

WARM AIR 25 March 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 25 th March	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	S Wallace P Thorpe T O'Rourke
Sunday 26 th March	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield D Belcher I O'Keefe

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *New Roster*

Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.

Club News

New Roster

Please note a **New Roster** has been produced and is at the back of the Newsletter. Please check and lock into your diaries.

Weekend Reports

Saturday 18th March – Peter Thorpe Reports

Saturday weather was pleasant with a westerly breeze but broken cloud with a base of 2000ft. We engaged in the usual pre-flight activities – doing DIs, cleaning canopies and in Rex's case driving to the BP to fill the fuel containers. We set up on grass 26 and first launch was at 1153 when Izzy and I went off for a BFR/ICR. Boxing the tow, spin, lazy eights, steep turns all completed with ease and a brakeless landing to finish. Ray and Lionel took off in GNW to check out a new propeller while Tony made his usual sortie in BD. Then Izzy and I launched for a low release failure exercise which became a little more interesting than usual due to BD and NW landing at the same time. Izzy safely landed on the southern side of seal runway 08 but opposing traffic is not permitted and I should have delayed our take off until the field was clear.



A second flight for Martin Ravina covering some basic turning and effects of controls was followed by a trial flight.



Kazik launched in MP as part of his preparation for flying his own newly acquired DG300 and achieved by far the best flight of the day at 41 minutes. The best the rest of us could achieve was only 18 minutes. Last flight for the day was with Nick Vyle. We did some out of position recovery exercises on the tow up and then refreshed some upper air exercises before returning a for a baulked landing which I failed to set up correctly and will need to be done again. All on the ground by 1600hrs after eight flights for the day. Nobody was keen to stay and chew the fat so we headed for home.

And then Peter flew a Spitfire (as you do)

I was originally rostered to tow on Sunday but my family arranged for me to take a flight in the 2 seat Spitfire out of Ardmore. Great excitement when I found out it was to be a fighter formation flight with the P-51 Mustang.

I was to fly with Liz Needham while the Mustang was to be flown by her husband Frank Parker who is also an ex-Air Force mate. So, we gathered at the Warbirds club rooms at Ardmore for a briefing and then strapped in. The Mustang took off first and we followed close behind, circling once above Ardmore while we joined in close formation.

We headed to Beachlands at 1500 ft and then made a simulated strafing attack on an island before separating and climbing to 3500ft for a barrel roll. We then descended to low level through the Hunua valleys and over the dams before joining up again with the Mustang for a buzz and break and landing.

Fitting the two fighters into the busy Ardmore circuit was smoothly accomplished as was the landing itself. Thirty minutes passed too quickly but a fabulous bucket list type experience.



All we can say is Awesome – absolute Magic Pete – We envy that experience.



Sunday 19th March – Lionel Page Reports

Sunday turned out to be a full-on day. Early start and we had the aircraft down at the 08 end waiting for the departure of a 757.

As soon as that left we were well into it. First up were Antonia and Robin continuing their journey into learning to fly. Tony and Kazik to GBD and GMP out for an airing with Kazik getting the longest flight of the day with 1 hour 56 min.

We also did Alex's BFR with a very interesting fully developed spin and later in the day, a low-level launch failure exercise.

Harvey, Marley and Ben all got over 30 minutes in the air and are progressing well.

Unfortunately, Steve Wallace who wanted to take a passenger missed out as we also had to wait a little while for a King Air departure around 3 pm.

Somewhere in between Ray managed to do a refresher in RDW and is keeping his hours climbing so that he can help out with towing in the (hopefully) not-too-distant future.

All packed up just after 5 pm. Another great day flying. 7 flights and 3 hours 40 mins for me.

Thanks everyone for a safe and fun day flying and soaring.

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Mar	25	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	26	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER

New Roster

Duty Roster For Apr, May, Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Apr	1	K BHASHYAM	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	2	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	G CABRE
Easter	7	S CHAND	I BURR	R CARSWELL
	8	N VYLE	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	9	D MCGOWAN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER
	10	C BEST	L PAGE	G CABRE
	15	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE

	16	A MICHAEL	R BURNS	G CABRE
	22	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	23	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
Anzac Day	25	R BAGCHI	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	29	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	30	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
May	6	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	7	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	13	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE
	14	N VYLE	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	20	D MCGOWAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	21	C BEST	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	27	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	28	A MICHAEL	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
Kings Birthday	3	R WHITBY	L PAGE	P THORPE
	4	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	5	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	G CABRE
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	11	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	17	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	D BELCHER
	18	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24	S CHAND	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	25	N VYLE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL