

WARM AIR 19 Apr 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Friday	Instructing:	Ivor Woodfield	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing:	Rex Carswell	
	Duty Pilot:	Simon Hay	
Saturday	Instructing:	Peter Thorpe	
	Towing:	Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot:	Kishan Bhashyam	
Sunday	Instructing:	Steve Wallace	
	Towing:	Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot:	Rahul Bagchi	
Monday	Instructing:	Ivor Woodfield	
	Towing:	Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot:	Ian O'Keefe	

This Weekend is Easter

MEMBERS NEWS

We are back flying again:

SATURDAY Instructor Steve Wallace gets to restart the real Warm Air....

Saturday was a great day to be back in the



air with the air clear and the sky blue.

The day got underway early with Derry doing inspections and paperwork to get the gliders compliant and Ray setting up shop at the gate to check and record everybody's ID's before they could be let in the gate.

We set up on the 08 end until as forecast on the last flight of the day the wind swung around to the SW to favour 26. Training flights initially for Kazik, Clare and Joseph before Joseph then added to his solo collection and Ray and Jonathan went for a dual allowing a lunch break for the instructor. With Joseph staying away for nearly half an hour this was signal to the singles that the

lift had started to work so Tony Prentice in his PW5 followed by Dave Todd in his Kestrel were also soon up and away. Kishan then followed after Dave with a flight in the Kestrel after which rumour has it a deal was done and it would seem Kishan is now the proud owner of the mighty Kestrel.

Training then got back underway in the twin with Craig Best getting the hang of good thermal technique with a flight of nearly an hour and then last flight of the day was Brendan Moore making a bit more progress on his B Cert.

Nice to be back into it.

*Towie Derry Belcher adds his vague recollections.....*With the ongoing restrictions at Whenuapai airbase, the three monthly inspections on the gliders were well due and needed to be done first thing Saturday if we



were to fly. Ray Burns kindly offered to have the key in hand and meet me at the gate spot on 8 am... Well, plans of mice and men, -security wouldn't let him pick it up till exactly 08:00 on the dot!

Anyway, after showing Ray some ID to prove I was really me, I proceeded to lug some of my gear onto base (no cars allowed) and got on with the inspections.

Once that was done, RDW was checked and the motion- lotion replenished before heading down the far end of the runway to the O8 launch point, duly noting that it seemed like everytime it was my day to tow, the weather gods decided on a good crosswind, this time from the south.



First flight was underway at either 10:58, or 11:58, depending on who's time-piece you were referring to. This was eventually sorted and ten flights were achieved before we quickly put the planes away, making sure we beat a hasty retreat out the gate, and the key returned by 17:00 hrs.

Thanks again to all the helpers on the books, retrieving the gliders, and running wings.

Congrats to Kishan Bhashyam on his first flight in the Kestrel GHU.

Most will agree, it was good to be flying again!

You guys missed the best bits. I arrived to a pile of Kestrel stands and trolleys stacked inside the gate, there was a Kestrel and a Kishan but no Dave Todd. it appeared despite the size of the pile of stands, these were by no means all and a couple of vital bits had been left at home, Dave had gone to get them. When he

returned rigging proceeded for a bit.....Dave vanished again but a forlorn Kishan was still here as was a mostly rigged Kestrel. It seems another bit had been forgotten, a rigging pin, you know, the one that keeps the wings on. Eventually Dave returned the rigging completed and Kestrel flying started.

SUNDAY Instructor Peter Thorpe had the reins

Good to be back in business. I opened up at 0930 and was quickly joined by Tony Prentice, Geoff Leyland and duty pilot Brendan Moore. Jonathan Pote kindly offered to be the gate guardian to meet the new security requirements while the rest of us prepared the aircraft. Tow pilot Graham Lake even joined us so that a full team was ready to commit aviation by 1100hrs.



The conditions were fair with a brisk SW wind and some likely looking clouds although some rain showers seemed likely. First up was Geoff Leyland who had not flown for a few weeks and wanted to refresh stalling, so that is what we did. No sign of lift so we were back after only 14 minutes. Ray Burns launched in MP and with great skill achieved 39 minutes while Kazik took MW up solo and made 27 minutes. The wind moved around to be straight down the vector so Geoff took a solo in MW for 12 mins while Kishan Bhashyam took his newly acquired Kestrel 17 HU for a short (15 min) flight.

By this stage even the most optimistic of us realised the soaring conditions were non-existent so after a final flight with David Todd to renew his rear seat passenger rating we packed up by 1400. A wee chat around the caravan while David and Kishan practised derigging HU and then off home after just six launches for the day.

Towie Graham Lake adds. The day started looking like there would be lift about but this was patchy, there one minute gone the next. It was

also moving fairly fast. We got going around 1100 off 26 with our customary crosswind. Tony Prentice was ready to launch in his BD, until he discovered he could listen but not transmit. Kishan took his Kestrel back up, but not for long. The gate was well looked after. Dave Todd went with Peter to renew his back seat rating to finish the day,

6 flights in all.

OUR TOWPLANE

Most will be aware that we had to borrow to buy our towplane. We made the last payment in March and we now own her outright. Our earnings for tows and club fees have funded most of this. Neville's store of chocky bars, nutty bars and soft drinks has also been able to contribute to the tune of \$4000 over the years. Many thanks to Neville and his customers.

ANZAC DAY

We will be flying on ANZAC day, but not before 1130.

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Easter	19	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	20	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	21	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	22	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
Anzac	25	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	27	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	ATC 3 SQN
	28	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	ATC 3 SQN
May	4	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	5	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	G LAKE	
	11	I BURR	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	ATC 3 SQN
	12	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	ATC 3 SQN
	18	K JASICA	R BURNS	D BELCHER	ATC 40 SQN
	19	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	ATC 40 SQN
	25	B MOORE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	G LAKE	
June	1	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
Queens	2	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Birthday	3	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	8	M MORAN	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	
	9	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	15	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	16	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	22	R WHITBY	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
	23	I BURR	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	29	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	30	K JASICA	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	