

Adelaide University Gliding Club Inc

AUSA Report - 2010

1. Introduction

2009 – 2010 has been a year with a combination of highlights and frustrations for AUGC. While we have moved forward and are now in a stronger position than 12 months ago there have been a number of disappointments with our progress.

2. Club Membership

We have seen a minor lift in active club participation. This has been welcome, however with more focused effort we could do better.

The single biggest disappointment with the year has been our failure to make significant inroads into attaining a greater number of active Adelaide University student members. This problem was compounded by the poor outcome of the big effort Anne Philcox and Derek Spencer put into 'O' week. The format of 'O' week has been degrading from a gliding point of view over the last 10 years. This year we couldn't even get the space to rig a glider. We need to now look beyond 'O' week with our on campus marketing.

3. Operations

We have had an accident free year. For this I would like to thank Dennis Medlow and the club training panel.

A significant change in gliding training has occurred over the year with basic and advanced training brought closer together into a seamless process. While this has not been a major change for our operations it has lead to the combining of our previous basic and advanced training books into a common upgraded document aligned with the new GFA syllabus. I would like to thank the training panel for the effort that went into that exercise. The AUGC training documentation is recognized as leading edge and is being adopted by other clubs.

4. Fleet

The AUGC aircraft fleet has served us well through the year. We have not encountered any maintenance surprises.

The ES59 Arrow has been moved from West Beach to Catherine Conway's shed at Mt Barker. Repair work is now slowly progressing on this aircraft. It would be very useful to have the Arrow back in service to provide rapid transition out of the Puchatek for new solo pilots.

The Motorfalke has served well through the year. Its magneto has just been rebuilt and is now good for another 500 engine hours.

If we can build up our active membership it will lead to significantly better utilization of our single seater fleet.

5. Administration

The club has suffered from an inconsistent treasury operation through the year. This is reflected in problems with other aspects of club management.

I would like to thank Derek Spencer for fulfilling the assistant treasurer's role through the year. This ensured flight sheet data and payment information was consistently entered to the club database and GFA membership submissions were effectively handled.

A review of our insurance policies during 2009 identified a number of glaring errors in our aircraft insurance arrangements. These were quickly fixed. We need to carefully check documentation presented to us by our insurance brokers to identify any problems. A further review of indemnity limits on our aircraft would be appropriate in the coming year.

6. Social Events

Generally our off field social events calendar has been pretty bare. Hopefully we can improve on this during the coming year.

The annual dinner was moved from mid year to September. This was a well received event. Possibly next time we can find a better venue with a dedicated room for the club.

The Christmas BBQ at Catherine Conway's house was a great success. It was good to see so many old club members show up.

7. Airfield

Stonefield is proving an effective home for the club.

Our new hangar is gradually coming together. There will be a major event in the near future to erect the framework. Finally we will have something to show for our effort!

SAA (Airfield Operator) has had a couple of signs of interest from outside parties who may wish to use the airfield. This augurs well for the future since it will spread the costs of running the airfield over a larger user base.

AUGC believed a grant of \$17,000 was available from AUSA to assist with moving the 2 hangars from Lochiel to Stonefield. Unfortunately this information proved to be incorrect and the grant was reduced to \$7,000. The majority of this has been consumed with the work so far completed on the first building to be moved. We are now ready to erect the first hangar at Stonefield, however we will be struggling to finance the final concrete works and electrical supply once the primary structure is erected. Potentially the second hangar still standing at Lochiel will have to be written off.

8. Future

For the club to develop successfully into the future we need to:

- Operate safely.
- Develop new members, particularly from the Adelaide University student population.
- Gradually build up our airfield assets.
- Repay debt in the short term
- Upgrade our fleet in the longer term

Redmond Quinn

President AUGC

AUGC Inc. Income and Expenses for 12 Months to 31 Dec 2009

	2009	2008	2007
OPERATIONS INCOME			
Aircraft Hire	\$18,691.65	\$14,366.90	\$21,601.40
Launch Fees	\$135.00	\$181.25	\$1,691.24
Food & Goods Sales	\$1,262.50	\$1,001.20	\$1,371.50
Club Memberships	\$2,395.00	\$2,124.00	\$2,352.00
AU Sports Assoc Operating Grant	\$0.00	\$4,180.00	\$0.00
Other Operating Grants/Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,023.30
Other Operations Income	\$2,801.23	\$1,540.73	\$2,014.02
Total Operations Income	\$25,285.38	\$23,394.08	\$42,053.46
OPERATIONS EXPENSES			
Aircraft & Equipment Maintenance	\$2,925.86	\$7,311.41	\$8,983.89
Aircraft & Equipment Insurance	2 \$3,017.00	\$11,063.00	\$14,821.00
Trailers	\$144.93	\$236.00	\$358.99
Clubhouse	\$173.49	\$202.62	\$564.89
Airfield & Hangars	3 \$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Maintenance Facility	\$748.62	\$54.57	\$61.74
Administration	\$161.73	\$621.93	\$525.88
Loan Interest	\$2,925.09	\$3,336.25	\$4,223.10
Bad Debts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Expenses	\$5,903.20	\$3,738.86	\$5,787.86
Training Subsidies	\$283.50	\$124.25	\$285.10
Food/Goods Supply	\$35.00	\$295.00	\$80.10
Total Operations Expenses	\$19,318.42	\$29,983.89	\$35,692.55
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS	\$5,966.96	-\$6,589.81	\$6,360.91
Income from Capital Equipment Changes			
	2009	2008	2007
Sports Assoc Capital Grants	\$0.00	\$1,140.48	\$0.00
Capital Equipment Disposal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Capital Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$1,140.48	\$0.00
Costs of Capital Equipment Changes			
Capital Equipment Acquisition	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Capital Facilities Projects	\$3,123.58	\$809.72	\$0.00
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Notes:

1. Levy Income Collected by SAA with No AUGC surcharge
2. Significant lay-up bonus from 2008; 4th Installment paid in 2010 (Approx. \$2000.00)
3. Annual payment to SAA