

# WARM AIR 5th & 6th August 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:**

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Saturday Aug 5	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe R Carswell I O'Keefe
Sunday Aug 6	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Heynike K Bhashyam

## MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

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

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

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## Club News

*Well, some soaring was finally had last weekend. However slightly curtailed on Sunday with a brake failure on the tow plane. Oh bother. However, we are informed by those in the know it will be serviceable for the coming weekend, which is also looking good weatherwise.*

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## Weekend Reports

### 29th July Saturday –Andrew Fletcher Reports

Saturday's weather forecast looked good, finally a day of flying in decent conditions! Breakfast was had, of course, at our local cafe. Then we opened up and prepared for the day, Ray rigged GKT and the rest of the club fleet was made ready. GNF required a supplementary inspection, so Tony Prentice took the first launch into what looked like a good sky however returned 22 mins later, Ray and Kazik also launched and got away into a well-developed sky. I went next with a trial flight, we easily achieved 30 mins, Tony followed me for his second launch of the day and this time got away no problem. Ben Gambaro had also launched in GVF, he was away into a good sky for his first long flight.

Next for me was Kishan Bhashyam, we soared for over an hour before returning to find Igor Khripunov waiting for a go. Igor and I launched into a weakening sky, Igor is cutting his teeth on the aerotow which he handled well, we flew stalls before returning to land with Igor flying the circuit and landing.

So who took the accolade for the longest flight of the day? Well done Kazik 2:09

Man of the match goes to Ben Gambaro for 1:32, 90 min flight signed off on the Soaring syllabus for Ben, NICE NICE! well done Ben.

A good day with two flight s over 2 hrs, see you all next time 😊

## 30<sup>th</sup> July Sunday – Ivor Woodfield Reports

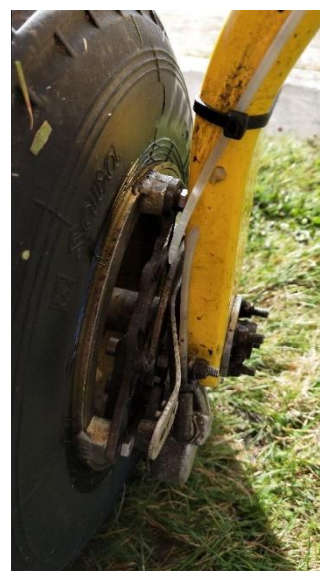
The forecast for Sunday promised a few reasonable hours of thermalling around the middle of the day, so I was hopeful there would be some flying. Looking out in the morning it was clear that the fog was thick and would likely take a while to burn off. Opening up the field around 0930 I couldn't see the boundary of the base in any direction, and with the light variable wind things were not going to be blown clear all that fast.

As people arrived from the North Shore and to the south it was clear that the fog was quite localised, with blue skies being reported from quite close by. Tow Pilot Paul extracted the tow plane, and we started to get the fleet ready for flying. With Duty Pilot Nick Vyle keen to get things sorted we were soon ready to deploy the fleet onto 26, and with Base Ops reporting that cloud base was slowly lifting, and blue patches forming overhead we were ready to go flying.

First launch was Andrew in GKT wanting to do a few 1000' circuits to hone his paddock landing skills. On landing he reported that the cloudbase was now well above his release height, and visibility was quite good in some directions. With that, he launched again for another circuit.

While Michal and I got ready to go fly GNF, Tony took off in GBD, and by this time the sky was definitely clearing, with a few nice-looking streets looking like they were forming close by.

Having released Tony, Paul landed in RDW and we were ready to go. Oddly however, Paul's landing was extremely long, pulling up almost out of sight at the far end of the field. When he taxied back up, stopped across in front of us, stopped the engine and climbed out I suspected all might not be well :( And indeed, on talking with Paul it turned out he had experienced total brake failure on the landing. A quick inspection revealed that one of the brake lines had snapped clean in half, meaning the tow plane was grounded. Despite a good-looking sky, at 1340 we found ourselves trudging back to the hangar with the aircraft. Tony managed to stay airborne for a while and would report that there was lift to be had, although it had to be worked for.

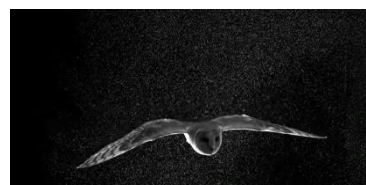


So, with just 3 flights for the day, we managed a fair bit of storytelling around the fridge before everyone started heading off to try and make the most of the winter sunshine.

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## Video Corner

[Birds gliding through bubbles reveal aerodynamic trick - YouTube](#)



[\[4K\] L-39 LOSES ITS CANOPY at AirVenture 2023! - YouTube](#)

*Latch it, check it is physically secure, check again. We have in the past had this occur in a club glider.*



## Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Aug	5	I O'KEEFE	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	6	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	12	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	13	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	19	R WHITBY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	20	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	26	C BEST	R BURNS	TBC
	27	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	3	B GAMBARO	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	B HINDS	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	10	K JASICA	R BURNS	G CABRE
	16	I KHRIPUNOV	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	23	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24	N VYLE	R BURNS	P EICHLER