

# WARM AIR 20 May 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org) [ASC Gliding | Facebook](#)

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Saturday  
20 May

Instructing:  
Towing:

Duty Pilot

**No flying this Weekend**

Sunday  
21 May

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## MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

- **Club News**
- **Weekend Reports**
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*Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.*

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## Club News

**No flying this Weekend** – Sorry folks the tow plane has a technical fault, and the vital replacement parts are in transit for the fix. However not, in time for this weekend to install. Anyway, it appears the weather will prevent flying. So, until next Weekend.

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## Weekend Reports

### Saturday 13th May – Ivor Woodfield Reports

The forecast predicted that this could be the first flyable day in a while, and indeed the sun was shining as I opened up the field. As a result, several people arrived soon after I arrived, including Andrew, Kazik, Ben, Blake, Craig, Igor and Tony, who all wanted to fly. Neville arrived to run the field, as did Rex, who was duty tug pilot for the day. Roy was also there, so with a good crowd we soon had gliders out of the hangar, and the twin and tow plane were getting their daily inspections. GKT and GON were being rigged, although at that stage it was looking more likely a circuit practice day than a soaring day.

First up at around 11.30 was Blake, wanting to consolidate his circuit flying and landing, both of which went well despite his not having flown for a while. Then a flight with Igor showed that, while there was not a lot of instability, some small patches of lift were forming.

While we were airborne, first Andrew in GKT and then Craig in GON launched, Andrew finding lift early and managing to eke out over an hour and a half of flying following a 1500' release. Craig also had a good flight, finding similar areas of lift. Encouraged by this, Tony launched in GBU.

Next up in GNF was Ben, wanting to do a check circuit prior to a possible solo flight. Kazik also launched in GMP, hoping to catch similar lift to what the other three singles were

enjoying. By now the sky was starting to cloud up, and we could see rain gathering to the south, although things still looked Ok and so Ben strapped in and took GNF for a solo flight.

By the time Ben returned GNF the clouds were building, and rain was in evidence around the area. All the singles had returned to the field and it was around 1500 when Gaelle launched in GNF, having waited for a heavy shower to pass through. Nevertheless we did end up flying through rain at times, managing a 20 minute flight with Gaelle getting some good hands on time for what was just her second only flight. She is making good progress already.



By the time we landed the sky was clearing and Blake was keen to experience a baulked approach, which he did at the end of a standard circuit. His flying was good, and once I had got him well out of position on approach, he took over confidently, repositioned well and made a good landing. The Ben wanted to experience a low-level release, so having warned Base Ops that we could be making a reciprocal landing we launched and I released us low off the end of the runway. Ben made good decisions throughout and executed a good, well controlled downwind landing.

Final flight for the day was with Michal Weyna, using up the last of the flights in his temporary logbook and keen to join the club on the day. We had a good but uneventful flight. Michal is making good progress, although he has not been able to fly regularly, and it was clear the air was stabilizing following the wet weather passing through. However, he enjoyed the flight and was planning to come out again on Sunday.

We landed and were towed back to the hangar to start packing away. By now it was after 1700 and most people had gone home. Rex went off to get fuel for the next day while Michal, Ben and I packed away the planes, recovered the caravan and shut everything down. Thanks to them for their efforts. Overall, 12 launches for the day, and we were finally locking up around 1740.

### **Sunday 14th May – Andrew Fletcher reports**

The tow plane had a technical fault and that prevented any flying. Bugger!!!

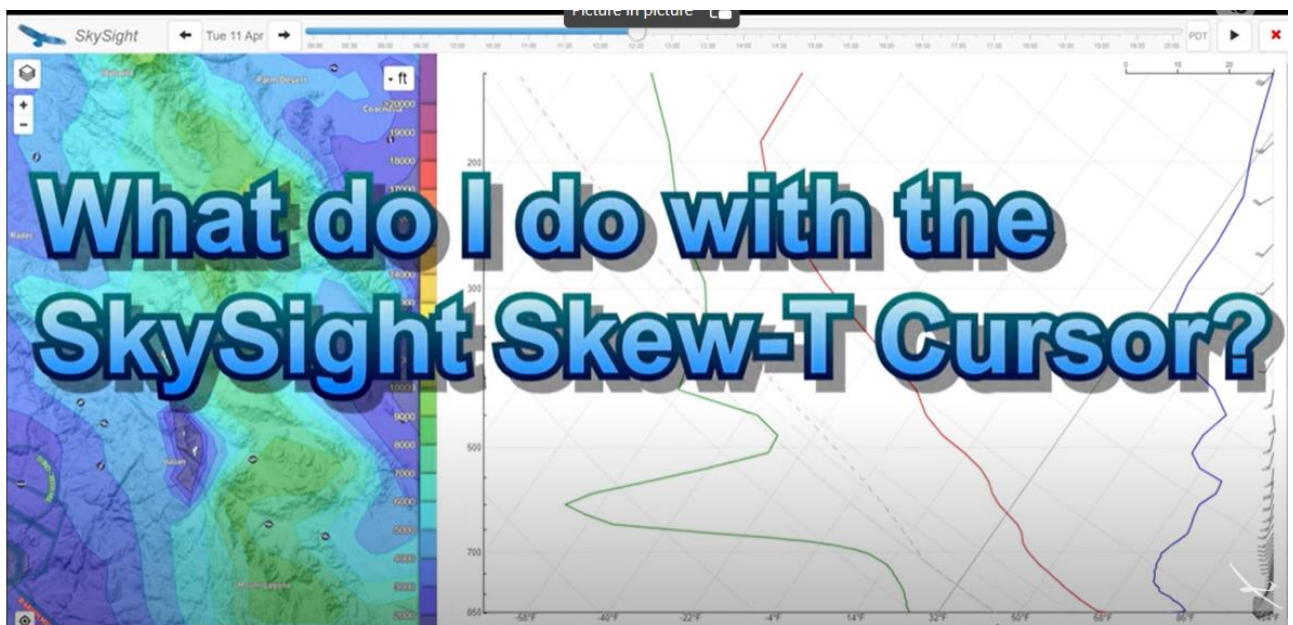
## Video Corner

Here is a different spin on Aerotow retrieves. I think we should get such a set up. Who needs a turbo.

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



[What do I do with the the SkySight Skew T Cursor? - YouTube](#) (thank you Derry for the HU)



## Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
May	20	D MCGOWAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	21	C BEST	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	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
	24	S CHAND	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	25	N VYLE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL



