

# WARM AIR 17 May 2025

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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### Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	I Burr
17 May	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	I O'Keefe
Sunday	Instructing:	L Page
18 May	Towing:	T Strugnell
	Duty Pilot	K Bhashyam

### MEMBERS NEWS

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

### Weekend Reports

#### Saturday – Andrew Fletcher reports

After a fairly turbulent week of weather the weekend at least looked a little better, I was rostered to instruct on Saturday. I started the day with the usual breakfast at our local cafe, opened up at 0930 ish and pulled out the tow plane with Gus.

Gus had a couple of colleagues to take for a fly so with RDW checked out of he went with Shan his first passenger. A quick trip around the city and back to change passenger and go again.

Lionel had been flying cadets in the 109 eight in total throughout the day, Ben S arrived, he was clearly suffering from aviation withdrawal so we pulled GMP out of the hangar so that remedy could be administered asap.

Ben managed 1:18 on his second sortie, very respectable! Form a two seater perspective it was a quiet day with no customers for me so I supervised Tony and Kazik repairing the dolly track in the hangar (that basically means I stood and watched and gave encouragement where appropriate)

And that was our day see you next time.

## Sunday – Steve Wallace reports

Sunday was forecast fine with a 15kt direct southerly cross wind that was predicted to ease and back more to the south east towards the end of the day, which is what happened.

Emerson got the day underway with an excellent DI of NF where he discovered an unknown pilot (most likely an instructor) had been leaving him coins in the back seat of the twin. A great reminder to everyone as to the value of a thorough DI. Foreign objects like coins are great at falling into gaps near the control column or other places where control rods run and if they get themselves into just the right place they can jam the controls. Emerson also discovered that the nosewheel tyre was flat so this was pumped up with a nifty battery powered pump borrowed from Peter Thorpe and recorded in the minor faults section of the DI book. It was flat again by the end of the day so will likely need replacing.



Flying got underway just after midday with Lev Shipov first up followed by Anton Shipov. Lev's flight was a great chance for him to experience a cross wind take-off and landing and same for Anton. On Anton's flight we found some lift and were doing great until the imminent arrival of a Boeing caused us to decide to abandon the height and be on the ground and out of the way before the Boeing arrived.

New member Som Yadar had a great first flight where his time on MS flight simulator allowed him plenty of time on the controls so he could note the difference between the real world and the digital world. We were able to use our excess height at the end of the flight to introduce him to the sensations of +ve and -ve G which he seemed to really enjoy. Something you don't get in the digital space. At least not yet anyway...

Some consolidation flying for Emerson was next, although it had fully clouded over by this stage and the lift had gone. Emerson got to try a circuit variation with a join straight in on a long final from about 1,000'.

Some solo consolidation for Ryan was next where he handled the conditions no problem, even with some unexpected strong lift putting him high in his circuit.

Last up for the day was Jonathan's son Phil who had some 12 hours of glider time under his belt from about 25 years ago! Nice flight in no lift and Phil flew well except the landing did not go quite to plan proving that while you don't forget how to fly you certainly get a bit rusty if it is a long time between drinks.



## Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
May	17	I O'KEEFE	I BURR	G CABRE	
	18	K BHASHYAM	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	