

WARM AIR 28 April 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Fletcher McKenzie	
	Duty Pilot: Roy Whitby	
Sunday	Instructing: Ray Burns	
	Towing: Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot: Clare Dickson	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Steve Wallace starts off*

I arrived at the field around 0930 on Saturday to a pretty dark and rainy looking western horizon. Roy Whitby arrived soon after and we discussed whether it was going to be a day at all or not. However, once the rain had passed things brightened up and as the punters started to arrive our pessimism about the day turned to optimism.



Kazik Jasica was first up with a tow to 1500'. We did a release hang up exercise on the way up which would have gone better if the radio volume had been turned up. We could have then heard Craig's (tow pilot) acknowledgement. What was meant to be a few turns then a circuit after release turned into a half hour soaring flight as Kazik skilfully worked the available lift in the 27kt westerly. A bounce recovery was the exercise on landing which Kazik dutifully reacted correctly to thus earning a sign off. Next up was a pax flight which was another half hour of nice soaring around at the 2,200' cloud

base. Rahul Bagchi then took MW for a solo and Izzie Burr took MP for a solo. The day then finished with a dual flight with Rahul and some theory in the hangar. A good training day all round.

Towie Craig Rook adds to the story. I was at the Whenuapai café getting lunch when Steve called to check if I was on the way. It was raining so didn't expect anybody wanting to fly, but there were a few hardy & keen fliers.

I did the usual pre-flight checks on RDW and there appeared to be nothing amiss, until I tried to start her up, there was no joy at all. I checked the battery voltage, it was about 12.4 I think. Steve Wallace came to the rescue with car and jumper leads, and soon enough she burst into life. I let the engine warm up and charge the battery for a few minutes before shutting down and putting the cowling back in place. There were no further issues with restarts for the day.

Kazik was first up with Steve into stiff 18 knot breeze straight down 26, which it remained that way most of the day, except for one very wet and windy squall came thru and drenched everything. Trial flihter John got

a 2500 foot tow up amongst the clouds and seemed very keen to come back for more, hope to see him again soon. Rahul did two flights in MW and Izzy took MP for a spin.

5 flights for the day



SUNDAY *Instructor Peter Thorpe grabs the crayon*

There was a brisk SW wind and fast moving cloud when I arrived at the field but it was flyable so Kazik Jasica, Roy Whitby, Jonathan Pote and I pulled things out of the hangar. Clare and Joseph Dickson soon joined us and eventually the duty tow pilot made an appearance. We were pretty much ready to launch by 1100 but then the tow pilot (Warm Air himself) came grovelling to say he could not start RDW and could he borrow some jumper leads. My leads are a bit short so there was some very fine manoeuvring of the red tractor by Roy to get close enough for a jump start without the propeller carving up the front tyre. However, skill and native cunning will always prevail and soon the motor was running. Warm Air reckoned the battery was not holding a charge but we all know the saying about a work man blaming his tools.

Kazik was first up to test his skills at flying a circuit in cross wind conditions which resulted in a 10 minute flight and a firm landing due to a significant wind gradient so that was a good learning experience. We then waited for an Aussie Hercules to land after which the controller decamped and left us to our own devices. Clare and Joseph both tried the cross wind conditions and then Kazik had another go which resulted in a good landing. No more candidates for gliding but Warm Air felt he needed more of a fix than four tows could provide so he and Roy went off in RDW for a little tiki tour while the rest of us put the gliders (*glider, it, one*) away and I did some mowing around the hangar. (*Hmmm when Roy and I got back Kazik was doing the mowing...just saying*)

John Restall arrived a little late to fly but he joined us for a talk around the caravan before heading for home at 1540. Just four glider launches for the day.

Towie Graham Lake adds a detail or two. Forewarned is forearmed and a heads up from Craig Rook,

Saturday's towie, had me aware RDW had refused to crank on the first start of the day. Did the same to me too so we were ready with the jumper leads. Not nice long ones like they had on Saturday but short ones. These required very careful positioning of the tractor so the distance between the two batteries was less than the length of the jumper leads and there was nothing solid anywhere near the prop arc. We got a start and once warmed up, refitted the cowling and she started perfectly for the rest of the day. Time for a new battery.

With a "feel the need for more flying" bug in place Roy and I went off for a city scenic while the rest put away one glider. Roy and I gave the towplane a clean and gently put her back in the hangar. We then connected a battery charger to see if that gave enough for a start on ANZAC day.

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comment
April	14	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	15	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	21	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	22	J POTE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Anzac Day	25	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	28	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	29	C DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
May	5	I BURR	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	6	S HAY	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	12	T THOMPSON	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	13	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	19	R STRUYCK	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	20	K JASICA	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	26	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	27	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	C ROOK	
Queens Birthday	2	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
	3	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	4	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
June	9	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	16	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	17	J POTE	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	23	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	24	R WHITBY	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	30	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
Jul	1	I BURR	R BURNS	C ROOK	