

PREFACE and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - 2006 EDITION

Some time ago a need was identified for an all-encompassing Reference Manual for Club Members. Cloudbase was conceived for this purpose and was first published in June 1999. It proved to be a success and fulfilled its purpose admirably. A Second Edition in October 2001 followed with a Second Printing in August 2002. Later, with our status as an A. R. O., an Operating Manual became a requirement of the S.S.S.S.A.

The Third or 2004 Edition was co-edited by Peter Wooley. It incorporated many changes, especially in view of the SSSA's status as an Airsport Recreational Organisation (ARO) within the framework of the CAA.

Like the previous edition the 2006 edition is ring-bound and printed double column on both sides of the page. Ample blank pages are included for personal and errata notes.

In order to preserve the Index Structure a decimalised system has been adopted and the new chapters have been added at the end.

Appendix (i) contains most of the forms used in the club. They should be used as 'Masters' from which photostatic copies can be made when they are needed. Note, the new CAA Accident/Incident forms replace the SSSA forms. Alternatively they can be downloaded from the SSSA website.

The term "Air Introduction", which is used on the SSA Website Forms, replaces the term "PAX" in this edition. It should be noted however that "Air Experience" is also used in the ARO !

Two new chapters, one on 'Ridge Running from Worcester' by Alan O'Regan and one on 'Touring Motor Gliders' have been added and a few useful Appendices have been added.

An Index is again included and updated.

All members are expected to have a copy of the manual. The cost of Cloudbase is included in the Membership Entrance Fee. Obtain your copy from Ed Verpraet.

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Errors and suggestions should be brought to the attention of the Editor.

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<http://www.cgc.org/cloudbase/>

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