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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Steve Wallace

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Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot: Clare Dickson

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot Kazic Jasica

**THIS WEEKEND 3 SQN ATC SAT AND SUNDAY EARLY START PLEASE
MEMBERS NEWS**

SATURDAY *Instructor Peter Thorpe starts us off*

Saturday was 'put all the gliders back together after annuals' day. Our dedicated engineer Derry Belcher called me on the home phone after I missed his text at O-dark-30 because my phone was on silent to say he was up to his ears in paperwork and would not be able to get to the airfield before 1100 and not to start rigging the gliders because he had to weigh all the bits first.

So I lingered over breakfast and then thought I should advise the duty pilot of the delay. Roy Whitby was not at all pleased as he had already arrived at the airfield (whoops). He then kindly said he was on his way to draw the key so by the time I got there Jonathan Pote was guarding the gate and several members were ready to start work. The



weather was not much good for flying with a high overcast and little wind but it was rather cold standing around doing not very much at all.

Derry duly arrived and the process of weighing all the various glider wings got under way. This required each wing to be removed from its rack, positioned on the scales so it was supported at its centre of gravity, figures noted and then the wing returned to its rightful spot. Definitely a task for younger fitter members of whom there were quite a few by then so that we senior members were able to rest our ancient backs by sitting in a line of chairs and offering words of wisdom to the workers. Worked very well really.

Duty tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie arrived with his daughter Jetta and decided that even if the gliders were not flying he would do some flying in RDW to polish off any rough edges after he had spent much time swanning around the world lately. In fact he and Jetta did three sorties while the rest of us slaved over the



gliders.



Finally we were cleared to begin rigging and just as the wings for MW were about to be fitted I realised we needed wing tape so I shot away to the local hardware store and when I got back the glider was miraculously rigged. So I taped up MW and supervised the other two so that by the time Derry had finished weighing private gliders and the hangar was clear we were able to put the club fleet to bed ready for the next flying day. All locked up and heading for home by 1630.

My thanks to the members who helped out, namely Derry, Roy, Neville Swan, Tony Prentice, Kazik Jasica, Krishna

Pillai, Andrew Fletcher, Kishan Bhashyam, Ray Burns, Jonathan, Rahul Bagchi, Fletch, Craig Best and anyone else I may have forgotten.

SUNDAY *Duty Instructor Ivor Woodfield explains what they did not do*

I was scheduled to be instructing on Sunday, with Ray Burns flying the ATC Grob 109. The forecast was for rain and wind, although on the day there was sunshine (and wind). I arranged to open up around 9, and arrived at the gate to find Ray waiting to see who else might turn up. The tow pilot had decided that the day did not

look flyable, so Ray and I decided to grab a quick coffee to see who else might turn up. As we were discussing all things gliding and just as the coffees were finished, I got a call from duty pilot Izzy, so we went across and opened up the gate to let her in. At this stage the day looked flyable, although rain was clearly in evidence to the south. I decided to do some quick tidying inside my glider trailer (our *glider grasshopper*), and while I was doing that Roy Whitby joined us, and we had a brief visit from Tony Prentice. It was now clear that there would be no one arriving to fly in the Grob, so Ray headed off to the 'Red Hangar', where a group from ATC were hard at work.



With no further arrivals, or calls from keen pilots, we eventually decided to close up and go home. The sun was still shining, between occasional showers, although the westerly was quite stiff. Sadly it was another day without any flying.



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**NOW PET FRIENDLY! EXCEPT
FOR BEARS. WE'RE NOT
MAKING THAT MISTAKE AGAIN.**

Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Jul	6	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	G LAKE	
	7	B MOORE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	13	S HAY	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	20	G LEYLAND	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	21	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
	27	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	28	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Aug	3	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	4	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	10	R WHITBY	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	11	I BURR	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	17	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	18	K JASICA	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	24	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	25	B MOORE	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	31	S HAY	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
Sep	1	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	7	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	8	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	14	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	15	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	
	21	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	22	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
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