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Editorial

The Editor

What's Inside...

Hi,

There I was, 'relaxing' on the winch between launches during the Japanese Uni Week, checking my emails and surfing the web on my (Android) phone when it occurred to me that the technological gains made in the world of gliding doesn't seem to have kept pace with that in the world of electronics. Of course these two worlds do intersect - witness the explosion in GPSs, PDAs, PNDs and other 3 letter devices - and these make our flying and navigation easier and more accurate (until they break :-).

But we haven't seen the same level of improvement in glide performance as that in wireless data transmission. If it had I suspect that we could design a glider that could circumnavigate Australia using, say, the height of a winch launch.

So what's my point in this? Well none actually but it filled this column easily....

Regards
Mr. Ed.



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Notice to all Club Libelle (GMI) Pilots

The seat recline mechanism has a spring to ensure that the seat remains positively locked in a fixed position. You must ensure that the seat is locked in place, preferably with material behind the seat to ensure it does not recline during a winch launch. It is thought that backward movement of the seat has contributed to serious accidents on winch launch for this type of aircraft.

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Congratulations....

AUGC congratulates the following pilots on their accomplishments:

Jon Keatley for converting to the Club Libelle.

Samual Burdon-Taylor - for achieving his A & B certificates, Level 1 passenger rating and cross-country rating.

Michael Conway - for converting to the Boomerang and completing his C certificate, completing his first cross-country and outlanding and being awarded the Coaching Week 'Rising Star' award. *[So how about that newsletter article I was promised? ... Ed.]*



From Then: Michael in the Boomerang back in younger days...



To Now: Michael receives his Rising Star award from Bernard Eckey at Coaching Week.



And he gets to outland that very same aircraft not far from Loxton.

Japan Uni Gliding Week

Redmond Quinn / Dennis Medlow

From Monday 7th through to Sunday the 13th of February AUGC played host to a contingent of glider pilots from Ryokoku University in Japan.

The Japanese students rolled up late on Sunday the 6th for an orientation briefing by Cathy & Redmond and to get their first look at the airfield and aircraft that they would be flying during the week. We then provided them an aussie-style BBQ complete with burnt native animal (kangaroo).



Redmond and Cathy provide an introductory operations and safety brief for the visiting pilots.

The next day the flying began in earnest and over the course of the week resulted in 2 solos, a silver distance, a silver height and a silver duration. Possibly a second silver height may also be identified in a trace.

Overall the Club raised well over \$ 3,000 from the week. The Club would like to particularly thank the following:



A BBQ dinner was the highlight of their first day at Stonefield.

Hangar builders:

Mark (Davis), Peter (Conway), Greg Newbold, Tom Wilksch, Tim & David Conway.

Cleaning Crew:

Jess and Lana

Communications Installation:

Igor helped by Derek (Igor is continuing to extend the Wi-Fi capability to the pie cart).

And the Flying Camp itself:

Japan Uni Gliding Week (Cont.)

Redmond Quinn for the enormous effort spanning well over 12 months to organise the camp, provide instruction and keep everyone smiling.

Catherine Conway for helping with instructing and briefings throughout the camp.

Dennis Medlow for organizing the opening BBQ and driving the winch for 2 days (plus the occasional instructing and making Japanese girls airsick).

Peter Cassidy for a day and half of instructing.

Ted Bowden (BVGC) for driving the winch for 2 days.

Kev Barnes (BVGC) for winch driving for the last part of Thursday.

Tom Wilksch for winch driving on Friday.

Derek Spencer for winch driving Saturday and Sunday.



Yuri (cedntre) completes an outlanding in the Libelle as part of her Silver C flights.

Dear Redmond, Dear Catherine

Hello, I'm Yuri from JAPAN.

In Australia, my first flight is very exciting and fun. I'm happy to achieve 50km cross country. However, I could'nt landing Waikerie so I'm very mortifying. I would like to try again 5hours frigth and cross country more distance at stonfield!!

Thank you very very very much for your kindness. I send phots. I hope you like it. see you again ?

Yuri Kagawa

Dear Redmond,

Thank you for your devoted instruction and execution of our glider camp at Stonefield Airfield. We arrived in Japan without incident the day before yesterday. After departing Stonefield, we stayed at Blanchetown for two days and visited Waikerie Airfield.

Then we moved to Adelaide and stayed there for two days to visit Adelaide University.

All of us received the fruitful and many outcome than expectation at the glider camp.

We owe our success to all of your attended instructors and members for joining our camp and to your club for accepting us. We would like to express especially to Redmond and Cathie our deepest gratitude for organizing well the camp and spending your precious holidays and expenses.

I remember the full-of-thermal sky, your kind hospiality and aggresive actions (huh? ... Ed).

We are happy to have a chance to get on with you and to form a friendly relation with you. Please give our best regards to all of your members.

After assembling photoes at Stonefield we will send them to you. If you and your members have a chance to come to Japan, please let us know and you are welcome to Japan. We are looking forward to seeing you again.

Cheers,

Nao

(Naotake Ohtsuka)

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Speed Restrictions on Field



Stonefield is still fairly green but even with all the grass about vehicles moving about the airfield can generate a lot of dust, and this will only get worse as the field dries out. We need to be aware of the impact of this on our neighbours in adjoining properties and mitigate dust as much as possible.

In order to assist with this, there is now a speed restriction of 20 km/hour in place for the airfield South-West (i.e. Church) corner, within 150m of the house next to the Church. Please keep vehicle speeds down whenever driving on field and particularly in this area. MotorFalke runups should be conducted with a view to reducing dust being blown into neighbouring properties.

The FDU Hanger Rises

The Fly Down Under (FDU) organisation has signed a lease with Stonefield Aviation Association (the owners of the Stonefield Aerodrome) and is currently erecting a huge hanger to accommodate 20 gliders just south of the current hanger complex. As of early January construction was well advanced as can be seen from above (right) and at ground level (below).



And even more advanced by mid February....



Chief Flying Instructor Comments

Dennis Medlow

I would like to thank every one for their efforts in making 2010 a safe year of operations for the Club. It takes a lot of effort to enjoy our sport, and some of that effort needs to be focused on encouraging and maintaining a safe environment - on the ground and in the air. We need to continue to do this in 2011 and beyond and I want all members to maintain their vigilance in identifying, reporting and preventing any unsafe activity.



2011 will be a different year for AUGC for a number of reasons...

- + We will have a new operator on the airfield (the Fly Down Under group) that we will need to interact with from sometime in Q3.
- + We will be performing our own Safety Management System risk assessments (more of this in a later newsletter).
- + We will be completing our hanger and continuing maintenance on our aircraft and winch.
- + We have hosted a number of University students from Japan for a flying camp in early February.

Some of these things will result in operational changes which the training panel will work through during the year.

I would like everyone to think hard about what they want to get out of their membership of AUGC in 2011 - whether this is to gain new badges, gain new skills or ratings, gain an airworthiness rating, become an instructor or just come up regularly to fly.

Finally I would like to remind all members that BVGC are still unable to fly their Blanik twin seater due to airworthiness problems - a situation that is unlikely to be resolved quickly. Therefore we should ensure we can support their continued operation where we can with our aircraft and help pay back the big favor they did for AUGC in letting us onto the airfield when our previous lease was not renewed.

Fly Safe

CFI

What's In a Name (or Code)

Over January the Stonefield Airfield was assigned its very own ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) four letter code. Henceforth our little piece of South Australian riverland will be known as YSFG (the 'Y' is the letter for Australia, the 'SFG' is for 'Stonefield Gliding').



This should ensure that the airfield with the identifier is more prominent on maps (VTC, VNC etc.) than before. It is also a prerequisite to the airfield appearing in the En-Route Supplement (Australia) (or ERSA).

Now if we can only get the FDU organisation to paint it in 10 meter high letters on their hanger...



Be aware that the Fire Danger season has commenced!

This means that the fire pit cannot be used until the season ends in April 2011.

For more information see
http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/fire_restrictions/fire_danger_season_dates.jsp.

AUGC on Social Media

Having joined the social media revolution, there is now a Twitter account for @AUGCCFI. Follow it for insightful thoughts 120 characters at a time...



Logging Aircraft Flights Reminder

MAINTENANCE RELEASE PART 3					
NOTE: Part 3 need not be used if a GFA approved alternative					
Date	Since last entry		Progressive total		Total landings
	Hrs	Mins	Hrs	Mins	
Brought Forward					

Please remember that the aircraft DI books need to be updated at the end of EVERY day's flying.

It is not good enough to leave it on the assumption that someone flying the next day will do it.

If you fly it - then record it.

(If you don't know how - ask an instructor).



Diary Dates

Fire Ban Season

Started 15 November 2010

AUGC AGM

Sometime in March or April.

Flinders Wave Camp

June 10-15

Aircraft Maintenance Program



Pukatek (KRO)

Form 2 due December 2011.

Club Libelle (GMI)

No known issues.

Form 2 due June 2011.

Pik 20D (WVA)

No known issues.

Form 2 due June 2011.

Arrow (GNF)

Aircraft has been moved to Cathy's property outside Mount Barker. Repair work will continue through the year. There are a number of woodwork repairs to complete - an excellent opportunity to gain skills in wood repair techniques.

Currently the fuselage is a pretty shade of orange thanks to Michael Conway's spray gun.

MotorFalke (FQW)

Flarm still needs to be installed.

Airfield Maintenance Program

RWY 23 and associated landing strip has had grass slashed but needs further work.

Things to be done:



- Install remaining purloins & clad hanger.
- Layout and walk the cables monthly - it will mean less cable breaks, less delay in launching and a greater chance of catching that awesome thermal.

Slash the strips when weeds grow. Clean out the slasher after use, make sure you tighten all bolts.

As the Winch auto transmission is leaking fluid - make sure this is checked at the start of the day.

The second tie down point cable and tyre need reattaching at the launch point for RWY 29.

Flying Calendar

March



The Ryokoku students, their Professor, Redmond and Tom during the Japan Flying Camp

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Exec Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 AEF Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

GO FLYING!

Visit <http://www.augc.on.net/Calendar.php> for the most up-to-date details on Club events.

Stay In Touch

The Club has an email 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, subscribe to the mailing list by filling out the online form at: <http://lists.internode.on.net/mailman/listinfo/augc-people>.



You can still send an email to the list even if you have not subscribed to it. There is also an 'augc-announce' list for official club announcements, courtesy of our friends at Internode. If you are an AUGC member and have provided your email address then you will already be on this list. If you want to join this list or want to change your subscription, go to:

<http://lists.internode.on.net/mailman/listinfo/augc-announce>.

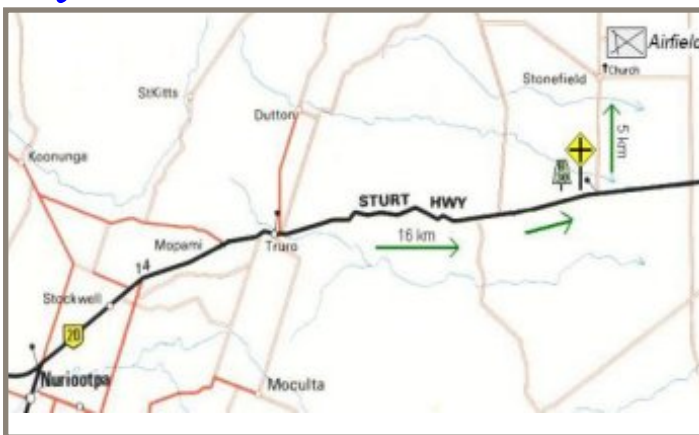
You can also get the latest newsletter and up to date news on what is going on at the Club's web page:

<http://www.augc.on.net>. If your email address is on the membership database the Club's Assistant

Treasurer can send you your account updates over the internet. Send an email to:

accounts@augc.on.net.

Fly This Weekend!



Want to go flying on the weekend? You must ring the club contact person on the **Thursday before between 8.00pm and 10:00pm on 0412 870 963**, (or send an email:

contact@augc.on.net) so that he can organise instructors and transport for those intending to fly. Members can book via the online booking system at:

www.augc.on.net and go to Gliding > Make a Booking.

You can either drive up yourself by following the map at left, or the contact person can arrange a lift to Stonefield either from the Adelaide University footbridge (meet at 7.15am to leave at 7:30am), or from the Caltex Service station on the corner of Montague Road and Main North Road (meet at 7.45am to leave at 8:00 am).

Help out at West Beach!

West Beach is where we carry out the maintenance and repair on our gliders and equipment. There are usually people working down there on Monday and Tuesday evenings most weeks. The entrance is at the end of Foreman St, West Beach.

So you want to help fix the aircraft at West Beach, but can't get there? A lift can be arranged from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30pm via augc-people@lists.internode.on.net.



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