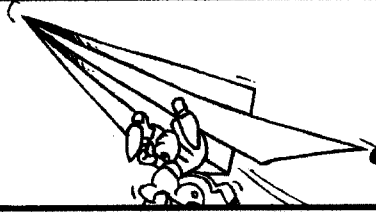


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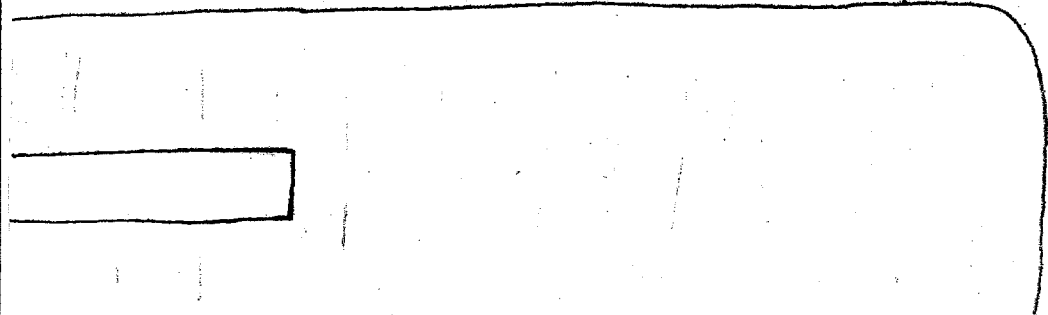
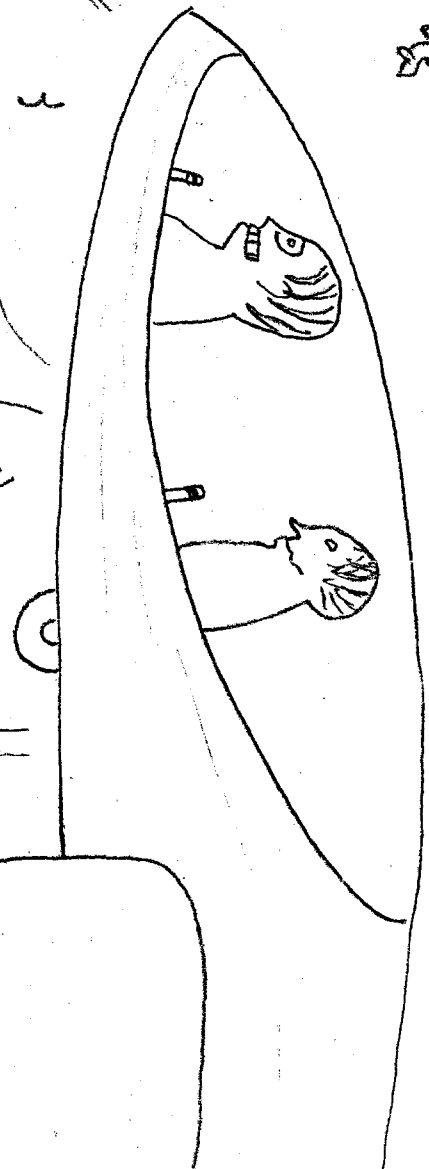


"WHAT'S GOING ON
HERE, REDMOND?"

"There are only two possibilities,
Grasshopper
Either we have mis-handled the
controls and caused the glider to
depart controlled flight into an
unusual inverted lateral displacement
anti-phugoidal spin"

"AND THE OTHER
POSSIBILITY?"

"Some moron has been made
newsletter editor and can't
set up the front page correctly!!"



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STOP PRESS

CHANGE TO CONTACT TIME

Mandy is now the Contact Person; when calling 018 810 963 Thursday nights to arrange your weekend flying, please call strictly between:

8.30 pm - 10.00 pm.

Your cooperation in this will be greatly appreciated!

PRESIDENT'S SPIEL

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new committee. I extend my thanks to everyone who participated in the committee last year and especially to Raj Bholanath for electing to continue on as Treasurer. This year sees the return of Greg Newbold as Secretary, Angus MacGillivray as Social Convenor (promoted from Fifth Member) and the introduction of Claire Clements as Fifth Member.

The last time I tried to be President I was moved to Melbourne within eight months of being elected. It has almost been a yearly tradition where a person is elected to the committee and promptly declares that they are moving interstate or, in desperation, completely out of the country. Obviously electing me to President is a cunning plan to get me out of the club. I never knew everyone hated me so much!

This year will hopefully be one of improvement within the club. The club has a number of ongoing projects that we hope to finish this year (or at least give a serious nudge to) including the new hangar (Redmond's Taj Mahal), the new winch and the rebuild of the *Bocian*. Other things will include improving the club membership situation and the clubhouse. If you have any ideas on how to improve things around the club please let myself or another committee member know and we will see if we can implement it.

The last month has been one of significant contrasts with some good and some bad weather for flying. Andrew McCauley and I enjoyed a short cross country before Easter and struggled in to outland at Kapunda (and then enjoyed a couple of pale ales at the pub while waiting for Peter and Mandy to retrieve us). The club had a number of aircraft participate in the Gawler Regatta and Raj Bholanath and myself came third (on handicap) overall in the *Bergfalke* on the first day. However other flying has been marred by rain and low cloud which is a feature of winter flying. Don't be put off if the weather in Adelaide is poor, the weather at Lochiel can be significantly different. Anybody who has been at the airfield on one of those days will know that we make every effort to fly. In fact flying in less than perfect conditions makes you a better pilot, because then you can handle adverse weather a lot better if you encounter it, as you already have some experience in it.

Flying is fun,

Hope to see you up there some time,

Anthony (President)

EDITOR'S PAGE

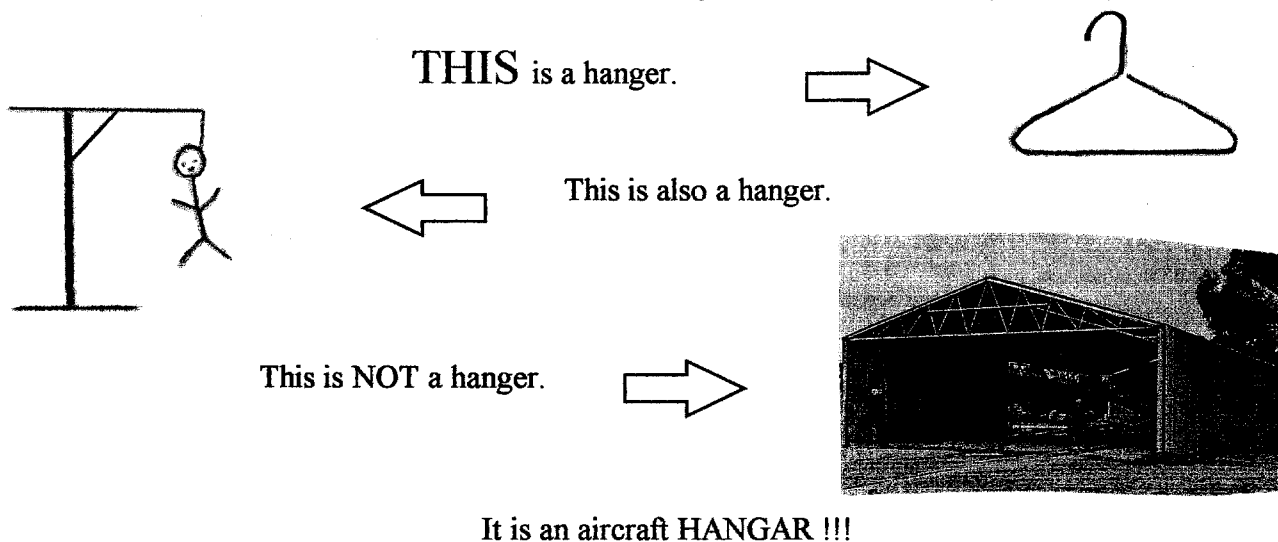
They say you can run but you cannot hide. Despite my best efforts to remain inconspicuous, it seems I've been "collared" and thrust into the uncertain world of newsletter editor. Not that I would mind so much, if it wasn't such a hard act to follow. The last couple of editors, at least, have consistently done such a good job in steadily improving the newsletter that it will be difficult maintaining the standard.

I think special acknowledgement should be made to Anthony, who has not only filled this role over the previous 12 months, but has done so whilst also holding the onerous position of Contact Person and general fixer-upper of everything from clubhouse doors to instrument panels. Well done, Anthony!

Certainly you can ease my task by submitting *anything* you think might be of interest, even if it's not directly to do with gliding. The Adelaide Uni Gliding Club endeavours to be much more than just a "fly and go home" sort of operation; committee members put a lot of effort into expanding the focus of the club to include many social/fun activities.

If you have something that other members might find interesting/humorous, and lets them get to know you better as a person, by all means let me know. Of course, smutty or defamatory stuff won't be printed (I've got a box out in the shed I keep that material in), but anything else will be gratefully received.

Please note, however, that there is one aspect that keeps reappearing in this publication that **WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED**. So listen carefully readers, for I shall say this only once.....



Like students who insist on spelling their "Bachelor" degrees with a "t", this is an abomination that should not go unpunished. Anyone caught spelling HANGAR this way from now on will be pegged down outside the clubhouse and used as mouse bait. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!**

Now that we clearly understand one another, here's to a productive year of work or study, lots of ridge soaring, and many first solos.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Adelaide University Gliding Club Inc's Annual General Meeting was held at Adelaide University's Union House at 7:30 pm on Wednesday 1st April 1998. Thanks to all those who attended - there was an unusually large turnout, the free beer on offer no doubt being just a coincidence.

It was officially announced that Redmond Quinn had resigned as Chief Flying Instructor after more than a decade of sterling performance in this role. It is hard to imagine the Club without Redmond as CFI, but at least we have the highly capable David Conway taking over the reigns. No doubt Redmond's enormous contribution will be recognized in a more appropriate manner later in the year.

On other matters, reports were given on last year's operations, the most succinct and interesting undoubtedly being that given by Angus. Perhaps setting the standard for others to follow?

After thanking the previous committee members for their excellent efforts in these difficult times, elections were held for this year's Executive and Non-Executive positions. The highlight here was a monumental battle for the position of Fifth Member, valiantly fought out between Claire "Wild One" Clements and Kevin "Sparky" Zietz. After a couple of dead heats, the third re-vote saw Claire manage to romp in by just one vote. See what excitement you miss when you don't attend AGM's?!

The final results for all positions are:

President: Anthony Smith

Secretary: Greg Newbold

Treasurer: Raj Bholanat

Social Convenor: Angus MacGillivray

5th Member: Claire Clements

Contact Person: Mandy Wilson

Newsletter Editor: Steve McGuiness

AUGC ON THE NET

Yes, the club has its very own presence on the Internet, complete with pinups of some of your favorite birds, including the *Libelle* and *Puchatek*. Find out heaps of useful information, and check out what's happened before it's even happened! (Well, almost.) Click away now to:

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

You can also stay in touch via our e-mail list:

augc-people@internode.com.au

If you want to join this list send an e-mail to:

augc-people-request@internode.com.au

The final part of the evening was a general discussion on whether to expand the Club's operations to include hang gliding. It was agreed to set up a committee to further consider many of the complex issues involved.

Following this everyone eagerly adjourned to the bar for some well earned refreshments.

FROM THE INSTRUCTORS PANEL

While I come to grips with taking on the role as CFI, I think it is important we appreciate Redmond's efforts over the last 12 (?) years as CFI.

He fairly promptly managed to turn around the very poor reputation the club had at the time, to a point where its flying safety record, instructing standard and pilot skills were well respected throughout the gliding fraternity.

It is important that we not only maintain that standard, but always strive to improve it where we can.

While I get my head around just how best to go about this, any suggestions or ideas are welcome!

Meanwhile on behalf of the Instructors Panel - Safe Flying!

David Conway

REMINDERS

Everyone please take note of the following, there's a good chance at least some of them apply to YOU!

- The paddock has now been ploughed, and is unlandable (except in emergency, of course).
- It is no longer possible to drive along the fence line from the entrance gate to the clubhouse; instead, drive along the runways. (Remember Lookout - powered aircraft also use the strips.)
- Now that the wet weather is here, remember to tape up the *Puchatek* statics and nose, etc., and put the nose cone on. (Of course, when the new hangar is finished, this won't be necessary.)
- *Charlie Yankee* has a beautiful new canopy. PLEASE be extra extra careful with canopies and let's keep this one as is.
- TIF flights are either an extended flight up to 20 minutes in duration or are 2 circuits only.
- Nobody is to turn off the fridges or freezer in the clubhouse.
- Redmond would like suitable photos for his promotion board.
- You should have received a membership list with this newsletter, if not just ask for one. Please check your details carefully - any errors, tough luck.
- Anybody interested in doing club T-shirt designs?
- The Flinders Ranges trip is on 6,7,8 June (Queen's Birthday long weekend).
- Gawler will be holding the Sports Class Nationals in 2000 and the World Comps in 2001, and they are looking for helpers - please talk to Mandy if you are interested.
- Mike Hancy (gliding weather forecaster extraordinaire) will be holding a weather lecture at Gawler in the near future - stay tuned!

S.A. Gliding Assoc.



**50th
Anniversary**



&

Annual Presentation Dinner

@ *Buckingham Arms - Nth Adelaide*

Saturday, 20th June 1998

7.00 pm

*for bookings -
call Emilla (08) 85 344 011*



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 and Tuesday evenings. Here is a summary of what has been going on:

Bocian: Yes it's still at the back being slowly rebuilt. It was extensively damaged a few years ago and progress is slow because of all the other work. There will be more done now the *Puchatek* is out of the way.

Winch #3: The winch drums and diff have been mounted on the F100 chassis. Part of the back wall of the cab needs to be cut away to fit the winch drive shaft to the transfer box.

FLINDERS RANGES TRIP

June 6,7,8 (*Queen's Birthday long weekend*)

Call Catherine on 018 803 705 for more info or come along to the General Meeting on May 6.

WHAT'S ON IN MAY?

General Meeting Wed 6 May

Club President Anthony Smith will be giving a talk on "Basic Aerodynamics" Highly appropriate, one would think. Don't miss it!

Also Cathy Conway will be disseminating important information regarding the Flinders Ranges trip in June. All those interested in going are urged to attend.

6:30 pm Uni bistro for dinner.

7:30 pm Canon Poole Room, Adelaide Uni.

Drinks in the bar afterwards.

Executive Meeting Tue 19 May

7:00 pm at Greg Newbold's; all Club members welcome to attend.

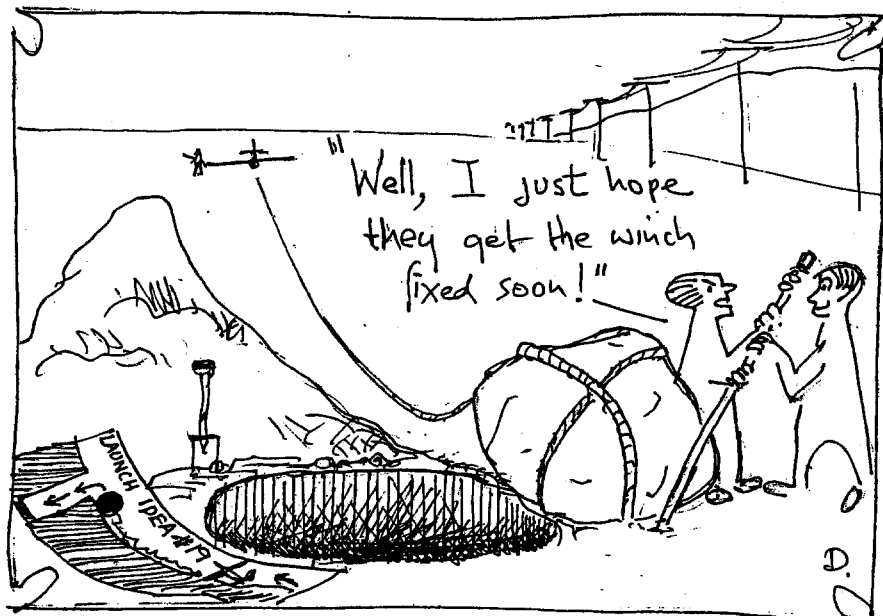
GFA/HGFA Merger Meeting Sat 23 May

RAAF Association Headquarters

Finnis St North Adelaide 10:00 am

The proposed amalgamation of GFA and HGFA, one of the most important issues facing the gliding fraternity in 50 years, will be discussed. *All pilots are encouraged to attend.*

Not many Club activities this month due to the new Executive getting up to steam. No doubt this will be rectified next month.



APRIL ON FIELD

Sat 4 Apr: I believe something happened at Lochiel, but I'm not sure what.

Sun 5 Apr: Andrew and Anthony attempted to fly the *Bergfalke* to Gawler for their Regatta the following weekend, but outlanded in Kapunda instead. Full story next issue.

Fri 10 Apr: First day of the Gawler Regatta. Peter Temple placed third overall. The *Bergfalke*, flown by Raj and Anthony, was the only two seater to make it around the course. Full story next issue.

Sat 11 Apr: I turned up at Gawler for my turn in the Regatta and it rained and rained and rained and they declared a no contest day.

Sun 12 Apr: I turned up again at Gawler for my turn in the Regatta and it rained and rained and rained and they declared a no contest day.

Mon 13 Apr: I didn't go to Gawler and the sun came out and there was flying. All two seaters landed out. Peter Temple was one of the few to scratch their way home.

Meanwhile, back at Lochiel, I'm not sure what happened. I heard something about Redmond dismantling the winch and taking it home with him, but it was all too confusing. Rest assured that the winch is currently in one piece and working.

Sat 18 Apr: I believe something happened at Lochiel, but I'm not sure what.

Sun 19 Apr: I believe something happened but I'm not sure what.

Look, don't give me a hard time about this, OK? It's my very first newsletter and I'm doing the best I can. Just because Anthony "Mr Wonderful" Smith always knew exactly what was going on at the airfield every weekend doesn't mean that I do. My therapist said I should stop comparing myself to others and become centered in my own magnificence. If you REALLY TRULY ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY HAVE TO KNOW what happened on this day then why not ask someone who was bloody well there? I've got enough stress in my life right now thank you very much without having to listen to all your petty complaints. My therapist said I should stop taking on so much and find my inner core of peace. Why weren't you on field anyway if it's so important to you??? I bet this is the very first section of the newsletter you read, isn't it, just so you can find out who slept over at the clubhouse and let your sick mind run away with all sorts of deviant imaginings. WELL IT HASN'T WORKED THIS TIME, HAS IT BUD!? You'll just have to get your twisted kicks someplace else, so there.....

I feel much better for that.

*** COMING NEXT ISSUE ***

A few items haven't made it to this month's newsletter. Next month watch out for:

- An article about the Smith/McCauley cross-country to Kapunda.
- An article about the Smith/Bholanath comp flight.
- An article about an exciting *full motion* flight simulator being built at Salisbury.
- More hilarious cartoons.
- Much, much more

Don't miss out - place an order with your newsagent now!!

Sat 25 Apr: Hangar Building Day! Heaps of people on field, a strong south westerly, five gliders in the air on extended flights, a sumptuous BBQ and lots of tall stories around the evening fire - a generally brilliant day! Some pilots even started on their night rating. Thanks to all those who turned up and helped make significant progress on the new hangar.

Another day like this is planned for the near future - stay tuned!

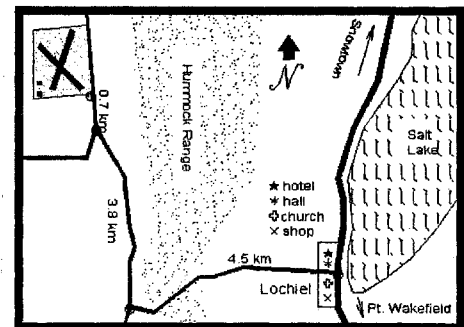
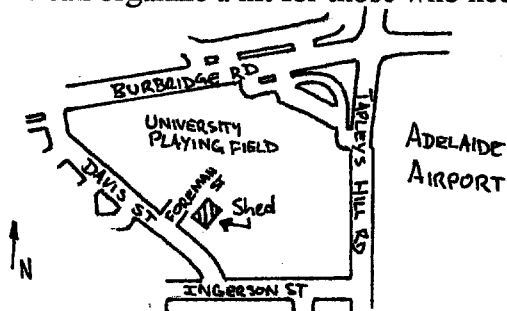
Sun 26 Apr: A scratchy day with weak ridge in the morning and weak thermals later on. Experienced pilots still managed flights of well over an hour each.

AUGC: What's on in May?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
27 7:45 pm West Beach Shed Bocian repair Winch #3	28	29	30 Call Contact Person 018 810 963	1	2 Go gliding...	3 Go gliding...
4 7:30 pm West Beach Shed. Bocian repair Winch #3	5	6 General Meeting 7:30 pm Canon Poole Room "Aerodynamics" + Flinders arrangements	7 Call Contact Person 018 810 963	8	9 Go gliding...	10 Go gliding...
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18 Public Holiday Go gliding...	19 Executive Meeting. 7.30 pm at Greg's 1/77A Lockwood Rd Burnside All welcome!	20	21 Call Contact Person 018 810 963	22	23 GFA/HGFA Amalgamation Meeting RAAF Assocn HQ Finnis St. Nth Adel 10 am	24 Go gliding...
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SO YOU WANT TO HELP AT WEST BEACH?

- Do you want to help fix the gliders or build the winch at West Beach, but can't get there?
- A lift is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30 pm Mondays and Tuesdays.
- You can also ring Anthony on (08) 8393 2646, e-mail: anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net. He can organize a lift for those who need it.



SO YOU WANT TO GO FLYING THIS WEEKEND?

- You must ring the club contact person, Mandy, on the Thursday before, between 8.30 pm and 10.00 pm, on **018 810 963** so that she can organize instructors and transport for those intending to fly.
- A lift to Lochiel is available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.00 am, from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield Rd, Bolivar at 7.30 am, or from elsewhere (by arrangement only) if you have real transport problems.

→ Remember to phone the contact person or you could be forgotten

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