

WARM AIR 10 May 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
10 May	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	M Weyna
Sunday	Instructing:	S Wallace
11 May	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Ray reports

The day started off pleasant enough. The wind was forecast to be a cross wind all day and that was what we got. We did one flight GNF before I decided it was starting to get too dangerous (15 Gusting 22) and we packed up for the day. Dave Todd managed one launch and stayed up for an hour and Lionel braved the cross wind for three sorties in the 109 before he decided it was beyond us.

Sunday – Peter T reports

Sunday dawned with no cloud and a light SE wind. Ray was away bright and early at 0930 in the Grob motor glider flying a bunch of cadets while we did the usual DIs and other chores before moving to the 08 end. First flight was Lionel with a friend just after 11 am and then I took James Hook on a trial flight. It was a brilliant day for sightseeing with no cloud and the air sharp and clear. James is town planner in real life so he enjoyed viewing his domain from the air on a very smooth flight. The tower came on watch for two VIP King Air arrivals while David Todd launched in his lovely Ventus BZ for a short flight before we had a no flying period from 1230 to 1430 while the PM and his ministers told the world about the new Defence spending. So we enjoyed a leisurely lunch and chat to Hapi Leonard while Rex went off with Tony P to fill the fuel containers.

The duty pilot was unable to attend so Tony P very kindly stepped up and grappled with the computer system. Thanks Tony, we know how you love the computer J David launched again at 1413 and headed for the only wispy cloud well to the west. He managed 1 hour 35 but he had some sneaky help from his iron thermal.

Ryan Semmens was the only club member who wanted to fly so we went up to 2000ft for some lazy eight practise and then a 1000ft circuit to consolidate the correct angle for a half to two thirds airbrake approach. Ryan then did two solo circuits to prove he had indeed got the angle right. The last flight landed at 1605 so we were packed up and heading for home by 1700. Just seven club flights while Ray did ten in the Grob.

Steve Wallace found this;
A screen shot from the Kamia Range, Holfuy weather station from the Thursday morning of cyclone Tam. Check out the **gust of 93.4 Kts** at 7.00am!

One NZ 09:18 80%

Back Kaimai Range Site

Live Chart Table Camera

15 minutes average Hourly average

WIND (KNOTS)	GUST (KNOTS)	DIRECTION	TEMPERATURE (°C)	TIME
72.4	88.0	ESE	11.2	09:15
70.2	85.9	ESE	10.9	09:00
72.9	88.0	ESE	11.1	08:45
72.9	89.1	ESE	11	08:30
69.7	86.9	ESE	11.3	08:15
68.0	85.9	ESE	11.6	08:00
68.6	90.2	ESE	11.5	07:45
69.7	86.4	ESE	11.1	07:30
70.2	88.6	ESE	11.4	07:15
71.8	93.4	ESE	11.1	07:00
72.4	89.6	ESE	11.6	06:45

And he found a lovely picture of Whenuapai



Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
May	10	M WEYNA	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	IB (6)
	11		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	