
1. Safety
There we no serious injuries sustained during this reporting period again, however there were some incidents.
All of the accidents were the result of Human Factors and the lack of “threat and error management”, an area of human involvement which we must all continue to focus our attention to.

The GFA “Safety Management System” (SMS) is progressing slowly. The SMS will include more detailed reporting of all incidents and accidents to enable greater detail to be provided in respect of gliding accidents and incidents.

2. Our Volunteers
Our small “volunteer crew” have again played an enormous part in the safe and rewarding operations which reflect in the success of the Club.
- Our non-flying volunteers, Jean, Ann and Marie.
- Our Instructors, in particular Bill Mudge, who again almost single-handedly has carried the Instructing workload.
- Our Tug Pilots, in particular Peter Siddal and Greg Jackson.
- our Committee

3. 2010 – 2011 Highlights
The highlight of the past year has been the competitions and events which have been staged at Waikerie;
- The 2010 SA State Competition, in November 2010 and won by Terry Cubley.
- The 2010 Junior National Gliding competition, which we picked up at short notice in mid December 2010, which was won by Andrew Maddocks, from Queensland.
- Coaching Week, from 27th December 2010 to 1 January, 2011, under the guidance of Cath Conway.
- The 2011 SA State Competition, from 3 to 8 January 2011, which was won by Graeme Parker.

**Notable Events**
a) Storms in December 2010.
   Strong winds, Heavy rain
   - Pie-cart damage.
   - Trees blown over.
b) Increased water flows in the River Murray

**Club Projects**
There were a number of “projects” and other routine tasks taken on by some members,
- Completion of the AS K21 Trailer build, in particular by John Ridge and Nigel Baker,
- Caltrop, taken on by Greg Jackson, Craig Vinall and Pete Paine.
- Keeping the Clubhouse surrounds looking tidy, Peter Paine.

On behalf of the Committee and Members, I extend our sincere thanks to those who have made a significant contribution for their efforts.

4. **Membership**
Our junior members training has progressed principally under the guidance of Bill Mudge, with Matt Morgan, Bradley McKay, Sam Doecke, Stuart Cassidy and Alannah Jones flying solo.

The following members were welcomed into the Club’s membership in the past 12 months,
- Michael Scutter (ASC)
- Peter Cesco
- Ranji Wallace-Collins.

5. **Operations**
Our flight crews (Instructors and Tug Pilots) have been kept busy. The fulltime operations period, which included Coaching Week and the 2011 SA State Comps were again successful events for the Club.
High occupancy of Club accommodation and the provision of meals resulted in a fair return to the Club.

There were 4 Student pilots who soloed during the period – Bradley McKay, Matt Morgan, Sam Doecke and Alannah Jones. Thanks to Bill Mudge for his persistence with the Students on a regular basis.

6. Airworthiness
There was one airworthiness issue of significance. This involved the collapse of the landing gear on the LS-7 during landing. The cause of the collapse was wear of the down-lock detent on the landing gear selector exacerbated by the rough surface of the landing strip (caused by the infestation of “Gazania” plants).

7. General Issues
a) The watering of the glider pads has been undertaken by Sam Doecke, with assistance from Mark.
   b) Lease Renewal. The Club lease of Facilities is due for renewal this year.

8. Anniversary.
The Club’s 75th Anniversary occurs on 25th May 2012. Preparations are underway for an appropriate celebration of this milestone in May 2012.

Looking to the future, safety, in every aspect of Club activity, must continue to be foremost in our minds and actions. With the appropriate attention and thought, the HUMAN FACTOR aspect can be managed to a reasonable level – but it requires the input of every individual.

I express my thanks to the members for providing me the opportunity to actively participate with the management of the Club through another successful year.

Thankyou

John Hudson
President, May 2011.