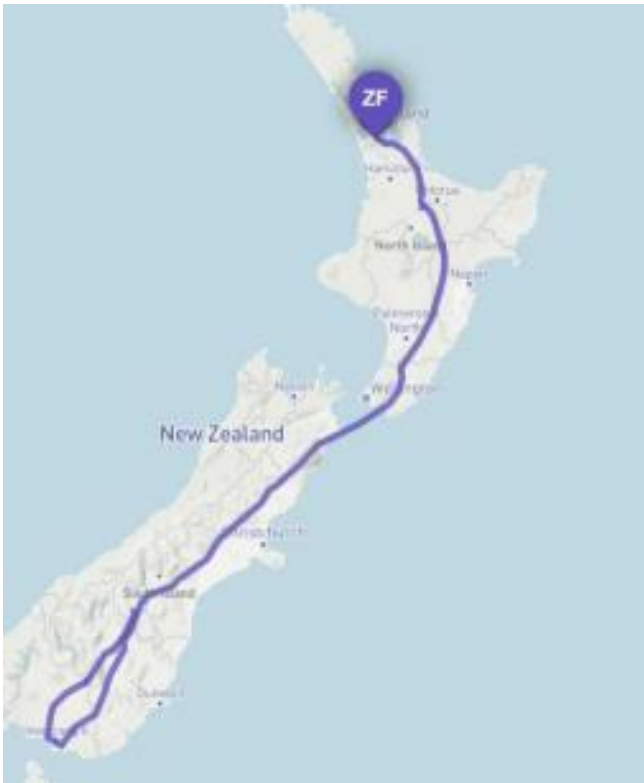


AGC Weekly News

Team Delore Flies Omarama-Bluff-Drury Again!



Read about Terry and Abbey's flight at this link:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/news/127340908/father-daughter-duo-to-set-record-flying-glider-from-bluff-to-cape-ringa>

Auckland Task Week

Russell Thorne

Eighteen pilots have already entered this competition.

For the event to take place in a safe and orderly way, it is fundamentally important that both visiting and local pilots are briefed on a daily basis. This will cover such aspects as GAA's that are open for use (or not), and they have the required instructions for contact with the club for retrieves or emergencies.

I am completing the upload of airspace information on the club website right now, as

there are a lot of airspace changes. The object is to minimise inside large groups.

It shall also be compulsory for all pilots to be suitably briefed.

All entrants must refer to the documents on the website. These were initially intended for the Smeg Week competition, but they are still relevant to the Auckland Task Week.

<https://glidingauckland.co.nz/index.php?q=glidingauckland.co.nz/competition>

Tug Pilots

Wayne Thomas

The tow pilot for the 26th and 29th is Ben Duthie-jung and for the other days of the week Dion is available on demand. Pilots to organise with

Dion. I have pilots sorted for the comp and after all gliders are away, club gliders will be able to get a tow.

From the President

Auckland Soaring contest week 2022

Ross Gaddes has yet again found the time and energy to create and run an event in the New Year, from 1st-8th January 2022. However, such events are not the gliding equivalent of a self-licking ice cream: arms and legs are needed to make such events run. See the event info (<http://glidingauckland.co.nz/index.php?q=glidingauckland.co.nz/competition>) for an outline of what's still needed.

If you can spare a day or two, or parts thereof during this time, please get in touch with Ross.

ross@sailplaneservices.co.nz or
rsgaddes@gmail.com

The urgent need for volunteers is the reason this appears ahead of the next item.

Christmas camp at Matamata

This will run in the week after Christmas, from Boxing Day onwards until the 30th or 31st December. Paul Schofield has agreed to be the instructor responsible; Seamus is likely to be present but without taking on that role.

You'll recall that AK stayed at Matamata after the Youth Glide camp last week, which our club supported with gliders and instructors. Thanks to David Moody for instructing, Marion for being in the kitchen doing her usual sterling (& endless) work, with John Robertson and Sam Tullett also instructing. It's a great success indicator that these two latter guys, products of the Youth Glide system, are now helping bring the next tranche of young pilots through. John tells me that, when it was too windy one day to do circuits, he and Sam took the K21 along the ridge. One of these two may yet be persuaded to put some words to paper.

As well as AK, a couple of members have asked that XF and BI be positioned there. The committee has agreed, subject to CFI approval (granted). These gliders will be there for general club use, so make the most of the good weather and lack of work commitments by taking yourself down there for the day and getting some flying in at a different site.

Remember, please, that if you're planning to take a glider away (whether for your exclusive use or for a club activity) you must check that all necessary equipment is present and correct. This includes things like parachute(s), batteries and chargers, pickets etc. Don't forget to ensure that

the trailer is also in the same state: WOF and registration both current, tyres inflated to about 30psi, all the necessary gear stowed at the front of the trailer etc. The DX trailer does not have or require a safety chain, as it has a breakaway wire which will put the brakes on. This clip must be fastened to your tow bar.

At the moment, I think that all club trailers have current registrations (thanks to Murray and Diane), while I have been a regular at John Bernasconi Motors in Drury for WOFs. We will change the WOF renewal to August, to avoid this end of year/early season rush.

One of the benefits of flying from Waharoa is that it's an introduction to the terrain you face once you venture beyond the Bombay Hills. I believe that flying here can be a great confidence booster and preparation for cross-country. Don't forget, though, the influence of the sea breeze coming in from the Thames Estuary. On the one hand, it can create good convergences; on the other, it can kill the lift if you don't recognise it. The influence of the sea breeze is also important in that the wind can be a westerly at Waharoa, yet a northerly at the coast. Just something to bear in mind, especially for outlandings.

General

We found that the jockey wheel on AK wasn't working, as the internal thread for height adjustment was stripped. In order to get AK to the Youth Glide camp, I robbed the one from BI and asked Ross to fix the one from AK. Please, please, please: if you see something like this (even if you did it - we all make mistakes) tell someone and/or write it on the board in the hangar. Finding out that there's a defect of some sort as you pack a glider up to go away is not the time to be finding surprises.

I've bought new charts for the club twins; you should have your own for single seater flying. The wall charts in the briefing room will also be renewed.

A special thanks to Geof Green and those working with him to complete the paving by the clubhouse deck. Although not able to fly at present, Geof is still supporting the club by such work.

Merry Christmas to you all,
Gerard

An Serious Appeal from the Treasurer

All pilots that fly during the week or when there is no duty pilot in the caravan are required to either notify the treasurer of their flight details. These must be sent to treasurer@glidingauckland.co.nz and must include take-off and land times, plus tow height.

Alternatively you can fill in your own daily paper sheet and send it to the treasurer on the club printer (the way we used to do all daily flight records), or fill in the Gliding OPS daily sheet.

The treasurer's job is hard enough without having to chase pilots in order to obtain their flight details.

The tow plane now has a tracker so we know it has done a number of flights. Please therefore do your part and notify your treasurer so that accurate flight records can be kept and appropriate billing information recorded.





Kind regards
Keith

Weekend Weather

Submitted by Gerard

Hunua

23 December 2021

Friday 24 DEC		Areas of morning cloud, then fine. Southwesterlies, becoming fresh for a while in the afternoon.	▲ 25°C ▼ 14°C
Saturday 25 DEC		Morning cloudy periods, then fine. Southwesterlies dying out in the evening. Santa clearing before dawn.	▲ 27°C ▼ 15°C
Sunday 26 DEC		Fine with light winds.	▲ 27°C ▼ 14°C
Monday 27 DEC		Fine with light winds.	▲ 27°C ▼ 16°C