

WARM AIR 14 November 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

Weekend Roster

Saturday 15th Nov

Instructor:	P THOPE	R BURNS (G109)
Tow Pilot:	R HEYNIKE	
Duty Pilot:	COVER NEEDED	

Sunday 16th Nov

Instructor:	S WALLACE	I BURR (G109)
Tow Pilot:	T STRUGNELL	
Duty Pilot:	T PRENTICE	

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Club News

Membership Forms

The new membership form is now available on google drive. It is in the "Documents" Folder.

<https://www.ascgliding.org/>

It is a requirement that ALL members complete a membership form each year.

Please download the pdf. It is "fillable". So please complete online with a pdf viewer and then save and forward to Ray (cfi@ascgliding.org) and Lionel (treasurer@ascgliding.org)

Concrete!

Our hanger has just got a little bit of TLC with an addition to our glider 'tracks' - Thanks team!!



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Saturday 8th Nov - Izzy Reports

I arrived at the field on Saturday to find Ray, Michal and Andrew already busy opening up. Sophie Howcroft and her dad Carl arrived shortly after. Ray was quick to inform me that 40 SQN was holding an open day and would be flying hercs all day, however he was optimistic we could work around them. With that knowledge we got the twin out and DI'd. Unfortunately at that time Ray called the tower, who weren't so keen on letting us fly with the hercs, so we would need to be back on the ground by 11:30.

We quickly walked the aircraft up the far end where Lionel was already flying the 109, and Sophie and I hopped in for a flight. The lift wasn't quite working yet and we were back in only 15 minutes, but Sophie had some good practice polishing up her straight and level flying and turns. There was just enough time for one more flight so Andrew and I went up for a currency flight as he hadn't flown anything smaller than a Dash since March. By this point the lift had just started working but we were called down by the tower after only 20 minutes. With the flying done we packed up the aircraft and a small group of us stayed to do some trailer work.

With flying cancelled, Ray kindly agreed to help Shiv and I remove the wheel bearings from our trailer which needed replacing. Knowing I would be flying all day, I had worn my nicer pants, only to get them covered in grease (typical). Following the usual cold beverage mid afternoon, I left the others to it while Ray and I retired to his workshop for more wheel bearing work. Thanks to those who came along and helped for the day.

Sunday 9th Nov - Lionel Reports

Sunday was a day with forecast rain and it did not disappoint, although it was not as heavy or consistent as expected.

First up was Anton with a 1500ft tow. Nice flight with some potential lift past the prison that did not eventuate. Alex then kindly did some supervised flights with Lev and Jasmin.

I was meant to take controller Kelly for a flight but a rain shower delayed us and he had to leave for another appointment - promised to return for a flight at another date.

The final flight was with Anton again, however the rain then set in and we packed up for the day. At which time the sun came out again.

Any interesting day - thanks to all.

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Fundraising update for the new training glider

We're now up to \$5900 in the bank, with many thanks to members for their contributions!

Chipping in as little as \$10-\$20 a week goes a long way when everyone does it.

Our next goal is \$10,000, which will be a huge milestone. The club would like to hear from anybody interested in making a debenture pledge.

Please contact Lionel for more information: 

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Next fundraising goal

\$10,000



Help us continue our tradition of training up excellent pilots by donating to:

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Duty Roster For Nov & Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Nov	15	Cover Needed	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	5 SQN RB
	16	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	T STRUGNELL	6 SQN IB
	22	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	3 SQN IB
	23	P SCARBOROUGH	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	3 SQN LP
	29	E YEOMAN	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
	30	A SHIPOV	I BURR	P THORPE	40 SQN RB
Dec	6	B SLY	L PAGE	R BURNS	
	7	G STANFIELD	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	40 SQN RB
	13	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	5 SQN RB
	14	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	20	A NEJATI	D TODD	T STRUGNELL	5 SQN RB
	21	Cover Needed	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	