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ALDINGA AERO CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Paul Ferguson Tribute Barbecue and Amy Grant Fund Raising

Unfortunately, the weather on Sunday, August 3rd, again curtailed our flying activities, but the social part of the day was rewarding. There was a remarkably good turnout of members and guests. The Ferguson family were well represented by Lorraine, Sarah, Kath, Jane and Trevor. Little Amy Grant, her brother Kevin and parents Len and Alice also managed to join us. After the barbecue lunch President Terry Cahalan made a brief address, followed by The Reverend Ned Carmichael's prayer and comforting words to both the Ferguson and the Grant families.

Terry Cahalan presented Lorraine and Sarah Ferguson with the last picture of Paul and his crew, taken shortly before his tragic death.

It was also very pleasant to meet many of Paul's friends from both the aero modeling and the gliding fraternities who made a special effort to join us in our tribute to his memory.

The fund raising was also very successful, having raised over \$400 for Amy Grant to help her in her courageous battle with leukaemia. This little six year old is a real fighter and an inspiration to all of us. We thank all those generous members and friends who made a donation and hope that it will make a difference, however small it may be. Money raised by us and the larger community in the area is used to pay the costs of Amy's medical treatment, any money left over is put back into cancer research.



2003 Annual General Meeting and Barbecue

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Aldinga Aero Club was held on Sunday, August 24. Unlike in the past, this year a barbecue lunch was served at 12 noon. Approximately twenty members attended the first AGM in the now completed new club house. Club President **Terry Cahalan** thanked all those who contributed time and muscle power —everyone said it could not be done — we have proved them wrong. In his report Terry reflected on many of the significant events of the last year such as the inaugural spot landing competition for the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators, scenic flights for the children from Camp Quality and the Beach Patrol flights. Terry thanked all those who gave their time to organize these events and injected vitality into the life of the club by their dedication. Terry also paid tribute to Paul Ferguson who, during his relatively short membership, gave more of himself than anyone else in the history of this organization.

Club Captain **Terry Hassam** reported that, due to adverse weather conditions, there were more cancellations than
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competitions actually held. He announced the **Club Champion** for 2002/2003, **Craig Rasmussen**, for the second year running.

A new bad weather event, computer simulated formation flying, was a very popular one, to be repeated again in the future. The very successful GAPAN spot landing competition organized by **Harold Walton** will be repeated again this year. The November fly/drive/ride-in was very well attended except by aeroplanes but, in conjunction with other clubs, we raised well over \$800 for Camp Quality. At our own Camp Quality joy flights for kids held in October 6 pilots flew 11 sorties with 29 passengers. Thanks to **Peter Matzick** for organizing this important event.

Skyview City and Surf has been the premier event for the second successive year. The club and the volunteer pilots received some very welcome recognition from **Patrick Conlon**, the Minister for Emergency Services and **John Hill**, Minister for the Environment and Club Patron. **Air Traffic Controllers** at the Adelaide Terminal Area congratulated us on our professionalism and impeccable airmanship. Our observers have reported more shark sightings than in the previous year, mainly due to better cockpit resource management. Terry thanked **South Coast Air Centre** for their contribution in assuring the availability of aircraft at all times.

Terry concluded his report by saying that negotiations are in progress to fly the beach patrols again this summer.

The Treasurer's report held no surprises, after all expenses associated with the establishment of the new clubhouse, we ended the financial year recording a loss of \$8122.25.

Another highlight of the AGM was the recognition of **Doug Guy** for his long enduring dedication, by awarding him **Life Membership**. Congratulations Doug, an award well deserved.

The presentation of reports from the club executive was followed by the election of officers for the coming year. No major changes were made but there are new committee members, who can take up some of the long held positions at the next AGM. The Committee is as follows: T Cahalan (President), Gordon Burnard (Vice President), Terry Hassam (Club Captain), Steve McGuinness (Treasurer and Public Officer), Ralph Hood (Committee Member), Steve Turton (Committee Member), Mark Mackintosh (Committee Member) and Craig Rasmussen (Secretary and Vice Captain). Contact details for the current office bearers are shown at the bottom of Page 1.

Doug Guy reported that the fund raising drive has been making good progress. Some quite valuable donations have been received from many local businesses, to be raffled at the Christmas Dinner in December. Tickets will go on sale next month, we are hoping to sell 1000 tickets at \$2 each. All members will be asked to buy and sell tickets to raise funds for the club.

Les Kovari briefly outlined the pending changes to be brought about by the National Airspace System Reform. There was a presentation to pilots of South Australia last Thursday night, it was attended from the club by Harold Walton, Les Kovari, Doug Guy, Steve McGuinness and Steve Turton. Details of the reform process are available on the Internet, go to:

<http://www.dotars.gov.au/airspacereform>.

Dawn Patrol 2003

Just a reminder that the traditional dawn patrol will be held on Sunday, 14 September. Terry Hassam has already emailed those with Internet access, more details can also be found on our website. All members who intend to participate as either pilots in command, observers or just passengers, should contact Terry Hassam by email or phone as soon as possible. First take-off for the 20 minute navex will be just after first light, which is about 0545. As in the past, a sumptuous breakfast will be served in the Officers Mess from about 0800 hours onwards. Doug Guy assures me that the scrambled eggs will be made from real fresh eggs, not the powdered wartime variety.

Flight Safety Forum 2003

This annual event organized by CASA and Airservices Australia will be held on Saturday, September 20, from 9 am till 5 pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre on North Terrace. Admission is free, full details can be found on the CASA website on the Internet. It is usually a very worthwhile occasion, all pilots should attend.

Coffee mugs, wine glasses, shirts and caps for sale

Attractive coffee mugs and wine glasses, all with the Aldinga Aero Club logo, are available for sale. Buy one for \$5 and get the second one for only \$4.99. Contact **Steve McGuinness**.

There are also shirts and caps available for sale, embroidered with the club logo but, because of the logistics involved, it is better for the club to order larger quantities. Please contact **Steve McGuinness** or **Les Kovari** (08 8186 0367) if you are interested. All profits will go to club funds.

