

# WARM AIR 27 November 2021

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

## THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	A FLETCHER
	Towing:	D BELCHER
	Duty Pilot	Onsite Members
Sunday	Instructing:	L PAGE
	Towing:	F MCKENZIE
	Duty Pilot	Onsite Members

## MEMBERS NEWS

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*Thank you for the contributions from members.*

## Instructor Ivor Woodfield Reports

Saturday was our first full day of field access since the long Auckland lockdown. The weather looked reasonable as I headed out early to open up. We were only allowed a limited number of people on site due to Covid restrictions; no dual flying, and therefore only qualified solo pilots would be at the field.

I arrived at the field shortly after 0915 to find a short queue of vehicles filling the car park. People were clearly keen to be in the air after the long stand-down. We were also going to be sharing our access and launch area with the power section, who had some civilian pilots needing to do currency flights, none of whom could access the field via the main gate, again due to current restrictions.

The wind was from the east, meaning that our first task was to get all the aircraft out of the hangar, carefully inspected and then moved down to the far end of the field as we would be operating off 08

for the day. We had 10 people available, and 7 aircraft to get ready, as well as a caravan to set up and move into position. There was also the matter of careful liaison between us, the power section and the tower, to ensure our operations for the day would be well coordinated. Everyone got stuck in, and before too long the fleet was on the move to the launch point.



First flight of the day was Tony Prentice in GBU, being towed by Peter Thorpe in RDW, which took off around 1100. Next up was Craig Best in GMP, both of them getting around 20 mins in the air .. good initial flights as the lift was not yet established. The forecast was for some reasonable lift for a couple of hours from around midday, which proved to be quite accurate.

While these flights were up, the power section undertook a few currency flights for some of their civilian members before flying off to North Shore and back, so while there were some joint operations, which went well, we did not see that much of them. Hopefully there will be more opportunities to operate together in the future.

Over the next hour or so there was a series of single launches into the short period of available lift. Andrew Fletcher in GBU, Kazik Jasica in GVF, Izzy Burr in GNF, Ray Burns in GKT and Kishan Bhashyam in GMP all managed good long flights, covering some good local distances and attempting some task flying. Tony Prentice took a chance that the lift would last a little longer and went back up in GBU for a good flight, managing close to 2 hours total for the day. Finally I was able to grab a glider, getting up in GMP for a nice flight before the lift faded away.

As this happened the fleet all returned to the field and the job of packing everything away began. There had been a total of 9 glider flights, the longest of which was well over 2 hours, so some very happy pilots. Some gliders were picketed out for the night in the hope of more opportunities on Sunday, while the club fleet were cleaned and packed away in the hangar.



Overall a good start back, with people heading home by around 1600. Many thanks to Jonathan Pote, who not only managed the gate access for the day, including the power section members, but also controlled the caravan and managed the record and time keeping throughout.

### **Tow pilot Peter Thorpe** provides his version of events Saturday 20 Nov.

At last, a rostered towing day with fine weather. Lots of keen solo pilots arrived at the gate and were duly checked in by gate guardian Jonathan Pote. Ivor Woodfield was duty instructor and other attendees included Ray Burns, Andrew Fletcher, Tony Prentice, Izzy Burr, Craig Best, Kishan Bhashyam, Kazik Jasica and Roy Whitby. Club gliders were DI'd while Ray and Andrew rigged BU and KT, Tony gave BD some tlc and Craig kindly helped me refuel RDW. The wind was a light NE so we moved to the 08 end and prepared to aviate. First up was Tony in BD at midday and soon followed by Craig in MP, Andrew in BU, Kazik in VF, Izzy in NF, Ray in KT. By then it was nearly 2 pm so Tony took a second flight and Kishan went in MP. Time for a leisurely lunch break while all six gliders remained airborne even when the controller got a bit anxious about an arriving C130. Last launch was Ivor in MP and we were all finished by 4 pm. A satisfying nine launches for the tow pilot and some good soaring for the gliders. We had plenty of time to sit outside the club rooms a safe distance apart while consuming a fizzy drink and tell a few lies. Very pleasant.



**Sunday** (well there was not a written report however here are some photos to prove the soarers were present)



*Thank you Jonathan and Izzy for the photos in this edition*

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## **Club News**

### **CFI – Ray Burns**

We are starting to get underway again and there was some flying this weekend for a number of people.

Looking forward, we can start to plan for a return to dual flying. As I'm sure you are all aware the landscape seems to change alarmingly quickly. The government seems certain that we will be in a system that will allow dual flying by the weekend of the 4/5th. Pop that in your diary.

As a way of kicking this off we plan to have a BBQ on the 5th. Kishan has more on this below.

### **CLUB Summer Sunday BBQ - 5th December.**

Both ASC Power and Gliding section are planning a joint BBQ on the **5th of December** following the end of a long awaited dual flying weekend..

Please send attendance and diet requirements **via text to 0210 645 648** so that we can arrange for enough nibbles and quenches.

Could you all get back to me **ASAP.**

## Roving Reporter Jonathan Pote has some Public Notices

**Lost property:** There is a **nice pair of reading glasses** by the time sheets: Plus 1.75 D strength. If not claimed I might 'acquire' them!

**Piece of chipboard:** The shaped/drilled bit of chipboard was found lying on the grass west of the green hangar. If it fell off your trailer, it will be in the caravan for a few weekends, then in the bin.

**Tuturiwhatu (New Zealand Dotterels**, but you knew that) seem to be nesting near our 08 launch point. The aerodrome manager has been informed and is happy for us to continue operations provided we **look carefully where we tread**. The gliders do not seem to upset them, but a foot on eggs or chicks certainly would, so please **keep a good lookout where you step**. I hope to be there every flying day if you have questions. Jonathan.



### Annual General Meeting

As you will appreciate the schedule AGM back in October was canned. It is proposed to have this take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the club rooms**. This shall be confirmed sooner to the time and date.

## Roster

### Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comments
	20	E LEAL SCHWENKE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER / P Thorpe	
	21	R MCMILLAN	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	27	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER	
	28	R WHITBY	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
Dec	4	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	5	K JASICA	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	11	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER	
	12	S HAY	S WALLACE	G CABRE	
	18	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	19	K PILLAI	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	



*\*I only heard one side of the story, but the talk on the town is that Izzy out flew the CFI. The CFI may have mentioned prior to the takeoff "don't out fly me". Gliding is such a leveler.*