

The Club Class Flyer



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DAY 3 CANCELLED DUE TO POOR THERMALS

DAY three of the competition and still no flying! Weather conditions were still too cold for thermals to properly develop prompting competition organisers to cancelled the day's task during the pilots briefing.

Pilots and crews were not too disappointed by the development however, because it gave them the opportunity to take in some the sights around South Australia— from the ground!

Tomorrow's weather is expected to improve with better flying conditions.

Good Weather for Sight-seeing! Competition Cancelled on Day 3



THE LOOK SAYS IT ALL! Day three cancelled due to poor thermal activity. Many of the teams opted to take sightseeing tours instead.

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From Gawler Airfield

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Flights available Sat 20th and Sun 21st of January

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Reunited After Thirty Years

The Pawel Frackowaik and Maria Poznan Story

Who would have thought that 30 years after seeing each other in the playground at school in Poland, two school friends would meet up once more, thousands of kilometres away at the airfield at Gawler, in South Australia?

This is exactly what happened to Pawel Frackowiak and his friend Maria Poznan.

Pawel, who is the pilot in the Polish team for the Club Class Championships, and Maria, lived in the same street and went to the same primary school in Waldemaer in Poland. They had not seen each other since they were 14 years old, until they met again in the Club Class Café on Saturday evening.

When Pawel was here for the pre-

worlds, last year, he rang Maria, however as the distance between her home, south of Adelaide and Gawler north of Adelaide is about a hundred kilometres, she wasn't able to meet him.

She was determined to meet him this year.

Maria came along with her husband, son and mother-in-law, to meet Pawel (*some people may say she brought along chaperones*).

Pawel remembered Maria as the most beautiful girl in primary school and the intervening years have not changed his perceptions.

Maria remembered their relationship as one of "squabbles".

- By Colleen Moore



BACK TOGETHER AFTER 30 YEARS: Pawel Frackowaik and Maria Poznan

I Remember....

Recounting Past Gliding Competitions—By John Roake

Inonu, Turkey, is a gliding site steeped in soaring history. During the reign of the infamous Ataturk, the Turkish Aero Club was created and he gave them an income for life, a royalty on every sheep skin sold or exported. This financial arrangement dates back to the early 1920's and still applies to this day. As a result, the club owns an airline, hotels and shopping centres throughout the country, an organisation of immense wealth. Inonu was one of the early benefactors of this arrangement.

During the time Germany was prohibited from having power aircraft, Inonu was the ideal site for flying training, where they were bungy launching gliders off the steep 1200 ft bluff at one end of the airfield. Ataturk and Turkey were major supporters of the third Reich and over the years, literally hundreds of Germans stayed in the accommodation on the Inonu airfield to experience their first flying experience.

But my story is not about the

history of Ataturk and the Turkish Aero Club. It is about the first World Class World Championships staged at Inonu in 1997. I was a steward.

Picture if you will, a team of enthusiastic glider pilots arriving in a strange country, unable to understand the language and without suitable accommodation just four days before the championships are about to start.

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PILOTS BRIEFING



BRIEFING DAY 8, COMPETITION DAY 3, Tue 16 Jan :

With the cloudbank thickening from the Southwest as we walked into briefing there was an ominous feeling that today would be another no contest day.

To start off the briefing, pilots were warned that the loss of points for landing in the remote landing field would remain at 100 pts.

Terry then congratulated the Dutch, Slovenian and Swiss teams for their contribution to the Karaoke night. Mentioned also were the "Blue Sonnet" Trio from the administration for their singing.

A challenge was thrown down to all teams to be involved in the next Karaoke night in competition with Roy and Viv, local's from the area.

The first piece of real news was from Mike the met man who told the assembly that there was good news and bad news. The bad news was that the weather was going to be bad for a task, but the good news was it that it would be nice and cool for sight seeing. To my astonishment the gathered crowd clapped at the news.

One of the Danish team was heard to comment that the weather was "Terryable". Could it have been a pun on our honourable contest direc-

tors first name?

The briefing room crowd must have been in a good mood despite the weather prediction because when Terry gently suggested that pilots should not do low passes over the tied down gliders and every body clapped the feat.

In all seriousness it really is not a good idea to fly over the gliders just in case something should go wrong.

With the cloud cover expected to increase during the morning and early afternoon and thermal heights only reaching 2500' if the temperature rose to 29 degrees Celsius. It was officially announced to cancel the day.

- By Rob Moore

Aerodrome Happenings

On Monday and Tuesday a Channel 9 TV crew were here making a report for the Today show to be aired early next week. Our thanks go to all those competitors who made time to be interviewed especially Adnan Mirza and Karl Striedick who devoted their time to the event and also Stow Kentish for remaining available all day and the Adelaide Soaring Club Crew and aircraft that assisted.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Adelaide Soaring Club Member and competition volunteer **Duncan Herbert** is turning 15 today. We wish Duncan the very best and hope he doesn't work too hard on his birthday!



Chris Trewin, also of the Adelaide Soaring Club and assisting the Austrian team, is turning 18 today. Turning 18 is a big step in Australia, because it means you can legally drink alcohol! So in the true Aussie tradition, if you see Chris today, buy him a beer and help him adjust to the world of alcohol quickly!

LATEST NEWS



The Stearman that will be on display this coming Saturday

VINTAGE AIRCRAFT ON DISPLAY

A Stearman biplane one of many antique aircraft to be displayed on Saturday the 20 January at the southern end of the airfield opposite the threshold of runway 05.. Other aircraft include a 1927 Curtis Robin the only example of this aircraft out side the USA. Also the Avro Avian that broke a record for flying around Australia.

For those interested flights are also being offered in a replica of the Southern Cross a Fokker Tri Motor on the 20- 21 January.

Special Thanks...

To Karl Uffelmann of *Radio Rentals* of Elizabeth for donating the television and video in the main hangar. The unit is also available for use by competing teams.

***Radio Rentals* sells all kinds of electrical equipment including T.V.'s, stereo's and portable air-conditioners.**

They can be found at 29 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth, South Australia. Telephone (08) 8255 6222.

From Page 1 I Remember...

Inonu, apart from the gliding facilities and the already full accommodation, has no motels, no hotels, no tourist accommodation. A town of 600 folk, all farmers, who share the services of the four mosques in the area..

One intrepid accommodation seeking aviator started to ask questions about what appeared to be a two storied hotel, we could all see from the airfield. A quick glance showed that it was not (from the outside) in pristine condition, but the accommodation-less team were getting desperate. The nearest motel was at least 60 kilometres away.

A quick question to the Con-

test Director about the possibilities, drew a very negative reply. "I don't think that would be very advisable," was all he would say.

Not to be put off, the pilots decided to go and ask for themselves, luggage in hand.

Now at the front door, it appeared to have everything that a team might want. A thermal heated swimming pool, parking and accommodation so close they could walk to the field in less than five minutes.

Behind the reception counter was a middle-aged lady, who could best be described as a "little weather beaten." It was a struggle to communicate!

She knew few words in English.

"Accommodation?" he asked looking at several men marching straight in through the foyer and up the stairs. There were an equal number coming down the stairs.

"You want to be accommodated?" she replied in her best English.

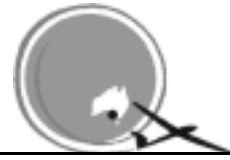
Before the pilot could replay "Yes that is what we want" he suddenly realised why the Contest Director was not recommending the site as suitable accommodation for the team.

It was the Inonu brothel.

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By John Roake

WHAT'S ON TODAY



Happy Hour Tonight!

At the Club Class Café

\$1.00 off all beers

6.30pm—7.30pm



Aussie BBQ Night

Tonight in the Main Hangar
Starting at 6:30pm

“Double Vision” and “Ian List” Give Preview Performance

Giving a preview of their performance for tonight, “Double Vision” and “Ian List” took to the stage in a surprise performance Tuesday night. The impromptu show was well received by the appreciative audience, some of which even found the energy to

start dancing!

“Double Vision” and “Ian List” will appear tonight in the main hangar starting 6:30pm

GENERAL NOTICES

REFILLING OF OXYGEN BOTTLES

ROSSAIR ADELAIDE \$30.00+GST = \$33.00

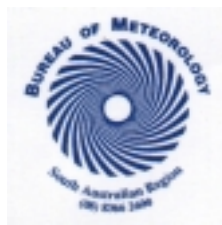
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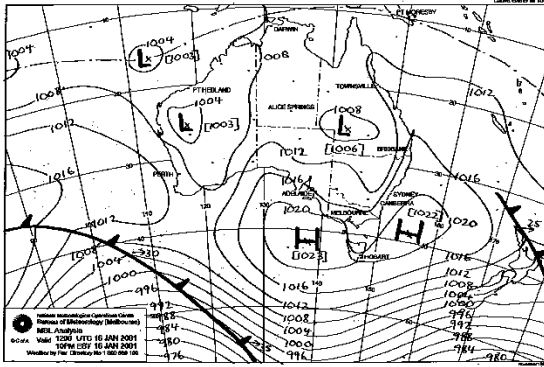
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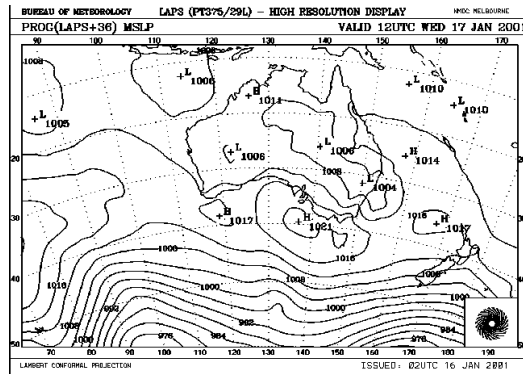
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Yesterday's Weather



Today's Weather



BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL OFFICE

FORECAST FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Issued at 4:10 pm on Tuesday, 16 January 2001
For tonight and Wednesday.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Dry apart from isolated showers and thunderstorms over the interiors this evening, contracting to the far northeast on Wednesday. Mild to warm near southern coasts, grading to very hot in the far north. Moderate to fresh southeast winds and fresh coastal sea breezes.

The Four Day Forecast

