

WARM AIR 12 April 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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<p>Saturday 12 April</p>	<p>Instructing: I Burr Towing: P Thorpe Duty Pilot A Shipov</p>
<p>Sunday 13 April</p>	<p>Instructing: S Wallace Towing: G Cabre Duty Pilot Sly</p>

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Easter: Flying out of Drury

The committee has decided that, for something different, we will fly from **Drury** for Easter weekend.

Please take time to read the local SOP's which can be found in the ASC Website Documents folder in the members Page of the drive. Here is a link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tdOFF1iQigpqyzOSPhv2oUY2CS3ObpLQ/view?usp=drive_link

Instructor Reports Saturday – Ray Burns

A classic warm front on Wed, Thr and Fri blew through Friday night leaving behind it a much-needed soaking of the ground. What was a series of brown strips purporting to be a golf course at Riverhead last weekend was now showing the early hint of luscious greenery. The day was warm and pleasant with a reasonable head wind from 230 making the take-offs just that wee bit more comfortable. The wind at 2000 feet was a bit stronger (reported 20kts) and those who chose to fly downwind found themselves battling to get back to the field. Cloud base started about 2000 feet and eventually struggled its way up to 2700.

Ryan took the first flight out while Alex set himself up a toi toi fence to hone his landing skills in the might mozzie. He fired off a couple of circuits and then I took a trial flight. With Ryan being the only other person for NF I took my time and had a very pleasant hour showing Tina the surrounds. Being a keen yachtie from days gone by she was very quick to absorb the concepts.

Kazik rigged and had a hack at the toi tois before trying his hand a bit further afield and then Ryan took the longest flight honours with 1:24.

The day came to a close with another few circuits by Alex, Phil and Ryan and even yours truly managed a quick flight in KT.

11 Launches for the day.

Instructor Report Sunday – Ivor Woodfield

The day started early, with breakfast in the Puriri Cafe. Suitably prepared, we opened up to a reasonable looking sky, once the fog had lifted, and tow pilot Ray, duty pilot Ben Sly and I set about getting things ready for the day. The microphone in GNF was in need of some TLC, so Ray started work on the reconnections that were needed. After some fine work, engineer Craig arrived and took over, so that Ray could get RDW ready for towing duties.

Once all had been successfully completed, we all set up on 26. The wind had been NNE, but was scheduled to be northerly for a while before moving around to the NW.

We waited for the anticipated change until our scheduled trial flight pilot arrived, and then made the call to launch the twin from 08, by which time we would be able to continue flying from 26, where we left the caravan set up. I took off with Stella shortly after midday, and we had a good flight in very light lift. As we explored the area, Stella was able to get some really good views, and photos, of her house across the creek from the Base. She thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

While we were up, both Tony in GBD and Craig in GON towed down and launched from 08, with Tony hooking into a cloud street that was starting to form over a convergence running north-south.

At this stage there were only a couple more pilots wanting to fly, and as the wind was still slightly favouring 08, I took the next flight with young Harvey from that end. Harvey was keen to fly, so once we were established at height, he demonstrated some good ability to move the glider around the sky in a well balanced fashion, staying at the controls until we arrived on base leg after over 20 mins. While we were up, both Kazik in GBC and Alex in GKT launched into what was now a well formed convergence, Alex staying up for 2 hours, while Kazik managed a totally enjoyable 3.5 hours.

Just one more taker for the twin, this time Martin, who is a new member, and this was his first flight. He is a keen student, and showed some good ability on the controls, flying well both in level flight and in gentle turns. After 30mins, we landed back at around 1500. That turned out to be the final flight for the twin. Duty Pilot Ben then took off in GMP, and after initially having to work really hard to gain height in a softening sky, managed a total of 2 hours working the convergence.

All gliders were back on the ground by 1700, and while we packed everything away, and the singles were de-rigged as necessary, the stories about the days' flying flowed. Conversations continued over some beverages, with Ben Gambaro joining us after some power flying with the power section, and then continued into the car park. We finally locked up and left well after dark. Thanks to Ben G for returning the key as I was now very late :(Some excellent flying had been had, despite the small number of pilots taking part.

From The Pilot's Seat

Well when you cannot soar, you can watch aviation videos. Aviator, promoter, author and tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie has his own YouTube videos' Definitely worth checking out.

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Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
Apr	12	A SHIPOV	I BURR	P THORPE	LP (6)
	13	B SLY	S WALLACE	G CABRE	
Easter	18	C BEST	L PAGE	R BURNS	
	19	S CHAND	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	20	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	R BURNS	
	21	A MICHAEL	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
Anzac Day	25	G STANFIELD	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	26	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	LP (40)
	27	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	I BURR	G CABRE	PT (40)
May	3	A NEJATI	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	LP (40)
	4	M KUYS	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	RB (40)

	10	M WEYNA	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	IB (6)
	11	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	P THORPE	LP (40)
	17	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	G CABRE	
	18	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	PT(40)
	24	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	RB (40)
	25	R SEMMENS	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	PT(40)
Kings Bday	31	P SCARBOROUGH	P THORPE	R BURNS	
	1	E YEOMAN	A FLETCHER	T STRUGNELL	
	2	A SHIPOV	S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	7	B SLY	I BURR	P THORPE	
	8	C BEST	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	RB
	14	S CHAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	15	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	T STRUGNELL	
	20	A MICHAEL	P THORPE	R BURNS	
	21	G STANFIELD	S WALLACE	G CABRE	
	22	K JASICA	I BURR	R CARSWELL	
	28	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	29	A NEJATI	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	