

WARM AIR 28 June 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	R Burns
28 June	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	C Hayward-Slattery
Sunday	Instructing:	L Page
29 June	Towing:	T Strugnell
	Duty Pilot	A Nejati

MEMBERS NEWS

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

News / Events

MP Annuals Coming up

MP is due its annual inspection soon, the plan is to de-rig next Saturday 21st June after flying (shortest day comp) and take down to Derry, booked in for the week of the 23. MP should be back on Saturday 28th providing all is in order.

A New Roster has been produced see it at the end of the Newsletter and book your duties in the diaries.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Steve & Ray Report

Ray reports

Longest flight on the Shortest Day

Saturday was a classic mid-winter day. The sun came up at 0734 and went down at 1712. 9 Hours 38 Minutes of unadulterated fun. We were a chilly 152.042 Million Kms from the sun (isn't the internet full of useful facts?). We reached a balmy 14 degrees. 8 Flights in NF, 5 in MP and 4 in VF. 17 folks aiming for the great honour. Harvey set the scene at 14 minutes with Ben quickly upping the ante to 18 followed by Craig at 20.

The tension was palpable.

But then Ben had another go in VF and pushed the bar to what seemed an unbeatable 38 minutes.



That was until big bad Dave Todd strode onto the runway, his face grim, a look of steely determination in the eyes. We all stood in fear and watched, and waited, and waited and waited, until 1 hour and 4 minutes later he returned to claim the ultimate prize (as ultimate as it was going to get). Yes! King of the longest flight. Not even Ben's hapless attempt to change the handicapping after the event was going to get him close.

Thanks to all who turned up. We had a great day. Thanks to Lionel for the provision of the mighty Weber and Kishan's organizing of some excellent sausies.



Steves report

Saturday was a lovely warm day with no wind on the ground as we got the gliders ready. Wind up top though was predicted to be 20Kts and from the South although it never felt that strong. The first four flights were from the 26 end (3 x ATC flights in NW and 1 x dual with Ray and Craig in NF) before the wind got up from the east and we changed ends. This also gave time for a Herc to depart so we weren't too held up by that. The day then got busy with a further 17 flights with MP and VF seeing a lot of action as pilots had a crack at achieving the longest flight on the shortest day. Early attempts were all sub 20 minutes but the weather did improve late in the day. Notable achievements before handicaps were applied, were Emerson Yeoman, solo in NF (21 minutes), Ben Sly in VF (38 minutes) and longest by a good margin was Dave Todd in MP at 1hr 4mins. A bit of cunning and know how saw him cruising comfortably in the good clouds to the north of the field. CFI Ray Burns will however apply suitably made up handicaps and no doubt the winner will be revealed. Meantime on the ground the BBQ had been fired up and a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. A very successful day with many of our club members making the most of it.



Steve

Sunday –Izzy reports

Following my not so successful flight at the shortest day, longest flight competition the previous day, I was back at the field Sunday morning for some instructing. The strong southerly crosswind didn't deter the cadets and Ray was already starting his first flight in the 109 while we pulled out NF and RDW. Unfortunately a daily inspection of RDW revealed that with full flaps, there was interference when full left aileron was input due to the control rods rubbing. Given this required engineering input, that put a stop to any flying in the morning. In the meantime there was plenty of chatting, and both club singles were derigged ready to go for their annuals. Thanks to Craig and Ben Sly for taking the lead on this. While RDW was still being worked on, Steve arrived with a family member hoping to take him flying. With RDW's repair looking promising, they decided to stick around for a bit, and they managed to get underway at 2:18pm. With Steve at the helm they managed nearly 40 minutes on a cold winter day. Following that I went up for my only flight of the day, taking up a very enthusiastic trial flight, Stephanie. She told me she initially had goals of flying fighter jets but settled on gliders after looking into the costs involved. She is very keen to learn and had already done some research about thermals before we went flying, so I'm sure it won't be long before she is back. Derry also arrived around this point to collect MP, it was good to catch up with him again. With all two club flights done for the day, we packed up and sat down for the usual chat in the hangar before dispersing to our various homes. Thanks to Rex for the tows and Kazik for manning the books for the day.

Izzy



Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
June	28	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	29	A NEJATI	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	

Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Jul	5	M KUYS	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	6	M WEYNA	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	12	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	13	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	P THORPE	
	19	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	20	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	26	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	6SQN (RB)
	27	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	R BURNS	
Aug	2	E YEOMAN	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	
	3	A SHIPOV	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	9	B SLY	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	10	C BEST	I BURR	T STRUGNELL	
	16	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	17	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	6SQN (LP)
	23	G STANFIELD	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS	
	24	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	30	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	D TODD	G CABRE	
	31	A NEJATI	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
Sep	6	M KUYS	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	7	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	R BURNS	

	13	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	R CARSWELL	
	20	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	6SQN (IB)
	21	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	
	27	R SEMMENS	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	
	28	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	P THORPE	