

Adelaide University Gliding Club Inc
Presidents Report for AGM April 2011

2010-2011 has been a busy year for the club. We are living with continuous change in many aspects of our Gliding adventure. This is reflected in this report.

1. Membership

For a number of years our membership has been significantly lower than ideal. This continued through most of 2010, however towards the end of the year and continuing in 2011 our membership numbers have started to pick up significantly. Hopefully this trend will continue. If it does the club will have a robust future.

In particular I would like to welcome aboard new members from the Adelaide University Aerospace Engineering department and the younger members from the Air Cadet movement.

2. Club Treasury

The major disappointment for this year has been the haphazard management of the club accounting function. I trust this will be placed on the road to repair at the AGM.

3. Stonefield Aviation Association

The club is one of 2 members of the Stonefield Aviation Association. The SAA owns and manages the Stonefield airfield.

During 2010 the SAA negotiated an arrangement for a commercial operation called "Fly Down Under" to set up and operate out of the airfield over summer months. We have already seen hard evidence of this venture in the form of their hangar. Over the coming summer we will also see their operations starting up. FDU will bring gliders and pilots out from Germany each summer to operate from Stonefield. I expect we will get to see some impressive aircraft. Please ensure FDU people are made welcome.

4. Safety Management System

The GFA is instigating development of documented Safety Management Systems across all clubs. At this stage it is largely an exercise for the club training panel, however as the exercise progresses I'm certain it will have an effect on some of our operations, workshop and field activities.

5. Thanks

Many club members have provided generous support over the year. I would like to thank everyone who has helped keep our operation running. A couple of standouts come to mind. I would like to particularly thank the members involved:

- Jon for sourcing and installing a replacement front engine for the winch
- Igor and Internode for bringing heavy duty Internet access to Stonefield
- Derek for extensively driving the winch just about every Saturday since the beginning of the year (p.s. - new members please learn to drive the winch so Derek can have a break!)
- All those who helped out through the week when students from Ryukoku University flew with us during February. The week was very successful in spite of the less than cooperative weather.

Redmond Quinn
President