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The Puchatek comes into land at the 'tree end' after a ridge soaring flight with the eagles on Sunday 27 January. Pilots: Anthony and Justine. Photo: Dennis Medlow

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#### **STOP PRESS**

- The Arrow is in the shed at West Beach for it's Form 2 inspection. The Puchatek is due soon after, so everyone come on down and lend a hand at West Beach.
- We have received new stocks of the BGK. Cost is \$18 each (as marked on the cover). Please record payment (and note it is for the BGK) on the flight sheet when purchasing.

#### **QUOTES OF THE MONTH**

"The more you get, the more you want.... but I've had enough" David Conway. "The more I get, the more I want and I don't get enough!" Sonya Fennell. Both were discussing cross country flying... at least I think they were.

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### **EDITORIAL**

Hi everyone, welcome to the third summer newsletter. This issue is a bit smaller than normal for two reasons. The first is that the March newsletter will be a week early and will be the huge "O'week Edition". The second reason is that the January newsletter was a bit late leaving me little time to produce this one. So this is an in between to ensure that everyone knows what is happening in the near future.

#### Anthony

# PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPHS

Summer has been slow coming and we haven't had the run of hot weather we would normally expect. Still we have had a few good days and the club has been well represented at a number of events.

I went to the SA State Championships at Waikerie in early December with the Ventus and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. **Matt** and **Brett** came for the week to work as volunteers to run the contest. This gave them a chance to see what else gliding can offer beyond Lochiel. Congrats to **Matt** for achieving his aerotow rating during the week

Following the State Comps, **David C** attended Performance Week at Waikerie. This is a training camp to help XC pilots improve their speed and racing techniques. At the same time, Waikerie held a Basic Cross

Country Course where pilots could learn the basics of



The competitors at the SA state comps: Photo: Cathy

x-country and badge flying. **Derek Spencer** attended with the Boomerang and **Mark Newton** with the Club Libelle. Congratulations to both for achieving silver distance and height.

Early in January, **David** (in the Ventus) and I (in the Pik) attended the National Club Class competition at Temora in NSW. This was lots of fun and to our surprise, we both flew quite well. **David** finished  $15^{\text{th}}$  overall out of 53 and I finished  $24^{\text{th}}$ , although if I hadn't deliberately outlanded on the first day to give **David** a chance, I might have been  $9^{\text{th}}$ ;-)

Unfortunately, club members were unable to attend the Vintage Regatta at Stonefield in the second week of January. Many club members were away for family holidays or at Temora. Hopefully next year, circumstances will allow us to send both the Arrow and the Boomerang as Barossa Valley Gliding Club will again be hosting the event.

There has been some club flying too in amongst all of this. The Puchatek returned in December and the Bergfalke 30 yearly was completed. Congrats to **Mark** who converted to the Pik and **Dirk Seret** to the Arrow, **Dirk** then went on the complete two 1 hour flights in it towards his B certificate.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January was a super day in SA with temperatures in the low 40's. Many long flights were completed from clubs all over the State. We took the opportunity to do some XC training. **Dirk** was introduced to XC flying on a short task in the Bergy around Redhill-Blyth-Return. **Mark** took the Boomerang to Redhill-Snowtown-Bute-Return. **Redmond** took the Pik to Laura-Snowtown-Pt Broughton-Return. There were some other shorter flights in the Arrow and Club Libelle.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> also was forecast to be hot, but unfortunately the temperature did not reach the trigger at Lochiel before the front cooled things down again. I was fortunate to have a ride in Bernard Eckey's ASH-25 out of Balaklava but a sea breeze there forced us to use the ASH's performance to outrun it and get away. We enjoyed strong conditions North of the Murray with a task of

### **FEBRUARY**



Cathy's birthday at Lochiel on the Australia Day long weekend. Photo by David Conway.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
					<b>Skyshow</b> : Bonython Park Go gliding anyway	Go gliding
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm	Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm	Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm			Go gliding	Go gliding
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm	Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm	Arrow Form 2 West Beach Shed 7:45 pm			Go gliding	Go gliding
18	19	20	21	21	23	24
		<b>Exec Meeting</b> Dennis's place 7:30 pm			Go gliding	Go gliding
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
O'week	O'week	O'week	O'week	O'week		
					Go gliding	Go gliding

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#### Uni Gliding

Mildura-Return but had to use all of the ASH's performance to get home at 1100' with a last climb to 7,900' over the river with 112 km still to run. Its amazing how that thing just keeps going. I was asked at the end of the flight if I enjoyed flying something that required airbrakes occasionally just to keep it in contact with the planet.

Cathy

Right: Mildura from the back of an ASH-25. Photo by Cathy

# TREASURERS BIT

Club membership fees are due 1 Mar 02. Members *are not automatically renewed*. To renew your membership send an e-mail to dmedlow@adelaide.on.net requesting renewal for 2002. Alternatively call me on 08 8337 3265. Your membership fee and Sports Association fee (if applicable) will be debited from your account. *No renewal will be processed if your account does not have sufficient credit*.

If you are filling the winch from the bunker, please check the remaining fuel stocks. Once it gets below 1/4 of the bunker PLEASE call me so I can arrange refilling. I will do this anyway at the end of February but call if it needs restocking earlier.

# **NEW FLYING RATES**

At the last executive meeting, the financial position of the club was reviewed. In light of increased operating costs and the probability of significantly reduced grant funding from the Sports Association, the executive committee has decided on the following flying rates, effective from 1 Mar 02:

Rate / min	Student / concession	Others	
Twins	\$0.30	\$0.40	
GNF	\$0.15	\$0.20	
GMI	\$0.30	\$0.40	
WVA	\$0.40	\$0.50	
Winch Launch	\$4.00	\$5.00	

**Note:** You need a student number to be eligible for student / concession rates. The Treasurer has the final say as to who is eligible for student / concession rates.

The Club House Levy (effective from 1 Mar 02): \$2.00 / day of flying

Membership (effective 1 Jan 02): \$10.00 for students, \$75.00 for others (inc Sports Association fee)

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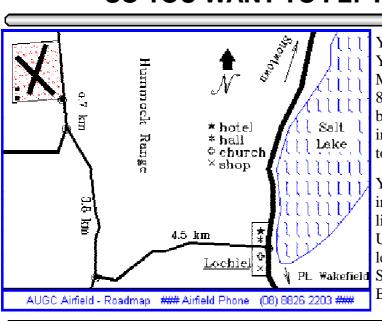
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## **STAY IN TOUCH**

The club has an e-mail 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, send a blank e-mail to **augc-people-request@lists.internode.on.net** and it will send an automatic reply with instructions on how to join the group list. You can still send an e-mail to the list even if you have not subscribed to it.

You can also get the latest newsletter and up to date news on what is going on at the club's web page: <a href="http://www.augc.aus-soaring.on.net/">http://www.augc.aus-soaring.on.net/</a>

If your e-mail address is on the membership database, Dennis the club's highly esteemed Treasurer can send you your account updates over the internet, as well as receipts for payments. Send an e-mail to: **dmedlow@adelaide.on.net** 



# **SO YOU WANT TO FLY THIS WEEKEND?**

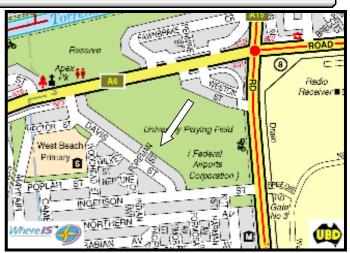
You want to go flying on the weekend? You must ring the club contact person, Mark, on the Thursday before, between 8.00pm and 10:00 pm, on 0412 870 963, (or by e-mail before )so that he can organise instructors and transport for those intending to fly.

You can either drive up yourself by following the map at left, or Mark can arrange a lift to Lochiel either from the Adelaide University footbridge (meet at 7.15am to leave at 7:30 am), or from the Caltex Service station on Port Wakefield road, Bolivar (meet at 7.45am to leave at 8:00 am)

## SO YOU WANT TO HELP 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, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The entrance is at the end of Foreman St, West Beach.

So you want to help fix the gliders at West Beach, but can't get there? A lift can be available from the Adelaide University footbridge at 7.30pm by arrangement. Ring Anthony on (wk) 8393 3319, (hm) 8269 2687 or E-mail: Anthony.smith@adelaide.on.net.



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### WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN SOON

**Saturday 2 February, Skyshow:** Lots of bangs in Bonython Park. Meet at the Anthony and Justine at the Park. Ring Anthony on his mobile: 0428 359 268 for directions (pr get him to find you and guide you in, from 6:00 pm onwards.

**Monday 4 February, Arrow Form 2:** The Arrow will be at West Beach Shed for a couple of weeks for its annual inspection. From 7:45 pm on Mondays to Wednesdays. Everyone is welcome to come and lend a hand and get it back into the air as soon as possible. The Puchatek is due in soon after. (*I wonder how many nights Dirk will be down there?*)

Wednesday 20 February, Executive Committee Meeting. The Medlow residence. 90 River Drive, Athelstone. From 7:30 onwards. Everyone is welcome to come along and have a say in how the club is run.

#### Monday 25 February to Friday 1 March,

**O'week**: The club's major recruitment drive for another year. Volunteers need to help talk to potentially new club members at Adelaide Uni and tell them how great gliding is. Volunteers are also needed to help rig MI in the morning and de-rig it again in the afternoon.

#### Wednesday 6 March, General Meeting:

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**Video Night.** Come along and meet everyone in the gliding club over beer and pizzas and watch some videos on what this gliding thing is all about. From 7:00 pm onwards for pizza and

beer, 7:30 pm for the videos. Canon-Poole Room, Union Building.

Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April, Gawler Easter Regatta: Take an aircraft along and compete in a fun, local gliding competition. The Bergfalke traditionally does well against the Twin Astirs and Janus from Gawler as well as the ASK 21 from Balaklava.

Wednesday 3 April, Annual General Meeting: Yep, its club election time again. Time to elect a new executive committee and other ancillary positions for the year. All members should attend (or have a note from their mum). 7:30 pm Little Cinema, Union Building.

