

Uni Gliding

The Official Journal of the Adelaide University Gliding Club Inc.

EVENTS...EVENTS...EVENTS...

Mark these in your diary:

- **2/12/95 - 3/12/95, Renmark Regatta, second leg of SA state comps.** Several pilots from our club will be attending this comp. If you would like to go along and observe ring Mary Willmott for more details. PS. Hopefully this newsletter will reach you before the event.
- **Fri. 8/12/95, End of Year BBQ.** Karen Deguet's Residence. 16 The Parade, Holden Hill. 6:30 pm onwards. The approximate cost will be \$5.00 for food. Cans of drink will be provided at \$1.00 per can. BYO chair and other drinks. Oh, and don't worry about the bathers (there is no pool). RSVP to Gavin Rowell or Mary Willmott by 7/12/95.
- **Fri. 15/12/95, Beach Volley Ball Night.** On the Beach next to the West Beach Sailing Club, Seaview Rd., West Beach. 7:00 pm. Contact Gavin Rowell for more details.

- **26/12/95 - 1/1/96, Lochiel Airfield Camp.** The emphasis for this years camp will be on cross country flying. There will be tasks set and weather briefings on each day. A competition between club members will be held. If you're not up to this stage of flying yet, there will also be training on some if not all the days. For more information and/or to register your interest ring Mary Willmott.
- **31/12/95, New Years Eve.** There will either be an animal on a spit at Lochiel airfield or the Lochiel pub depending on the numbers on field. Let Mary Willmott know if you will be coming.
- **15/1/96 - 26/1/96, National Sports and 2-seater Championship, Renmark.** See a separate article in this newsletter.
- **17/2/96 - 18/2/96, AUGC Regatta, fourth leg of SA State comps.** See a separate article in this newsletter. ➔

BBQs at Lochiel

A new (secondhand) BBQ now resides at Lochiel. The christening BBQ was held on Saturday, 25th of November after a mighty struggle forcing a Puchatek into a trailer. I missed out on this event but everyone was still alive on Sunday so I guess it was a success. The left over meat has been stored in the freezer and can be purchased for future BBQs, or BYO meat or whatever else turns you on. The plan is to have a BBQ on Saturday nights instead of rushing off to the pub. ➔

Congratulations

Peter Temple for gaining his Diamond height at Bunyan in August.
 Karen Deguet for going solo in September.
 Andrew McGrath for enduring the most horrific event on field this year in September. For more of the gory details speak to Andrew in person or ask him for a copy of his e-mail story. ➔

QZ Flies Again

The Conway/Huggins/Medlow Boomerang is flying again. After a long time (too long for some) out of the air QZ has reappeared, and it was worth the wait as it looks great now.
 The photo opposite shows QZ at the Stirling Ranges camp. ➔



Fire Season

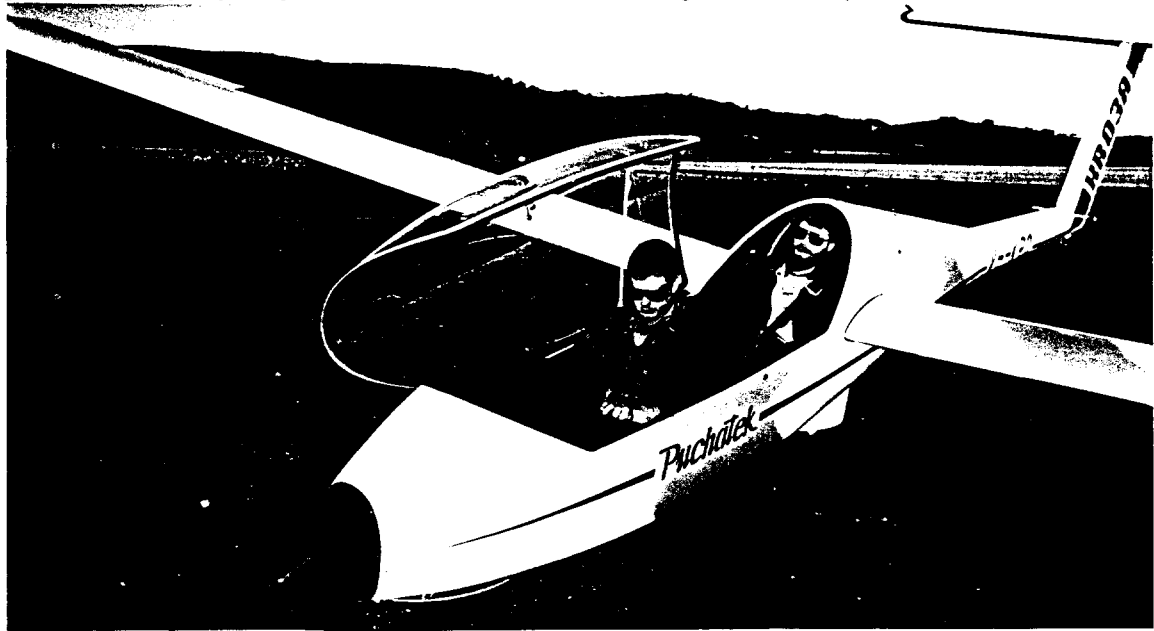
With the onset of the fire ban period the fire trailer at Lochiel must be transported to the launch point and tested every flying day before flying starts. The trailer should remain hitched to the car all day. Every person on field should know how to use the fire trailer and if YOU don't then ask someone to show you how.

Remember, if you see someone smoking on field to politely remind them that there is no smoking allowed on field.

Lastly, take heed from last years mistake and if you have a cable break remember to release the cable. Don't drag it over the power lines. ➔

HOLIDAYS

Now exams are over why not come flying one weekend soon. The weather is getting better by the week, and flying is great fun. On your first flight you will be sitting in the front seat of one of our two-seater gliders. The photo below shows a passenger getting ready for a flight in the Puchatek. This glider is only one year old and has the best viewing available. On your first flight the instructor will launch, and then if you want you can fly yourself. The instructor will take over for the landing. If you would like to experience gliding ring Mary Willmott on the Thursday preceding the weekend you want to fly. →



TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

The last few months has seen the emergence of several very keen student pilots. Without mentioning names thanks a lot to those of you who have made the effort to help out at West Beach and have given some of the ground crew at Lochiel a bit of a push to get you involved. By the end of the month we should have some super new winch drivers. Heavy sighs of relief for a few of us. Anyway a few things you may not have picked up on yet.

1. The overnight accommodation fee at Lochiel is \$2.00 per night. If you stay over you should write your name in the red covered book which says "Accommodation" on it. If you put your \$2.00 in the cash tin tick your name otherwise it will be charged to your account.
2. Remember to shut the 2 gates on the fence around the clubhouse when leaving Lochiel. This stops the sheep eating our trees and shrubs and leaving the left overs on the ground. Always make sure you close the access gate to the airfield.
3. On the mailing label on this newsletter, in the top right hand corner is your account balance. If it is negative please make a payment to your account to get it in the black. If you think the balance is incorrect ask the treasurer for a statement that you can check.
4. Hot days are hopefully going to be with us from now on. Don't forget to drink lots of water, and slip,slop,slap.
5. Payments for flying should be made on the day you fly otherwise the treasurer will be sad.
6. After 10 flights you must join the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA). There is a ready reckoner at Lochiel with the current rates on it. If you have any technical questions about the GFA ask an instructor.
7. Have lots of fun flying.

Sorry about lots of fiscal hints but what can you expect from the treasurer. →

TIPS FOR EVERYONE

1. The winch aerial connection on top of the winch cage has been fixed by Kevin Zietz. Thanks Kevin. When the winch is put away at the end of the day the aerial should be removed and put in the cab to prolong its life.
2. To help the farmer and protect our interest in keeping our airfield, please put all scrap cable in the bin. If you are walking along keep an eye out for bits of cable, pick them up and dispose of them. Weak links should not be kept in the tyres at the launch point, instead hook them over the aerial of the base-set. →

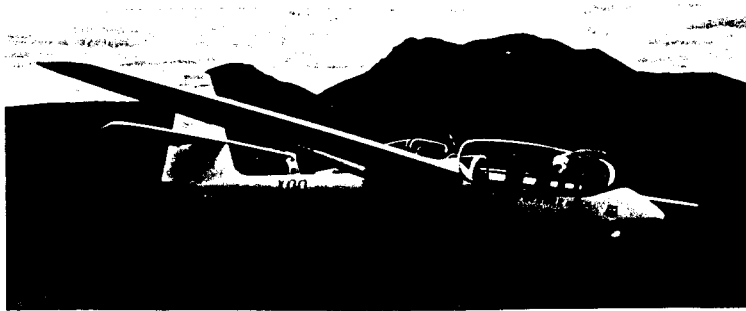
Gliding at the Stirling Ranges

6 club members visited the Stirling Ranges in October for a wave camp hosted by the Narrogin Gliding Club. Besides the absolutely boring trip over and back, definitely the longest trip I've ever made in a car, it was great. The first night at the National Park had Peter swerving to miss a kangaroo every few feet. We actually hit one and it slid down the side of the car. I've got a nice photo showing the clean patch it rubbed on the car. After a week of site-seeing I actually got to fly.

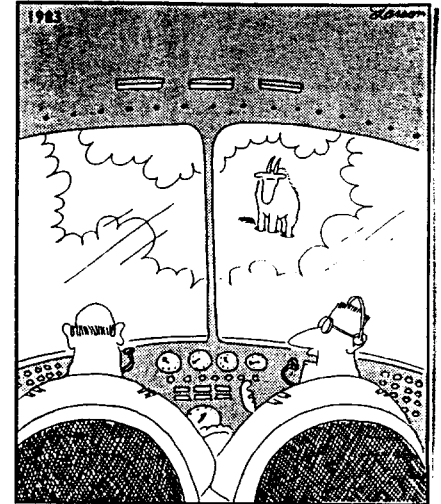
The club members at Narrogin are a really friendly, easy-going bunch. I expected to do minimal flying but ended up with about 4 hours and 12 flights over the 6 days, not bad for someone who didn't have their own aircraft. After 2 flights I had an aero-tow rating. The others were doing their checks on dual-tows but there was no way I was going to try that out - maybe next year.

The scenery is spectacular and their ridges surely put ours to shame. The wave days were minimal but you'll have to ask the wave experts more about that. The most amazing flight of the week would have to be Peter's racetrack around the Bluff. When he landed and described how he was timing himself for laps around the top of the mountain I thought he was joking and I don't think I was alone. The Bluff had been working all day and when the sea breeze came in the other side was working as well. It still seems bizarre to me.

To all those who couldn't be persuaded to come along you missed a very enjoyable, relaxing trip. ➔



The Narrogin Gliding Club's Puchacz at the Stirling Ranges



"Say ... what's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"

The Conway's New Car

A brand new Holden for the Conway's, but this article is not for all the petrol heads as I know very little about it. A Holden is a Holden isn't it. Come on everyone lets start a new trend and buy something else. Well that should have alienated me from a good number of club members.

On a more serious note, the new one has already proven itself in the towing stakes by hauling the blue house back to West Beach so if anyone needs a good retrieve vehicle.... On an even more serious note stayed tuned for the ceremonial bogging of the Commodore. Do we have flash floods in December?

SPORTS CLASS NATIONALS AT REMARK

This is a butchering of an article sent to the augc-people mailing list by Peter Temple.

The dates of this event are Monday 15/1/96 to Fri 26/1/96. Redmond will be flying the Bergfalke to Renmark on Saturday or Sunday. Practice days are on the Sunday and Monday. The competition runs for 11 days with a presentation dinner on the last Friday. It is a handicapped competition with separate two seater and single seater classes and pilot optional tasking.

Flying Costs - The entry fee is \$125.00 per aircraft. This will be divided among the people that fly the Bergfalke (probably \$8.00 per person per day). Launch fees are roughly \$10.00 for winch and \$30.00 for aerotow to 2000'.

Accommodation - Renmark GC have reserved 2 rooms in their clubrooms for AUGC people. One is taken but the other has 3 beds in it. The clubrooms are air-conditioned but are not likely to have cooking facilities or refrigeration. Peter has access to a caravan with a stove, fridge and three double beds. A powered site on field can be made available and there are 2 caravan parks in Renmark.

It is questionable if there will be flying over this period at Lochiel as most of the instructors will be in Renmark.

If you are interested in participating in this competition, several passenger days in the Bergfalke are still available and crew are still needed for some days, please contact Peter Temple at work on 2596171 prior to the event. Peter will have his mobile phone at Renmark. His number is (015) 396034. ➔

Targets For The Soaring Season & The "Bar Chart"

I am trying to record goals for our solo pilots to aim for over the soaring season. These targets are tailored to the individual and are being set so they will take some effort (and good luck?) to achieve.

I would like to catch up with the remainder of our pilots in the next couple of weeks and sort out a goal (or goals) with them.

It is intended that we will have a grand accounting around May sometime. It should provide some amusing newsletter content!

Goals set so far have included A, B, C certificate, Silver badge, Gold badge, 500km in a Boomerang (guess who), 300km in the ES59 Arrow (also guess who!), Assistant Instructor rating etc.

Those who have bothered to browse the notice board in the clubhouse recently will have come across the "Bar Chart" which is pinned there. Anyone who flies cross country should add their name to the chart and extend a bar showing their cumulative cross country kilometres. The scale of the chart changes in about the middle, so it will be relatively easy to reach the centre, but will take a bunch of long cross countries to reach the end of the chart.

The rules of the bar chart are as follow:

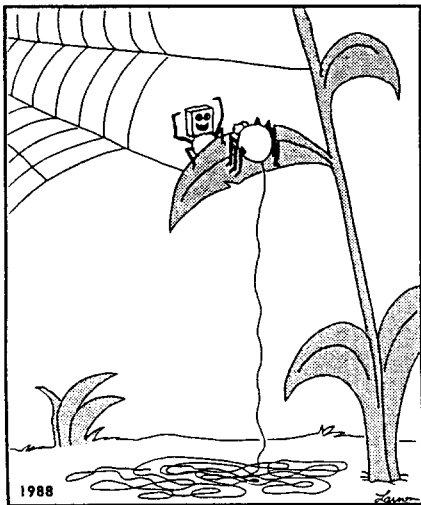
1. A cross country flight must be declared before launch. Verbal declaration is sufficient. Turn points or distance don't have to be declared.
2. Turn point photographs and barograph traces are not required. (We're trusting folks!).
3. Both pilots in a 2 seater should record the full distance covered (Let's be real - it's twice as hard to get there in a 2 seater).

Simon Hackett got in an early, short cross country and hence got his name at the top of the chart.

Go for it!

Redmond

ALERT



"Hey, Bob ... did I scare you or what?"

WATCH OUT FOR SPIDERS

E-Mail Lists and Web Page

There are two gliding lists that people with internet mail addresses may wish to subscribe to.

The first is

aus-soaring@internode.com.au

which is for discussion of issues and interests related to soaring in Australia.

To join this mailing list, please send Internet electronic mail to

aus-soaring-request@internode.com.au.

The second is

augc-people@internode.com.au

which is for people in AUGC to use for discussion and to help advertise events.

To join this mailing list, please send Internet electronic mail to

simon@internode.com.au

A web page for Australian Soaring also exists.

For those with WWW access, the URL is

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



EDITORIAL

Hi everyone,

Just for a challenge I decided to try producing a newsletter for Jeff, while he is off World Wide Webbing his way to fame and fortune. It was a pretty rushed job. That's my only excuse for it and I'm sticking to it.

To help Jeff out next time how about submitting some funny or serious articles to him. The higher the humiliation factor to someone the better... in my opinion anyway... unless its me. Most of the stuff written in this newsletter is my own personal writing which is pretty shocking. The English language never was my strong point.

To those I have dobbed in with no consultation, sorry but I didn't have time to consult.

A couple of things that should be mentioned.

- David Conway has finished the mods on the winch and we will all be much safer now, as anyone bitten by the winch will know. Thanks.
- In the last few months we have had 2 visits to our airfield by groups. The first by the Barossa Valley Gliding Club for a ridge camp that actually had ridge days and the second by a group of Scouts. Thanks to all who helped on these weekends. It helps pay the bills. A short article on this type of event would be good for the newsletter.
- Hopefully we'll see some of the trainees who started before exams back again now exams are finished. The Christmas camp would be a good chance to catch up on some flying.
- Good luck to those about to embark on the competition season.

That's it, I'm out of room. Merry Christmas.

Mary

AUGC Regatta

Our club will be hosting the 4th leg of the SA state comps on the 17th and 18th of February 1996 at the Lochiel airfield. Andrew Huggins will be organising this event.

There will be winch and more than likely aerotow launches, so it may be a good chance to get an aerotow rating once the competition pilots are off on task. One of our twin seaters may fly the tasks as well so a passenger spot may be available.

Besides flying though, there will be a lot of ground task that will need to be done. These include winch driving, launch point crew, manning the start and finish lines, scoring and retrieving. All help on this weekend will be greatly appreciated.

Please keep these dates free. More information will follow in later newsletters. ➔

Thanks for the Help

I would like to thank all the people who have been helping out at West Beach recently. It has been a rather challenging exercise, simultaneously extending the workshop while conducting the annual inspection of the Bergfalke.

The Bergfalke was put back into service on Saturday (25/11) and the shed extension is nearing completion.

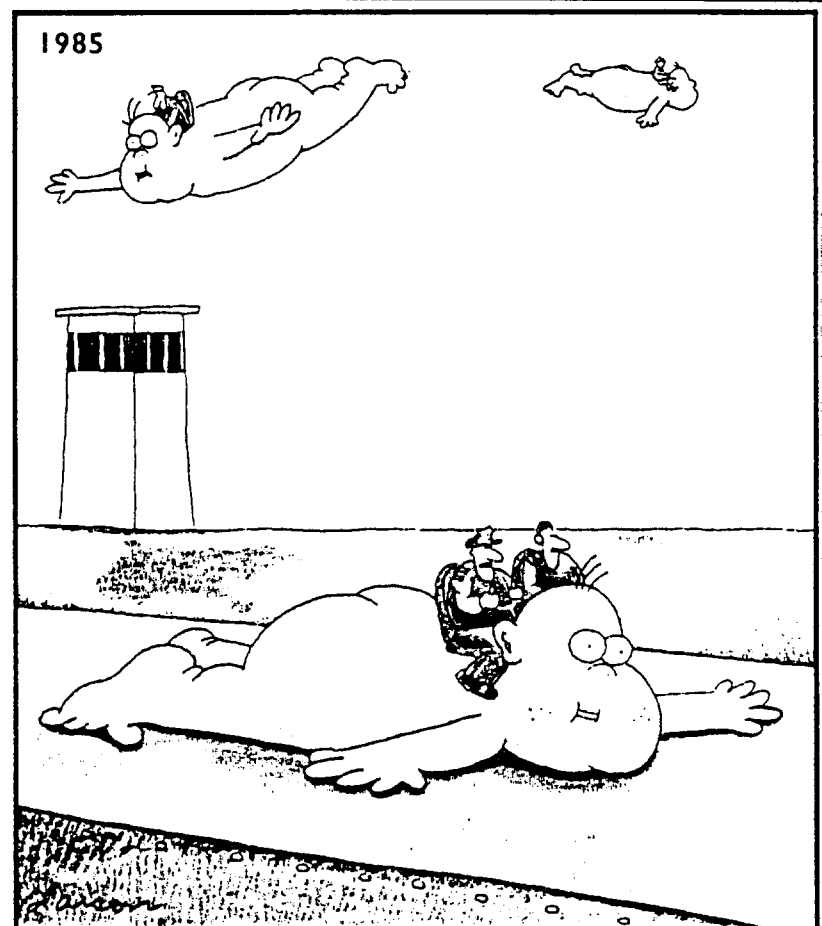
The workshop has the following items outstanding:

- * The roof needs more Tek screws (before it blows off!)
- * The whole shed needs a spray paint (not including cars parked round about or the skylights!)
- * The electrical installation needs finishing off.

Now that the Bergfalke has been put back into service the Puchatek has been brought in for its annual inspection. It is hoped to complete this by the 9th December.

Any assistance you can give at West Beach to complete the extension and/or help on the Puchatek would be most welcome.

Redmond



"Fuel ... check. Lights ... check. Oil pressure ... check. We've got clearance. OK, Jack—let's get this baby off the ground."

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SO YOU WANT TO FLY THIS WEEKEND?

Then you must ring the club contact person on the preceding Thursday between 8:00 and 10:00 pm. This is so that he/she can organize instructors and transport for all those intending to fly.

If you need transport to the airfield at Lochiel it can be organized through the contact person. A lift is provided from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7:00 am, or from the Caltex Service Station on Port Wakefield Road, Bolivar (Just outbound from the White Horse Inn on your left) at 7:30 am. Further, directions to the airfield are available from the contact person.

Remember to ring the contact person, or you could find yourself forgotten!

For those with e-mail access you may wish to use that instead. Mary will reply to your e-mail when she receives it, so if you don't get a reply, ring on Thursday night to check.

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