

## AUGC News & Events

**D**ecember is going to be a busy month for the Club with a number of activities both on and off the airfield.

### AUGC Regatta

The Regatta is part of the SA State Gliding Competitions and will be held on the airfield at Lochiel on the 10th & 11th of December. For more information on the event see the article elsewhere in this newsletter. *We need Club members to assist with the operation of this event.*

### Club Dinner

The Club has an annual end-of-year dinner to round off the year's social calendar. This year it will be held at the The Oracle Bistro (93 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide) at 7:30pm on Wednesday the 14th of December.

Please advise Roger Pirola (224 5482 during business hours or 293 1614 after hours) if you wish to attend as there will be limited places.

## Aircraft Replacement Program

**B**y the time you read this the Club will have been granted a loan from the Sports Association to provide for the purchase of a new twin-seater aircraft.

The new aircraft will be a *Puchatek*, a metal twin seater designed and built in Poland as a low cost training aircraft. This new glider will take the place of our current Bocian twin seater which is currently out of service for repairs (see article elsewhere in this issue).

It is planned to collect the glider on the 4th of December. The necessary inspection paperwork will need to be completed by the Club and it should be flying by mid December.

By all accounts the new glider has pilot-friendly handling characteristics and will



### Club BBQ

The AUGC end of year BBQ (a less formal way to end the year) will be held on Friday the 16th of December at Dennis Medlow's residence (1 Ambrose Ave, Campbelltown) at 6:30pm. Please advise Dennis (336 6662) if you wish to attend. A nominal charge will be made for meat, salads and dessert. This event is BYO alcohol, chairs and self (spa will be available).

### Flying Camp

Between Xmas and New Year at Lochiel. You must call the Club contact person (Steven Were) if you wish to attend.



provide AUGC pilots with a new glider type to enter into their logbooks. The new glider will be collected from the importer in NSW using the existing 'blue house' trailer. A number of AUGC members are donating their time, energy (and in Redmond's case, his time and his car) to make this trip to collect the aircraft.

New  
Glider  
for  
AUGC

**Want to fly this weekend ? - Call the Club contact on (08) 352 5137 on the Thursday evening before to let us know or you may be dissappointed !**

# Editorial & Reports



## The EverPresent Editorial

**U**nless I'm mistaken, today is Monday and I have two more days to get this Newsletter out to the masses (that's you) in time to tell about the great events that are about to unfold with the velocity of a speeding iguana.

Why is this so? Presumably because I failed to step back fast enough when the question 'so who is going to produce this month's newsletter?' was asked. Fortunately this is not the first time this Editor has had the joy (nay honour) of editing this journal so with the aid of some clever computer software, a damn fine weasel word generator and some meaningless verbosity like this I should be able to string it

out for this issue at least. Please note however that this is the last time unless someone wishes to throw large sums of negotiable currency in my direction. No?

On a slightly more informative note the summer soaring season is nigh and the Club has many activities planned in December. There have been only a few people flying recently and we've had to cancel a few days due to lack of interest. You'll kick yourself silly if we had to do that on a day when the thermals top 10,000'!

Fly safely and have a good Christmas.

*Dennis*

## From the Mind of President Conway

**E**xams are over and the soaring season is here at last and with it the promise of many good flights.

Already we have had thermals to 10,000 feet on recent weekends. Summer is an opportunity to improve your flying skills without the pressure of study. We will be running our usual Christmas-NewYear camp this year. Flying for several days in a row is an excellent opportunity to advance your flying. Accomodation is available in the clubhouse. Some cross-country instruction is usually available on this camp.

The competition season has also started with two regattas being held already at the Balaklava and Barossa clubs. The next regatta on the calendar is ours so I need to make a special plea for helpers to run the regatta, especially this year since we have a crop in the paddock. If you have never been to a regatta before, you will find it an interesting experience, and you may find that competition flying is something that interests you.

Congratulations to Greg Newbold for completing his outstanding checks. Many thanks also to those who worked long hours West Beach to fast-track the Bergfalke annual inspection so that it was flying again for the Scouts visit. Thanks to those who ran the Scouts weekend. Although exhausting for those involved, these events are good public relations for the club.

As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, the club has just bought a brand new KR-03A Puchatek Two Seater glider. Depending on the paperwork and inspections necessary to get a new glider into the air, our Chief Flying and Chief Airworthiness Officer Redmond Quinn, hopes that the Puchatek may fly at our regatta! This is an added incentive

to attend the regatta!

The gliding club has always been very good at teaching skills in addition to flying. Club members perform all airworthiness work required by our fleet, build new winches and maintain old ones, build and maintain the clubhouse, hangars and trailers. There is also a degree of administration and management required to keep the club financially healthy and to perform its duties to the Sports Association, Gliding Federation and Airfield owners.

Many of our older members have found that the skills learned through the gliding club are of benefit to them as they leave Uni and embark on their careers. Skills such as project and financial management, interaction with others and teamwork, responsibility and safety. Many engineers find working on club gliders, winches and other equipment gives them the opportunity to exercise and apply the theory and skills they learn as part of their study.

In addition to learning to fly, the club can be of great assistance to your personal development. In today's competitive environment, it may even give you an edge. We have plenty of airworthiness and capital works ongoing in the club as well as administration responsibilities. If you are interested in improving your skills or learning new ones, please call any of the people listed in the Club Contact column.

Safe Flying

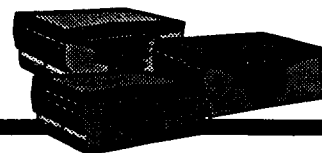
*Catherine*

## Treasurer's Message of The Day

**T**he Club is about to buy (probably has bought by the time you read this) a new aircraft. We don't do this very often (the last time was when we bought the Bocian) and its a pity that the reason we are buying it is because we have broken the Bocian.

Nevertheless we are able to do this because the Sports Association has provided us with a loan of about \$ 40,000. This will enable us to procure the new aircraft, rebuild the Bocian, probably buy a new single seater to replace GTJ and in about two years time upgrade to an even newer twin seater aircraft.

Its not all beer and skittles though, the only way we can afford to continue is either (1) raise flying fees, or (2) fly more often, more cost-effectively. To avoid the first I suggest we do more of the second. This means starting ops earlier, providing better ground turnarounds, and getting the bloody Arrow out of the West Beach shed and back in the air! For those of you that helped with GZM - thanks, for those of you that didn't - no thanks, but you can make it up on the Arrow.



## Regatta Information

**U**ndoubtedly the premier event for the year is the annual AUGC Regatta. This event has been held on a quasi-annual basis by the Club for some time and is now a part of the SA State Gliding Competition. An (in)famous Club member\* (through some fluke of the scoring system) became State Champion by participating in this event.

The regatta will be held over two days, the weekend of 10th and 11th of December at the airfield. We expect to see 7 - 10 aircraft from other Clubs visit therefore this is an opportunity to see a number of aircraft that normally do not frequent the happy hunting grounds of AUGC. There will also be tugs operating aerotow launches which may (operations permitting) provide some members with an opportunity to try aerotow launching.

There will be three classes of competition - open, handicapped and sports. The open class is for the higher performance aircraft. Prizes will be awarded for daily winners in each class and for overall winners.



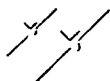
In order to make this event a success we will need some help around the field. The Club will accept any offer of help from any member. Tasks range from assisting with launches and operations, start and finish gate duties, film processing and scoring. As we will in effect have our Club 'on show' it is essential we have a smooth and efficient operation.

Clubmembers already allocated an area of responsibility are :

Contest Director	Peter Temple
Operations Director	Dennis Medlow
Scoring Guru	Andrew McGrath
Catering	Greg Newbold

Whether you intend to fly or just visit the field please help to make this weekend a successful one for the Club.

\* Bradley Gould



### Lost & Found

(Lost Actually)

Andrew McGrath has misplaced his navy blue gortex raincoat, possibly left in a vehicle at Lochiel. If you have recently noticed one slinking about your habitat please let him know on 356 2466.

## Ops Notes

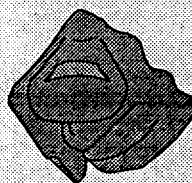
From the Chief Flying Instructor

**T**he following notes should be read by all pilots. Where applicable pass this information on to people visiting the airfield.

### Dehydration

This time of year the danger of pilots (and passengers) becoming dehydrated is very real. Dehydration reduces your judgement and leads to dangerous situations. Ensure that you drink plenty of fluids during the day and have a supply of water ready to hand in the aircraft on any cross-country or long local soaring flight.

**DON'T drive on the Crop.**



**THIS MEANS YOU!**

### Fire Danger

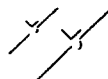
With the crop now ripe and the hot weather with us the fire danger on the airfield is EXTREME. Please note that **SMOKING IS PROHIBITED - NO EXCEPTIONS**. Any fire could cost the Club thousands of dollars

### Flying Over Crop

The Bocian was recently extensively damaged when it was flown into the crop. Pilots must ensure that they keep the aircraft clear of the crop when launching and landing. Never allow a wing to go over the crop at low altitude. Never allow the aircraft to veer towards the crop on launch or landing.

### Work on Arrow

The arrow remains at the West Beach shed. If you want to progress your flying of single seat gliders then help out with the repairs. Contact Redmond Quinn for details.



### Uni Gliding - Nov/Dec 1994

This edition of Uni Gliding was compiled at incredibly short notice by Dennis Medlow. Thanks to all contributors.

Accidents don't just happen by themselves we sometimes go out of our way to make them happen

# Events



There are a number of events coming up over the next few weeks and over the new year.

Please note that you should contact the person listed with each event to ensure that you are able to attend and to obtain final details.

AUGC Regatta Dec 10 - 11  
Contact : Peter Temple

Club Dinner Wed Dec 14  
Contact : Roger Pirola

Club Christmas BBQ Fri Dec 16  
Contact : Dennis Medlow

Christmas Flying Camp Dec 26-31  
Contact : Club Contact Person (S. Were)

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