning meeting for the Flinders trip (see below). The meeting is to arrange who is getting a lift with who, who is towing what aircraft trailer and who is sleeping in what cabin. 7:30 pm in the Canon Poole Room, Union Building. 6:30 pm in the Equinox Bistro if you want dinner.

Sat 9 – Wed 14 June, Flinders Ranges Camp. It is definitely on! Visit the scenic Flinders Ranges for the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Flying, bush walking, gorge touring and camp fires galore. This is a get away weekend. As such we will not be doing training flying. A two seater will be there for site familiarisation flights and some scenic flights. At present we will be using a winch and the longer Ulowdna strip.

Tues 19 June, Movie Night: *Pearl Harbour*. Norwood Cinemas, at the nearest session to 7:00 pm. Call David H for details closer to the event on 0421 080 316.

Wed 20 June, Executive Meeting: Come along and have a say in the running of the club. 7:30

pm at the Conway's place, 1 Cuming St Mile End.

Wed 4 July, General Meeting: The Strategic Plan and Aerobatics. Want to find out how to do loops or other aerobatics? This is the theory night and deals with aircraft structure, flight envelopes as well as the maneuvers. 7:30 pm in the Canon Poole Room, Union Building. 6:30 pm in the Equinox Bistro if you want dinner.

Wed 1 August, General Meeting: Radio Operators Licence. Want to find out how to talk to air traffic control to get the airspace clearance over the radio? This is the theory and exam night and deals with radio use and procedure. 7:30 pm in the Canon Poole Room, Union Building. 6:30 pm in the Equinox Bistro if you want dinner.

Wed 5 September, General Meeting: The weather. A talk presented by Peter Web from the Bureau of Metrology. This will be a very informative night on predicting thermal conditions, sea breezes and lots, lots more. 7:30 pm in the Canon Poole Room, Union Building. 6:30 pm in the Equinox Bistro if you want dinner.

Wed 3 October, General Meeting: Cross country flying. Essential for summer!

Wed 7 November, General Meeting: Maurie Bradney on advanced cross country flying.

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