

# WARM AIR 29 January 2022

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** Auckland Anniversary Weekend

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Saturday	Instructing:	Lionel Page
	Towing:	Ruan Heynike
	Duty Pilot	Krishan Pillai
Sunday	Instructing:	Ivor Woodfield
	Towing:	Fletcher McKenzie
	Duty Pilot	Kishan Bhashyam
Monday	Instructing	Andrew Fletcher
	Towing	Derry Belcher
	Duty Pilot	Tony Prentice

### MEMBERS NEWS

- *In Warm Air this Week;*
- *Club News*
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*Thank you for the contributions from members.*

## Club News

### RED Traffic Light Setting

Obviously on Sunday we heard there is a change in the Traffic Light Settings as a result of the Omicron outbreak. For those wishing to continue to fly, the club will operate at this point in time. This is subject to immediate change due to an escalating outbreak and whether instructors and tow pilots are available.

Key reminders

- You must be Fully Vaccinated to be on Base and at the Club.
- You need to have My Vaccine Pass App on your phone or the official paper certificate as verification.
- Don't come the club if you have COVID symptoms, are unwell, have a household member isolating from COVID or you been at a Location of Interest where you should isolate.
- Maintain Physical Distancing and Mask Wearing and Hand Washing.

**Masks** are essential to prevent airborne infected aerosol from an infected person when you sneeze, cough talk etc. Bandanas, scarfs are not acceptable and fabric masks are poor. So, ensure you turn up with an appropriate surgical mask or P2/N95 and wear it properly. You are protecting others when you do so. [Covid-19: GP shows how to fit your N95 and surgical mask at home | Stuff.co.nz](https://www.stuff.co.nz/health/123456789/covid-19-gp-shows-how-to-fit-your-n95-and-surgical-mask-at-home)

### NZ Nationals – The two Steves

Steve Wallace and Steve Foreman are currently competing in the NZ Nationals this year. Steve Wallace is leading the Racing Class thus far. Check the following links to see real time how they are progressing

Soaring Spot

[https://www.soaringspot.com/en\\_gb/new-zealand-multiclass-nationals-matamata-2022/](https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/new-zealand-multiclass-nationals-matamata-2022/)

Lve tracking here:

<https://www.gliding.net.nz/tracking>

And of course on Facebook [Gliding New Zealand \( NZ \) - Posts | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GlidingNewZealand/)

May the thermals be with you.

**PW5 VF – Unserviceable** due to a transponder fault. Unfortunately repairs and tweaks to the existing transponder have not been able to resolve the fault.

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## CFI Corner

So where did that year go? I went downstairs to my office one day in July and didn't get back into the Grafton office for the rest of the year.

Two Congrats over the Xmas break: Alex transitioned into GMP. Craig was going to offer me \$100 to keep him in VF but he had already spent it bribing Jonathan over his HF exam (see photos from last week). And speaking of Craig, congrats for passing his final two written exams.

### Communication in controlled airspace

Please do not forget that all communication in controlled airspace (134.50) should go through the tower. If you want to talk to glider base or another glider then a request from the controller is required first. Keep your transmissions short and to the point.

Please be sensible - do not pick a time when the airspace is busy such as power traffic in the circuit. Also do not pick a time when either the police or a rescue helicopter is transiting the zone. They are priority traffic for the controller.

The handheld radios are intended for this use, so please take one. Students - check with the instructor first. 133.55 is the frequency that should be used.

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## Weekend Reports

### Saturday - "Dash" Andrew Fletcher

I started the morning in a very civilised way at our local cafe for breakfast with Ray, Kishan and Kazik. After that I opened up and the gliders were given their D.I, runway 08 was in use so the launch point was set up.

The first flight got away with myself and Jonathan Pote for circuits, three of them in a row. There was a cross wind from the left to give a little challenge for landing which Jonathan handled well.

Next up, Emilio Leal Schwenke for a check ride having completed his first solo last time. We launched for a circuit that was very well flown. After we landed the back seat was secured and I sent Emilio up on his own for a nice soaring flight that lasted 41 minutes.

While all this was going on the pundits were taking to the sky's, Ray Burns in GBU for a flight of 176 minutes, Tony Prentice 82 minutes, Alex Micheal in GMP 108 minutes, Kazik Jasica 117 minutes, Ivor Woodfield in GVI 156 minutes, Matt Moran in GMP 93 minutes including some paddock inspections in the Muriwai area and Craig Best in GMP 41 minutes.

For me, 4 X trial flights in a row all went well with all getting a soaring flight lasting around 30 minutes.

I finished off with a flight for a friend from work, Amanda is a flight attendant on the Dash 8 fleet, she had been talking about gliding for the last few months. Today seemed like a good day to make it happen, Amanda arrived at 1700. We towed into a flat sky unfortunately but nevertheless had a good flight, Amanda had a go on the controls for the first time after watching pilots at work do it for years, she did well, I don't think I would be any good doing the tea and coffee service at work if I swapped rolls with Amanda.



A busy day, Ray takes the longest flight at just under 3 hours in the mighty K6cr GBU!

## Saturday 22 Jan Peter Thorpe reports from the front end

Arrived at the gate to find quite a few queuing to get in – apparently the duty instructor and the CFI were too busy enjoying breakfast at the Puriri Café to worry about the mere mortal members. ☺

We were soon inside the gate and busy preparing the fleet for what promised to be a busy day. The breeze was from the NE so it was down to the 08 end we all traipsed. First flight was at 1130 with Andrew Fletcher and Jonathan Pote, in fact they did three 1000 ft circuits before Alex was able to launch in MP. Andrew gave Emelio a dual check while Ray Burns launched in BU followed by Tony Prentice in BD. Emelio then followed with a solo flight in NF while Ivor Woodfield shook the cobwebs out of IV and took it flying for the first time in a while. Kazik launched in VF and then Andrew took the first of five trial flights up. Matt Moran had a flight in MP, as did Craig.

A busy day for the tow pilot with 17 launches and finished off with a chat and a drink outside the club rooms.

## Sunday Ray “The big cheese” Reports

Saturday was a cracker day, Sunday a little less so. It started nice and hot, but some pre-frontal cirrus arrived about lunch time and cut off the sun. While that was a nice respite for those baking on the ground it was a little less welcome for those wanting to fly. An early start was what was required and those who got away at 1200 managed to stay airborne.



The mighty K6 taking line honours (as was the case on Saturday. Need I go on?).

By mid-afternoon the sky was really only good for circuits and so some serious work was put in by those in attendance.

17 launches for the day.





*Also the engineer had a surprise for the rest of us, that NF was due for its Annuals and so a de-rig was needed at the end of a long day. Of course, what is pulled apart must be re-assembled this weekend.*



**CFI Directing**



**Others just holding on**



**Where shall we park it.**

**Derry had his BFR and after the instructor looked the other way and some more paperwork in the form of \$10 was exchanged, the BFR was complete.**



**The armchair umpires taking great interest in the SPIN section**



**Well done Derry, successful sorties.**



**Kazik** – undertaking a final inspection of his handiwork with VF's trailer front door. Understand it is a top-quality job. A rumour that an automatic door opener is being installed next.

Thanks Kazik and Roy for preserving these trailers.



**For Sale**

**ROLLADEN SCHNEIDER LS4A - GKP**

**Contact Steve Foreman**

**Phone: 0211771806**

**Price: \$ 60,000.00**



**More Information**

New Paint 2020 PU

LX 9050

V9 Vario

LX Remote Stick

Winter Vario

Trig Transponder TT21

Trig Radio TY91

Wifi

Power Flarm

PLB

Re Wired with 2 LiFePo4 Batteries  
with Charger

Wing Walker

Dolly Wheel and tow out  
equipment

2 Wing Stands

Water Ballast.

Water Filling Equipment

Comet Clamshell trailer with

Fibreglass top Aluminium frame

Canopy Cover

Grid Cover Silver

National Paracute

1730 hours 1982 s/n 2182

New Annuals



# Roster

## Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jan	15	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER
	16	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	22	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	23	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
Anniversary Weekend	29	K PILLAI	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	30	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	31	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
Waitangi Weekend	5	C BEST	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	6	E LEAL SCHWENKE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	7	R MCMILLAN	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
Feb	12	A MICHAEL	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	13	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	19	C DICKSON	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	20	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	26	J DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	27	S HAY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
Mar	5	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G CABRE
	6	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	12	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	13	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	19	K PILLAI	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
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