

WARM AIR 15 April 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| Saturday 15th April | Instructing: | P Thorpe |
| | Towing: | R Heynike |
| | Duty Pilot | R McMillan |
| Sunday 16th April | Instructing: | R Burns |
| | Towing: | G Cabre |
| | Duty Pilot | A Michael |

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

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

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

Club News

Weekend Reports

Friday 7th April Izzy Burr Reports

Having looked at the rainy forecast on Thursday evening, I was expecting a no fly day for Good Friday, so I was happy to wake up to blue skies and make my way to the field. I arrived at 9 with only Derry and Alex for company, with Ben and Blake arriving shortly after. Kazik and Craig later arrived to investigate some rattling Andrew heard when flying Kazik's new toy last week, from what I understand it only appears to be a minor problem.

At around midday we set up on 08, however the lift wasn't conducive to soaring, so it was a day of circuits. Blake was up first, and again later trying his hand at bounce recovery which all went smoothly, Alex finished off his back seat rating, and Ben went up to see what the conditions were like but decided it wasn't worth a solo flight. With only 5 circuits we packed up at 3 for soft drinks in the hanger, during which Ivor joined to make excuses for why he hadn't come earlier, something about watching a train on TV for 2 hours.

Thanks to Neville and Roy for manning the caravan, and Rex for towing.

Izzy



Saturday 8th April – Steve Wallace

The initial forecast earlier on in the week for Saturday was rubbish but by the night before the forecast had a lot of promise in it with potentially good thermals and convergence from 1pm through to 4pm. On the day it turned out somewhere in between. It wasn't rubbish, in fact it was quite a pleasant sunny day, but the thermals never appeared either.

There was an excellent looking thermal cloud all afternoon over the top of the Waitakeres and then the next visible thermal cloud was north of Orewa somewhere. In between nothing. This meant no queue of eager thermal chasers to keep us busy so it was a pretty slow paced day for those that went flying. A big congratulations to Kazik Jasica who flew his new DG-300 for the first couple of times. Well done Kazik on your new toy, I'm sure there will now be many hours of fun ahead.

Both Tony Prentice in his PW5 and Craig Best in his Mosquito gave it a go and both experienced a 17 minute sled ride for 2,000 back to the ground. A trial flight for Oliver Stuart turned out to be the longest of the day with one half hearted thermal stretching the flight out to 41 minutes. We finished the day with a check flight from the back seat of the twin for Steve Foreman.



So just 7 flights for the day but at least we got air borne and had some fun which is more than we thought we were going to get earlier on in the week.

Steve

Tow pilot Peter Thorpe adds in his recollection of events.

The key orderly was a bit late and there was a queue of about five cars waiting when he arrived but we soon had the doors open and gliders being DI'd so no real problem. RDW looked a bit different without the nose wheel spat which was damaged by an argument with a pothole beside the edge of the disused taxiway the previous weekend but it has no effect on flying performance for us and it is easier to check tyre pressure so it may stay like that.

Ray Burns was keen to have a fly so I let him do the DI and lift the fuel container after which he disappeared and we finished rigging some privately owned high speed pursuit ships. The wind was a light SSW which favoured using runway 08 so that was where we headed.



There were no keen students so things were a bit slow to start with. Kazik had rigged his lovely DG 300 GBC and was encouraged by others to bite the bullet and try his first flight. At 1240 we launched for a very smooth aero tow up to 3000ft so that he could get used to its handling characteristics before tackling the first landing. All went swimmingly and 22 mins later he duly arrived back for a smooth touch down.

Tony P made his usual daily sortie in BD (note we now have GBC and GBD on the field) followed by Steve Wallace with a new student Oliver Stuart who enjoyed the longest flight of the day at 41 mins. By now Kazik was really feeling brave so he went off again in BC and

Craig Best also launched in ON. Last flight was a quick refresher check flight for Steve Foreman. All locked away before 1600 after just six launches for the day, mostly only around 18 minutes.

Sunday 9th April – Ivor Woodfield Reports

The sun was shining first thing, although it was forecast to start raining later in the day. I arrived at the field to find Craig had just arrived, and Neville and Roy were not far behind. Tow pilot Derry also arrived around this time, and we all set about discussing the weather and waiting for people to want to go flying.

Base Ops had informed me that, in addition to a heavy rain forecast for early afternoon, a strong wind warning had just been issued for the area. Craig took the opportunity to clean his glider, which had been picketed out overnight ready for a day of flying, and he then gave the trailer a thorough wash as it was showing signs of having been driven through some muddy paddocks in the recent past. By the time that was complete, the sky was looking steadily more ominous, with clouds passing rapidly overhead. We got a small downpour, and looking at the rain radar it seemed as though we would soon be getting much wetter, so once the shower had ended, Craig's glider was carefully dried off and packed back into the now shiny trailer.

With all that excitement over, and still lacking anyone wanting to go flying, we packed everything up, locked up the field and I was returning the key by around 1230.

Needless to say, the sun came out on the drive home, and the forecast rain passed down either coast but left our flying area largely dry, albeit with lots of wind and low cloud. Sadly it had been yet another non-flying day.

Monday 10th April – Lionel Page Reports

Dawned a beautiful day - clear skies. Andrew, Ollie, and I had breakfast at Columbus Coffee in Albany as our local was closed - being Easter Monday.

Craig gratefully opened up for me and got things started. Ray was there to take RDW and Alex to check out some paddocks up north while Ben and Marley DI'd GNF.

We set up and get ready on 26 and after a short wait for RDW got underway. Conditions were a strong and variable crosswind with quite a lot of turbulence. Marley handled the takeoff and climb-out well. Next up was Ben who flew really well and handled the challenging conditions like a pro.

Tony took GBD up but was soon headed home as the sink was easily found - and the lift was elusive.

Andrew and Ollie tried their hand and were more successful before we called it a day as the weather was forecast to close in and dampen everything.

We closed up and headed home at about 1.30 pm. And yes the rain did arrive but was rather short-lived. An interesting day to be sure.

Video Corner

Be Prepared on every takeoff.



Engine Failure on Takeoff! P-51D 26 March 2023

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Expertly handled! Let's break it down. Video Credit Jim Zesas: <https://www.facebook.com/621983021/videos/199940199420848/> ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gTtv4uODWXE>



ENGINE FAILURE in a single engine aircraft and how to SURVIVE if the worst happens.

29K views · 1 year ago

 Short Field

So you've got a serious situation to deal with and when it all goes quiet up front you need to focus all your experience and training ...

4:37 ... a good idea you should have your vital actions committed to memory for an engine failure after takeoff and try to practice wit...

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u35w7FsoVqc>

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot |
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| Apr | 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 | R HEYNIKE |
| | 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 |
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