

WARM AIR 8 March 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 8 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Burns A Nejati
Sunday 9 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield G Cabre M Kuys

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Well someone went solo last weekend and received a right royal dunking

Instructor Report Saturday – Issy in on a less than busy day

Saturday began with blue skies and after collecting the key I was met by Peter, Alex and Cassian at the gate. Alex was soon off to collect MP and we were shortly joined by Kazik, Tony Ivor and Ray. Unfortunately for us the Air Force had decided to jump out of planes until lunchtime, plus there were a couple of King Airs flying around, and the PM arriving back into the country on the 757. All of this meant no flying and plenty of chatting until after 1pm. With not much flying happening, I decided it would be a good idea to brush off the loose paint and dirt from inside mine and Shiv's trailer, which mainly resulted in covering myself and everything else in the trailer in small bits of paint. Naturally this took twice as long as I thought it would, so Ray kindly took charge of setting up the grid and had just taken off with Tony when I arrived.

Following Alex's return with MP, it was quickly rigged and Ben Sly made use of what little lift there was to get the longest flight of the day at 53 minutes. Having done his solo G103 requirements, Cassian was keen to get into VF despite the passing showers. Following a thorough briefing from Ray he managed a credible 22 minutes in difficult conditions. Congratulations Cassian! The day finished with Alex getting reacquainted with MP and doing a quick circuit. While not a busy day, the weather certainly made things interesting and those who did fly seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to Peter for towing and Ray for helping with the instructing.

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Instructor Report Sunday – Peter reports

Sunday weather was fine with broken cloud at 2500ft but the wind was light and variable southerly predicted to go SW so we set up on 26 and the first flight launched at 1115 with me and Marley for a quick check before he went off in VF. He must have been doing something right because he and VF stayed up for 2 hr 12 min.

Next was Ali who was keen to progress his learning and also fly another solo in NF. We did some medium banked turns and focussed on getting a good lookout going during the turns. His flying was pretty good so he went off for a 20 min solo in NF.

I took a trial flight up and then Ben G took his friend Helen for a 37 min flight.

The wind was being contrary and swung back and forth several times but then seemed to settle from the SE so we changed ends and then, of course, it went back to the SW and after a couple of launches we changed ends again.

We were then treated to the sight of Ivor actually launching in IV and he enjoyed this rare experience so much he stayed up for 2 hrs 4 mins.

Keeping up the spirit of only saying good things about people we won't mention his landing J.

Ryan Semmens was next, so we went up to 2000ft for a general handling sortie to confirm he was ready for solo. I was suitably impressed so I then sent him off on his FIRST SOLO. Quite a short flight but he absolutely nailed a perfect greaser landing which definitely deserved a dowsing from the bucket brigade who were eagerly waiting. Congratulations Ryan.

Ben G went off in VF for 27 mins and then we finished the day with a quick dual refresh of Alex's back seat rating.

Cheers,

Peter

Hey everyone, -

I just wanted to send a huge thank you to all the instructors and club members for your support and guidance on my journey to my first solo flight! It was an incredible experience, and I couldn't have done it without the patience, encouragement, and expertise you've all shared along the way. I'm looking forward to many more flights and continuing to learn from you all. See you at the airfield soon!

Cheers,

Ryan



Well done Ryan, and you want to see that greaser landing video go over to the [ASC Gliding | Facebook](#) courtesy of Al

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Mar	8	A NEJATI	L PAGE	R BURNS
	9	M KUYS	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	15	M WEYNA	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	16		R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	22	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	23	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	29	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE
	30	R SEMMENS	L PAGE	R CARSWELL