



# GO-ROUND

## ALDINGA AERO CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Flying in Jabiru 230. 24-4784 near Forster on the Murrey, on the way back from Renmark at 4500 feet. Photograph Supplied by Colin Mckay

Up and coming events for October :

1130—1500hrs Sunday October 2nd : Flight simulator experience Competition 'TopGun ' and BBQ lunch

1930-2100hrs Wednesday October 12th : Committee meeting

1000— 1600hrs Sunday 23rd October : Fly away lunch to Wilmington or alternate (TBC)

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## Battle of Britain

The Battle of Britain commemoration on the 18th September was cancelled ( again ! ) due to the inclement weather. This was the second year running this event was cancelled due to weather. The flying component was cancelled as there were low clouds and strong winds across the Fleurieu peninsula. However many club members braved the cold and windy conditions and enjoyed a very fine BBQ breakfast supplied by the club and beautifully cooked by our club president, Hani. The club simulator was put to good use with several club members and guests trying their hand ( and skills ) at the control of the simulator. Club members are encouraged to use the simulator, which is open to all members and their guests. It's certainly not a toy and requires fine motor skills and flying ability to successfully fly the machine in a safe and appropriate manner. Please avail yourselves of this most enjoyable and at times, demanding piece of technology

This month's first Sunday event is, indeed, A Flight simulator experience and competition, followed by a BBQ lunch.

**Steve McGuinness** will be on duty to facilitate the smooth running of the simulator and ensure all members have the very best experience using the simulator. This will be a fun, challenging and exciting flight taking about 20 minutes,

**Open to everyone**, with training given to those without simulator experience.

Briefing at 1000hrs, with the competition running throughout the day until about 1500 hrs, when " TopGun " will be declared

Please come and join in the fun on Sunday 2nd October and participate in a great day of aviation related topics, discussions, flight simulator competition and enjoy the BBQ. The weather looks promising so hopefully a few members will venture into the skies.



## Members corner

On the 14th August 2022 Doug Ransom and Ray Newman organised to fly together on a trip to Witchelina Nature Reserve, a property owned by the Nature Foundation. Witchelina Homestead and the airstrip is 20 miles south of Marree.

<https://www.naturefoundation.org.au/what-we-do/nature-reserves/witchelina-nature-reserve>

I am a Director of the NF and have had plans to fly to the reserve for many years. Organising the trip has been the challenge. On my last road trip home from Witchelina I hit a kangaroo near Parachilna. Flying reduces the risk of a collision with a kangaroo. That's an advantage accessing these remote properties but sometimes other things don't go to plan. Ray called in unwell with a serious tooth ache and the weather was so terrible that Mt Terrible was not visible from the hangars. After pushing the Pipistrel out, fueling and pushing it back into the hangar I kept on watching the rain radar. After a delay of a couple of hours there was a break in the weather that allowed a safe departure over the Willunga escarpment and a solo flight north.

Flying north to Clare in a straight line was not possible because of low clouds and VFR visibility requirements. Due to some interesting weather through Barossa we dodged the clouds on the way to Clare Valley, the first stop to have a break. Those of you who have been to Clare Valley (YCVA) know the clubrooms and facilities are first class and it is always a great place to stop and stretch the legs.

Departing Clare the cloud cover was lighter but still required some manual navigation to avoid some poor visibility. I decided to fly east of Mt Remarkable and the ranges extending northwards that were all covered with clouds. North of Hawker I was hoping to get nice views of Wilpena Pound and St Mary Peak but that was not to be, again clouds spoilt the views.

**Near Wilpena I heard the radio calls of the tourist flights out of Rawnsley Park (YRYK) at the southern end of Wilpena and noticed they now sell Mogas for \$1.61! The weather improved north of Wilpena. Beltana and to the west, Mt Deception 2,268ft, a prominent landmark was visible and then Leigh Creek came into view**

After 3.7 hours of flying, the Homestead, Station Creek and Witchelina Airport come into sight!

the pastoral zone has had very high rainfall this year and many lakes have water in them. Some members of the Aldinga Aero Club have flown on a fly away to the Hiltaba Nature Reserve in the Gawler Ranges on Eyre Peninsula, organised in October 2019. Bart Lewis and Nick Tebneff have also flown to Witchelina to provide support with a fencing working bee in October 2020.

Should there be interest, I hope to organise a fly away to Witchelina Nature Reserve for AAC members in the future.

