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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Lionel Page

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Towing: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot: Isabel Burr

Sunday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot: Claire Dickson

Monday

Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot: Kazik Jasica

MEMBERS NEWS

THIS COMING WEEKEND

We are still not sure we will have a towplane this weekend but we will confirm that later in the week.

PLANNING FOR THE RETRIEVE

Every flight in a glider presents a risk of landing off-airport. You only fly locally, you say? In my club, I know of at least 4 off-airport landings in the last 10 years on flights that intended to stay local.

So, you picked a great field, cleared the wires, approached into the wind and landed uphill. The glider is fine, you are fine. Now what do you do? Or, what are you wishing you had done before takeoff? Unlike Australia, field retrieves with a towplane are not normal in the USA, and we never did perfect the snatch retrieve used during WWII.



Prepare your trailer before takeoff

Is your trailer ready? Besides basic road-worthiness, all the fixtures for loading the glider, wing stands, any tools, etc should be in the trailer before you leave. The most effort your saviors should have to do is to hook the trailer up. If you were really prepared, you could've done that ahead of time too. When all the crew has to do is get in and drive to you, they are more likely to be willing to do it again.