

The Club Class Flyer



For all the latest News and Events at the World Gliding Championships 2001

Gawler, Airfield

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Special points of interest:

- The Declining Number of Glider Pilots World-wide
- Latest News from the Launch Point
- Gawler's First Flight Ever—In 1860!
- *And much more...*

Fair Dinkum! We're Off The Competition Begins



PHOTOGRAPHIC PROOF, THE COMPETITION REALLY IS HAPPENING!
Launch of the first glider for the 2001 competition on Wednesday.

AFTER three days of no flying contest, the fourth day proved to be a success. With temperatures in the mid-30's the competitors took-off of the first competition day of the World Gliding Championships 2001—Club Class. Despite conditions being excellent, in the true spirit of a gliding event, several out-landings occurred. The Bureau of Meteorology says the weather is expected to produce some good flying conditions over the next few days.

LOOKING SKYWARDS: Competitors at the launch point survey the sky before take-off



READY TO GO: At the launch-point and ready to start.

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Video to Save Declining Numbers of Glider Pilots?

**WITH NUMBERS DOWN 15% OVER THE LAST DECADE, A SIMPLE PROMOTIONAL VIDEO MIGHT BE ALL GLIDING NEEDS TO REGAIN THE LOSS—
JOHN ROAKE REPORTS**

THE IGC has been concerned for sometime about the perceived drop in soaring pilots around the world. A research project I undertook prior to the IGC meeting in Lausanne in March 2000, confirmed that the concerns were justified. Over the last 10 years we have lost 15% of our members.

Elected to chair a new committee to arrest the decline, I first decided that clubs needed tools at the local level to held themselves. We decided to produce a video aimed at showing the uninitiated what soaring was all about.

I spent eight months on this project during 2000 and on December 6, 2000 we released the video entitled "Soaring—Your sport for the New Millennium". It was directed by Gavin Wills, (a cousin of Justin, and grand-son of Philip). Gavin also directed two other New Zealand videos produced in 1995 and 1996.

We released the promotional video on December 6, and have already

sold 7,400 copies. Four national associations have brought 1000 copies each. We have a target to sell 100,000 by the end of 2002 and this is definitely a possibility . We need sales of 40,000 to break even on the production costs.

Four major German sailplane manufacturers agreed to assist with some of the costs so the official sponsors are Schempp-Hirth, Alexander Schleicher, Rollanden Schneider and Stemme, to which we are very grateful. The demand exceeded the supply over Christmas and I was only able to bring 90 copies over from New Zealand with me. Individual copies can be purchased at the shop on the airfield for \$10.00 (Sorry, no American formats available, but we can take orders and mail them individually). For orders of 100 or more a discount of \$US2.90 is taken off the normal price. It is therefore an ideal motivating gift to any one taking a first time passenger ride. We are seeking support from EVERY club, world-wide.

- By John Roake

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PANCAKES ON FRIDAY
At the Club Class Café

8am-9:30am

\$4.50 a Serve

KEEPING THE SUNBURN AT BAY: The Austrian team play it sun-smart on day one of the competition.

PILOTS BRIEFING



BRIEFING DAY 6, COMPETITION DAY 4, Wed 17 Jan:

Competition Director Terry Cubley opened the briefing with the all important announcement that tonight there would be a happy hour in the bar—much to the excitement of the crowd!

The set task for the Club Class was a pilot selected one with only one mandatory turn-point at Spalding or Hallet. The mini-

mum distance was 250 kilometres and minimum time was four hours.

For Grand Prix, task time was 317 kilometres starting from point X2 with the turnpoints Caltowise, Burra and Gawler.

Marshalling was set for runway 13 with an option for pilots to make emergency landings on run

News about the weather was a refreshing change to that of the past three days. Thermal activity was expected to be good with thermals reaching 8000 feet consistently over the task area. And a light wind from the south west. The estimated maximum temperature for the Wednesday was 32 degrees Celsius, but if temperatures reached 39, there was a possibility for pilots to break into the upper levels. Finally, the competitions have begun!

NEED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT?

Karl Uffelmann of *Radio Rentals* of Elizabeth for donated the television and video in the main hangar and is only too happy to assist anyone at the World Gliding Championships in meeting their electrical needs.

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

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LATEST NEWS



Competition Day 1—Report from the Launch Point

AFTER three days of no starts, the fifty two competitors in the World Gliding Championships—Club Class finally got away to a brilliant day of flying. Launching began at 1pm after an exciting display of aerobatics from an ASK-21 and early reports from the 'sniffer' plane indicated it would be a good day.

On the grid the temperature was hovering around the 33.1 degrees Celsius mark and thermals were reported over the cemetery north of Gawler.

The launch went off relatively smoothly apart from a couple of minor incidents. One tow plane lost its tow-rope rings, possibly the result of striking the rings against the airfield perimeter fence. And the second was a surprise landing from CQO shortly after it was



Caption describing picture or graphic.

launched. Pilot Ron Sanders had experienced Airspeed Indicator (ASI) problems on take-off and elected to return to the field. After a brief stint on the ground, he was airborne again shortly. According to one of the ground crew, Ron's ASI tube was short and had become dislodged when the canopy was shut.

All aircraft were in the air by 2pm, and away on task forty minutes later.

Did You Know?

The first flight in Gawler Occurred forty three years before the Wright Brothers first flew their aeroplane...

The township of Gawler has long been connected to flying well before it became popular. In August 1860, balloonist Mademoiselle Viola planned to make South Australia's first parachute descent. For this she organised a 75-foot high balloon from which she could make her spectacular drop. Inclement weather forced the attempt to be cancelled several times but eventually it became clear enough to fly.

A crowd of 1000 gathered on the Gawler recreation ground and the balloon was inflated with hot air generated by kerosene sprinkled with pinewood. With the operation in place Viola's assistants attempted a launch.

However, the balloon shot straight upward missing the exhibition building by only meters. Making matters worse, her parachute lines became entangled and she was forced to make a landing at the Williamstown cemetery.

Undeterred by this experienced, Viola went on to make 17 successful parachute drops in other states around Australia.

WHAT'S ON TODAY



Teams Night Tonight!

Czech Republic, Slovakia, Poland, Lithuania,
Hungary and Slovenia

At the Main Hangar — *Be There! 8 O'clock*

A-Team Tours

Need a tour? Then Andrew Glenn of A-Team Tours may have something for you fill those few hours. Those who are interested can call him on
0408 089 366.

AROUND THE AIRFIELD



WAITING TO GO: With some already in the air, the other competitors eagerly await

NOT QUITE ON THE AIRFIELD: Noel Smedley drumming up public interest in the event at Rundle Mall, Adelaide. During the day a steady stream of interested onlookers asked questions and inquired about trial flights during the World Gliding Competition 2001.



PILOT INTERVIEW

Jim Carpenter flying in Ventus FN had a "bloody exciting flight". He was with Swaantje near Caltowie when they saw a Discus circling low over a ridge and decided to join it, crossing the ridge by less than 500'. Jim's best height was 7000'.

At 43 km Jim was at 4300' with a 20 kt head wind but encountered

rising air on the way home and crossed the remote landing area at 2100'.

At time of printing, Jim, who was the only Grand Prix pilot to get home was winning the day.

Jim accounts for the change in weather and his winning today on

a little Hoola girl his daughter gave him for Christmas.

He had left home with out it and it arrived last night, by post, 7 days late. and today we flew after 3 no contest days. He hopes she works for him tomorrow.

Other pilots reported 9.5kts lift.



Zeljko Roskar

ZELJKO, affectionately known as Tarzan by the Swiss and Belgium teams has been flying for eleven years and has accumulated a total of 850 hours. Zeljko flies in his home country Slovenia at the gliding club 'Letalski Center Maribor'. He is also an instructor and the president of his gliding club. At home Zeljko flies a DG-101 (M7) which is owned by the club.

During this competition Zeljko will be flying a PIK 20-D (WVA) and it is his first visit to Australia. After the competition he is planning to travel through Australia with his team captain and Girlfriend Jana, also known as Jane.

The reason Zeljko enjoys gliding is because, "you have to think to go anywhere", and also because of the beautiful scenery you see while flying especially the Alps.



The Team from Slovenia

Zeljko's is also a pilot by profession. He has been in the air force for two years and flies the Pilatus PC-9.

Before gliding Zeljko was a keen football player and racing in any form to do with cars. Jana says that Zeljko has picked up a bit of the good old Aussie slang including his favourites 'Buggar' and 'G'day'.

- By Tegan Cubley

TELEVISION IN THE MAIN HANGAR...

Four Gliding Video's are now on hand in the main hangar—Please feel free to watch them anytime!

As from today, the gliding promotion video "Soaring, Your Sport for the Millennium" is available for purchase at \$10.00 a copy.

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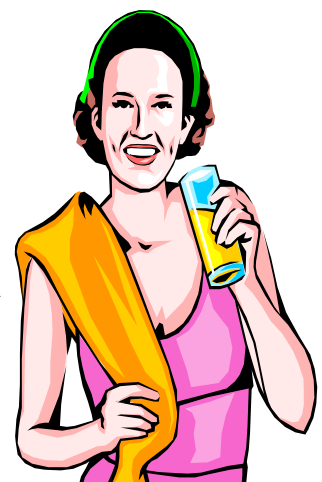
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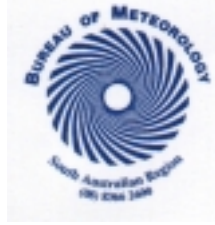
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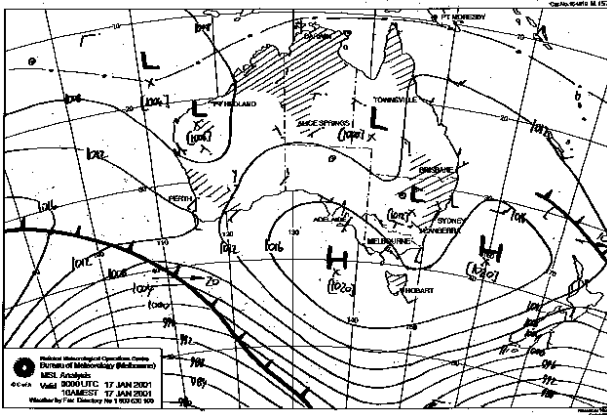


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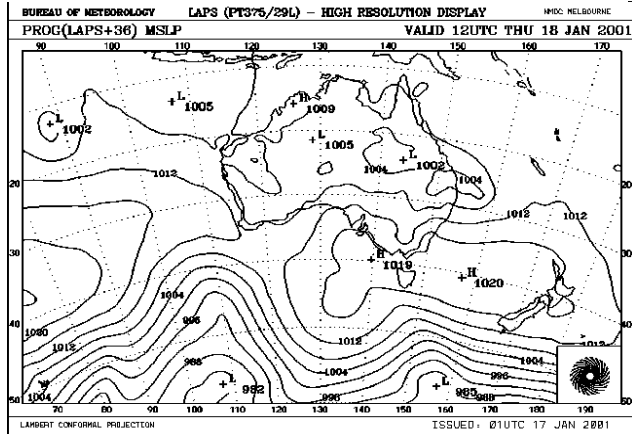
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Yesterday's Weather



Today's Weather



BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL OFFICE

FORECAST FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA
Issued at 4:05 pm on Wednesday, 17 January 2001
For tonight and Thursday.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:

Dry throughout and mostly sunny on Thursday with warm conditions near southern coasts, and hot to very hot temperatures elsewhere. Light to moderate southeast to northeast winds and moderate to fresh coastal sea breezes.

The Four Day Forecast

