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*Lochiel Winter Sunset. No rain.*

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### **BERGFALKE IN ACTION**

ZM is back! Don't break it!

### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"I don't want the front seat... too many G's. I'd rather avoid the extra G's by flying from the back seat during loops" - Matt L*

## Editorial

A somewhat abbreviated newsletter this month; It has only been a couple of weeks since the last one, after all. There was only one *real* purpose for getting this one out the door, anyway: To make sure that everyone knows about the Flinders meeting at the University on Wednesday 5th June.

We'll hopefully be doing a lot of ridge and wave soaring at Rawnsley, which segues nicely into the fact that our own ridge season seems to have started. We've just had a terrific long weekend, with booming ridge flying on all three days. If the weather treats us well there will hopefully be lots more like it in the coming months; If you're new to the club and you've never experienced ridge soaring, perhaps this would be a good time of year to find out what it's all about. Of course, the ridge usually only works in Winter — So it's likely to be cold, wet, muddy and windy. "Perfect conditions!" the old-timers in the club might say.

Recent news: **Adam Stott** flew his first solo flight on Adelaide Cup day. Congratulations, Adam! (I note you were sent solo by the treasurer; think carefully about the implications of that during the next few months). **Matt Learmonth** flew WVA on the ridge for *5 entire hours (ye gods!)* last Sunday, thereby putting the finishing touches on his Silver Badge and satisfying all the bits of the Independent Ops rating which don't require sucking-up to the CFI. And the Bergfalke is back, with a new undercarriage, a steel spike under the rear-pilot's seat to protect it from further heavy landings, and all-new-and-improved *working* ailerons.

We're about to start flying another single-seater (Standard Libelle VH-GTX), so I'm sure there'll be a pile of new conversions to write about next month. Until then, may your landings be soft and your thermals be... be... not wintery.

- mark

## Treasurer's Report

Just recently, the majority of people in the club would of noticed me going berserk over AU Sports Association memberships. Here is why:

Of the 111 club members, 61 are Adelaide Uni students who are already Sports Association members. Out of the remaining 50 members, only 12 had officially joined the Sports Association this year. If you are not a member of the Sports Association then you are not a proper member of the club. That means 38 club members actually weren't proper club members.

If you are not a proper member of a club, then you are not a proper member of the GFA. That means you are not covered by the GFA's insurance. [*Microsoft's spellchecker wants to spell "GFA's" as "Gaffs". Ha-ha - ed*] Nor are you covered by the club's aircraft insurance. Nor are you covered by the Sports Associations insurance. If one of those 38 people had an accident on field, they could have been **personally liable** for all damage and injuries. Not a good prospect for the individual nor the club.

Whilst it is up to the individual to ensure that they are members of the Sports Association, the club and the GFA (in that order), it is obviously in the best interests of the club for the club to check that individuals are playing by the rules.

On other topics it is good to see a large number of club members are clearing up their outstanding accounts. The club has recouped over \$500 from outstanding accounts in the last couple of weeks and I hope that this trend continues.

In other good news, the club has finally received the grant of \$3,500 from the South Australian government. This grant is to help progress the construction of the clubhouse extension. Redmond has already ordered \$1,650 worth of sheet metal for the roofing. A clubhouse erection day will be occurring in the very near future

Happy flying,

*Anthony*

Minister of Money

## June 2002



Look at what we have to look forward to on the Flinders Trip. Our weather will be better, honest!  
(Photo: D Conway, May 2002)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					4 <i>Go gliding</i>	5 <i>Go gliding</i>
3	4	5 Pre-Flinders Gen- eral Meeting	6	7	8 <b>Flinders Trip</b>	9 <b>Flinders Trip</b>
10 <b>Flinders Trip</b>	11 <b>Flinders Trip?</b>	12 <b>Flinders Trip?</b>	13 <b>Flinders Trip?</b>	14 BBQ on Barr Smith Lawns	15 <i>Go gliding</i>	16 <i>Go gliding</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22 <i>Go gliding</i>	23 <i>Go gliding</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Go gliding</i>	30 <i>Go gliding</i>

## President's Report

Mark is sitting opposite me hassling me for a report again. At least Anthony had to ring me.

Its great to see lots of new faces on field and to see people progressing with their training, going solo, and conversions to single seaters.

I hope you are all enjoying your involvement with gliding.

We are now approaching a time of year where the weather is not so good, and thermals are not around much, but we hope each week that the weekend will bring westerlies and lots of ridge flying.

For the times that this occurs mid-week, It would be great to see independent operators organize with the CFI to fly for the day.

Since the club has grown in the last couple of years, we have taken the opportunity to hire another single seater glider. We have made arrangements with Peter Cassidy to use his Standard Libelle GTX.

For those of you unfamiliar with this type, here is a Standard Libelle somewhere in the USA.

This aircraft will sit between MI and WVA in the fleet and offer another higher performance Standard Class (unflapped) single seater.

Don't forget the next General Meeting is a briefing for those going to the Flinders Ranges. This is advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

See you at Lochiel

Cath



A Libelle somewhere in the US



Another Libelle somewhere on the ridge

### Caption Contest

You're all lazy. Or unimaginative. Not good, anyway...

I received *ONE* entry for this last month, from Trent.

His entry:

*"A typical 6-instructor day - too many cats at the launch point trying to be cool and the aircraft on the ground while there are Cu's everywhere."*

For that entry, Trent wins... One point. Congratulations :-)



## From The Instructors' Panel

- Recently the first winch cable was pulled back after a simulated cable break, and on the subsequent launch picked up the second cable and made a heck of a tangle. Presumably when the first cable was retrieved, it ran over the second. The likely cause of this is that the winch meandered somewhat when it was laying the cables. Please, when laying cables do not turn back towards the tie down side of the strip.
- With the strips now relocated there are many rocks on the new section. Please pick these up and throw them off the runway when you come across them.
- Flying late - please allow sufficient time to find a cable end while it is still light, if there is a break on the last launch.
- Whoever is organizing trace hose and Day-Glo please do it ASAP
- GFA membership - please carry your GFA membership cards or receipt with you when you are on field and be prepared to present it on request. Pilots who can not satisfy the duty instructor they are members of the GFA will not be permitted to fly solo.
- Lookout - as always please maintain an effective lookout. I suggest that students identify to their instructor every aircraft they see—especially on the ridge - so the instructor can judge the effectiveness of your lookout.
- Checks - all pilots including trainees and solo pilots should say their checks OUT LOUD. And please don't just go through the motions without doing the checks properly i.e. saying "Airbrakes Open" without actually looking at the airbrakes.
- Recently a single seat pilot has been flying unnecessarily close to the training aircraft. This can be very disconcerting to a trainee and frustrating for the instructor, so please give the twins a wide berth.
- Canopies - please ensure the canopies are washed properly as part of the DI.
- Tyres - please ensure that tyres are not left in the crop. These can end up causing expensive damage to the harvester.
- Wet Weather - many of our pilots are not used to operating at Lochiel in wet conditions. The strip becomes very slippery, so please keep your speed down and keep well clear of gliders, winches, cars, etc. Clean the mud out of the wheel wells at the end of the day before it hardens.
- A number of pilots have been observed to haul the aircraft of the ground prematurely. This is a recipe for disaster. Please let the aircraft separate of its own accord in the level attitude (balanced on the main wheel) and then maintain a moderate climb attitude until the speed is safe to rotate into full climb.
- Pole Bending - again a few pilots have been observed 'Pole Bending' on the way up the wire - please stop it!
- Flinders weekend - please make sure you are at the briefing meeting if you are going to the Flinders Camp.

Safe Flying...

David Conway  
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## Stay In Touch

The club has an e-mail group address, [augc-people@lists.internode.on.net](mailto: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](mailto:augc-people-request@lists.internode.on.net) and it will send an automatic reply with instructions on how to join the group list. You can still send an e-mail to the list even if you have not subscribed to it.

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

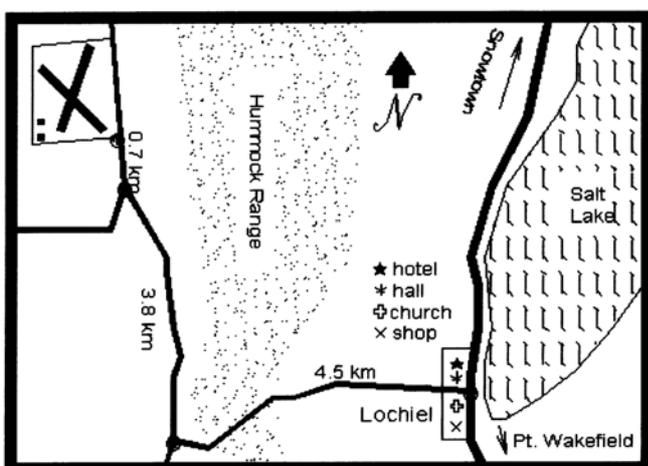
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If your e-mail address is on the membership database, Dennis the club's highly esteemed Treasurer can send you your account updates over the internet, as well as receipts for payments. Send an e-mail to:

[anthony.smith@internode.on.net](mailto:anthony.smith@internode.on.net)

## Want to fly this weekend?

### LOCHIEL AIRFIELD



Want to go flying on the weekend? You must ring the club contact person, Mark, 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.

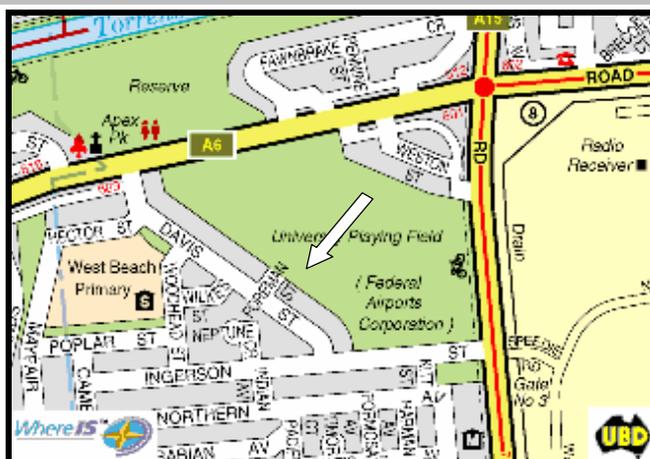
You can either drive up yourself by following the map at left, or Mark can arrange a lift to Lochiel either from the Adelaide University footbridge (meet at 7.15am to leave at 7:30 am), or from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield road, Bolivar (meet at 7.45am to leave at 8:00 am)

## 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:

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## Upcoming Events

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**Wed 5 June, 7:30pm:** Flinders Camp information night in the Canon Poole Room at Adelaide University. Turn up and be educated about the upcoming camp. Pay particular attention to Redmond's fire safety briefing. For on-the-night details of the location of the meeting room call me on 0412 870 963.

**Saturday 8 June - Monday 10 June and beyond, Flinders ranges Camp:** A long weekend of scenic soaring at the Flinders ranges. The trip is *scheduled* to finish on Monday, but will run longer if the weather is good and the tug pilot is interested in staying. Contact Cathy if you are interested in attending.

**Friday 14 June:** BBQ on the Barr Smith Lawns at Adelaide Uni. We'll be showing the university who we are, what we do, and how well-developed our mingling skills are. The BBQ will also be an introduction for the engineering students who will be gaining work experience at West Beach during the coming months. Helpers will be needed to rig MI on the lawn.

**Some time in June/July/Whenever:** We'll probably have a Cessna with an Aerotow hook at Lochiel for the weekend for aerotow conversions (and perhaps the odd tow to where the Wave is happenin' near Canberra).

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