

AGC Weekly News

Weekend Roster

Saturday

Tug Pilot: John Bongrain
 Instructors: Russell Thorne, Christian Derold
 Duty Pilot: Ross Jones

Sunday

Tug Pilots: Pat Driessen
 Winch Driver: Graham Player
 Instructors: Paul O'Neill-Gregory, Anton Lawrence
 Duty Pilot: Steve Cronin

Congratulations Matt!



Matt Kerrigan went Solo on Sunday the 2 May in the ASK21. An experienced power pilot, Matt had a flight first in the PW6 to experience his first spin

in a glider, and went on to make good use of the calm weather to complete this milestone. Well done!

For sale/wanted

Ventus 2a: S/N 10 Equipped with LX9050 with Flarm and control column unit. Maughmer winglets - Refinished in 2008. Imported ex USA - no major damage history. Dittel FSG71M com and Trig TT21 Mode S (ADS-B out capable). Aluminium top Cobra trailer, wing wheel, tail dolly and tow-out bar. Re wired with LiFePo4 batteries.

My partner Malcolm wishes to sell his share as he is no longer based in Auckland. I will either keep my 50% share or sell outright (#2 choice). This aircraft is one of the best performing gliders in 15mtr class yet is a delight to fly, even when tanked, and exceptionally easy to handle. They land short and rig in minutes. MY PARTNER IS VERY KEEN TO SELL HIS SHARE. Contact me - Ross Gaddes - for more details.



This Safety in the Mountains booklet from the French Gliding Organisation (FFVL) is an excellent publication that deserves to be read by all our pilots.

I obtained the link via the FAA and a Mountain Flying Gliding Site in Minden, Nevada. It not only covers mountain flying, but also ridge flying, which applies in our own area.

A Zoom Conference on the subject is to be conducted on 12 May at 13h00 NZ Time. It is free to join. Here is the link to register, which INCLUDES a link to download the 36-page publication in PDF format.

https://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=104884

The Met Service May 2021 Outlook - Dry to start

Submitted by Gerard RobertsonGarret Willat

A large and slow-moving area of high pressure takes charge of the New Zealand weather maps to begin May. This means an almost entirely dry first third of the month with just minor fronts clipping the lower South Island as they skirt the high. South Island will likely run warm, particularly in the east, while North Island can expect cold mornings with patchy cloud of fog, and mainly fine afternoon with temperatures near normal for the time of year.

In the week beginning Monday 10th we see a change in type as the Tasman Sea pushes a low our way. Warm, humid northerlies are expected

to bring a spell of rain with the upper North Island and South Island's West Coast most exposed to this. In the wake of this low, activity likely shifts to the Southern Ocean with southwesterlies likely to bring a cooler than average second half of the month, and the rain picture being dominated by just how well established the next Tasman Sea high becomes. It's likely that rain becomes limited to south/southwesterly showers without much weight to them. Right at the end of May there are signs of a low moving in north of the country which would serve to weaken the usual autumn westerlies.

Bee Final Reminder – Please Attend on 8 May!

Mini-projects include:

- Fill in road pots holes – metal and cement mix works well
- Fill the rabbit holes on the field
- Fill in trench horse made from walking the tape line
- Cut back the agapanthus near steps
- Change northern windsock (If it has arrived)
- Clean windows in clubrooms – in and out
- Check and change all light bulbs – eg ladies toilet and the one outside near the steps
- Spray around the clubrooms
- Mow around the clubrooms
- Weed eating
- Clear drains of major weeds – ragwort
- Wash all glider trailers & tidy, clean inside

- Waterblast toilet block, fire shed and outside of clubrooms
- Spray around field, drains etc (contract sprayer or buy a unit for ATV)
- Contact Pest control person for culling rabbits (Coastal Pest Solutions, Ditch Keeling 027 393 2125)

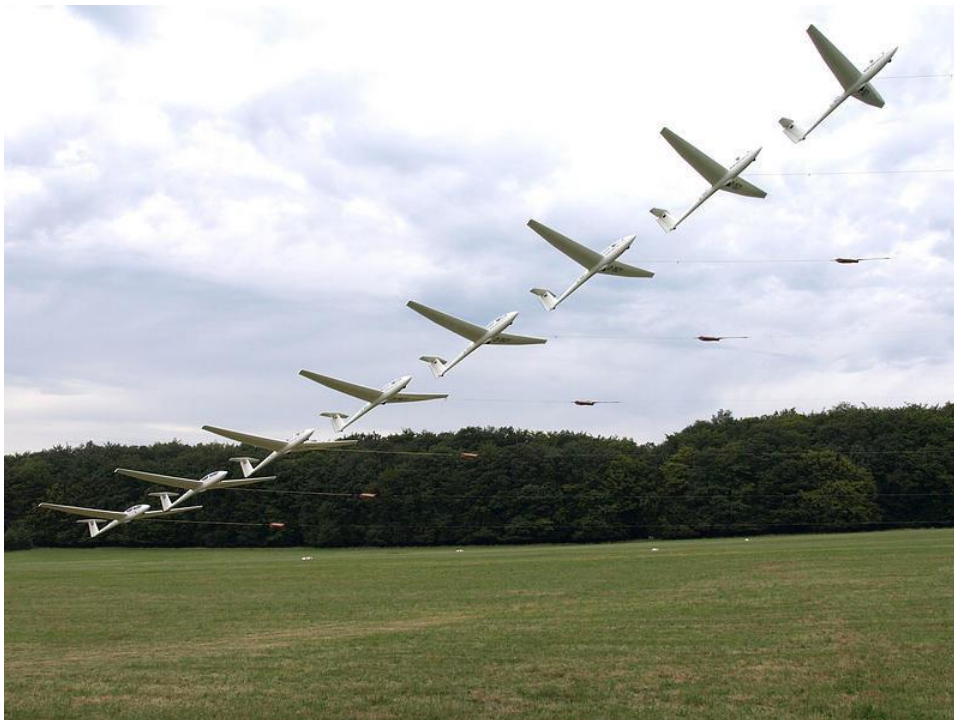
•BIGGER JOBS

- Doors on main hanger
- Paint roof
- Paint club rooms
- Renovate / change bunk rooms
- Paint bunkrooms and lecture room

Tools to bring – spades, rakes, shovels, trailers, weedeater, waterblaster, sprayers.

Special Winch Day

Graham Player, Winchmaster



On Sunday 16th May, there will be a "Winching Day", weather permitting. We have a number of new winch drivers who will be undertaking training. As well there are some instructors who will be doing winch familiarization.

To help grease the wheels (so to speak), the launch charge rate will be halved for the day.

So, come out, and if you haven't done any winching, try something new and add a valuable adjunct to your logbook.

When making payments to the Club Bank Account Number 03 0104 0012743 00, PLEASE ALWAYS include the Invoice Number and Your Surname.

Thanks to all those who have contributed to this edition. If there is anything you would like to share with the members via this newsletter, text or photographs, please e-mail me. I will be grateful for any contributions, whatever they may be.

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