

# WARM AIR 18 April 2025

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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### Easter Weekend

Friday	Instructing:	L Page
18 April	Towing:	R Burns
	Duty Pilot	C Best
Saturday	Instructing:	I Woodfield
19 April	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	

Sunday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
20 April	Towing:	R Burns
	Duty Pilot	B Gambaro
Monday	Instructing:	S Wallace
21 April	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	A Michael

### MEMBERS NEWS

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

**Easter:** The Drury camp is cancelled due to forecasted horrid weather. If conditions miraculously improve, flying will occur at Whenuapai. Apologies, we hope to reschedule a visit to Drury another time and catch up with the good folk at the Auckland Gliding Club.

### Weekend Reports

#### Instructor Reports Saturday – Izzy

Saturday started nice and early for me with an 8:30 arrival and four Devonport scouts lined up to go flying. Following a fairly in depth briefing to the scouts, the first flight was away at 10:26, only 1 minute after Lionel's first launch in the 109 with a cadet. New towpilot Tony had a couple of exercises to sign off for his rating, so some lucky scouts had some interesting tows, including boxing the tow, wave-off signal and a simulated cross-country tow. There wasn't much lift to be found early on in the day and the scouts were all down before 1pm. Ben Sly and Tony Prentice launched soon after in MP and BD respectively both managing very credible flights of just under 2 hours in some very average but windy conditions. Al was keen to join them in VF, so we went up for a check flight in which Al managed the strong crosswind pretty well, so off he went on his own. In the middle of all this, with the wind continuing to pick up, Lionel decided to call off the remainder of his cadet flying in the 109 and packed it back into the ATC hangar.

Next up in NF was Alex who had persuaded(/bullied) his flatmate into giving gliding a go, which gave me a chance to eat my sandwich. Once he was back, Lev and I went up for some towing practice and stalling exercises which all went well. Following Lev was Anton, who did

well dealing with the strong crosswind in both the take-off and landing. We even managed some thermalling, leading to my longest flight of the day of a whole 32 minutes. Inspired by our longer flight, Ben decided to give MP a second go, but by this time the lift had given up for the day and he was back after 17 minutes. The last flights for the day were 2 circuits with Ryan, who was looking to sign off his crosswind landings in the soaring certificate. These were both successful and the aircraft were all put away in the hangar shortly after. Everyone seemed to have places to be, so we found ourselves locking the gate and heading off around 5:45.

Izzy

### **Instructor Report Sunday – Steve Wallace**

The day started with de-rigs and departures for those heading South for a week at Matamata before coming North again for Easter at Drury. Ben de-rigged MP, Tony de-rigged BD and along with Kazik towing BC they all headed out the gate for adventures unknown. With our incoming low now upgraded to tropical cyclone Tam I suspect the adventures may be mostly of a non-flying nature.

Flying wise it was just the twin as the weather was certainly not inspiring enough for anyone to take a single up. Emmerson got us underway with what was meant to be a 1,500' circuit before a solo flight but instead he did a nice job of catching a thermal off tow and climbed away to 3,000' for a nice half hour flight instead.

Young Harvey and his friend Findlay then each took a flight which they both enjoyed very much, followed by two passenger flights. New member Martin Page then had his second flight with Ivor before we finished the day with a nice flight for his partner Sophie finishing the day just before 5pm.

Steve



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**Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun**

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
Easter Apr	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	