

WARM AIR 30 April 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: P Thorpe
Towing: R Carswell
Duty Pilot I O'Keefe

Sunday

Instructing: A Fletcher
Towing: D Belcher
Duty Pilot K Pillai

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- *Weekend Reports*
- *Farewell Our Friend*
- *Roster*

Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.

What sadness to hear of the passing of a good friend.

Most of us knew Graham well. For those who joined us recently, Graham acted as our tugmaster for many many years. He also held a share in GIV with Ivor. He was a great pilot and great club member. As tugmaster he kept a strong handle on the tiller and ensured the tug ran smoothly and all its foibles were dealt with. He was instrumental in the testing and purchase of RDW after the demise of the 172. He also played a huge part in the rebuild of RDW. Most of this was done at Parakai so little was seen of this by club members, but I can tell you he saved the club a SIGNIFICANT amount of money by putting in many hours with Bryn Lockie. He was always early on the scene at working bees and most of us will always remember his "assistance" when it came to rigging the twin (you can never have too many chiefs).

I have missed his cheery face around the club since his diagnosis. I am relieved for Graham's sake that his suffering has come to end.

Our condolences go out to Carol and the family.

Ray



A celebration of Graham's life will be held at The North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Road, Albany on Friday 29th April at 2.30PM

A Tribute page for Graham has been created, which also is the link for the live stream of the service. <https://www.dils.co.nz/s/graham>

In lieu of flowers, donations to Motor Neurone Disease NZ would be appreciated at <https://mnd.org.nz/#modal-61832efed6cdd>

Weekend Reports

Saturday –Steve Wallace reports

The day started off with a tricky decision as it appeared we had a tail wind at either end of our 08 – 26 vectors, which was unusual as it was too early for a convergence. A call to the tower was no help as he confirmed that indeed we had a 9Kt tail wind at the 26 end (150 degrees) and a 9Kt tail wind at the 08 end (190 degrees) so the decision therefore as to which end was up to us. In 50/50 calls we would normally go for a 08 launch as the ground falls away with no obstructions but as we had ATC cadets to fly in the Motor Grob which really doesn't like taking off in a cross wind from the right, 26 it had to be. The forecast also had the wind veering around to more south west later in the day. So gliders right back to near the old haul road for maximum distance, start with a tail wind and expect the wind to come around to a head component for the climb out, which all turned out fine and no problem after a few cautious take-offs to check out performance.

Ray was first away to test the conditions in GNW with a couple of cadet flights, then myself in GVF to do an ADS-B test sequence. The good news was that after an hour of flying around the tower was happy that he could see me the whole time even when I got my ground speed down to 26Kts. This meant VF was cleared to fly and Derry could begin trying to retrieve a Flight Radar 24 file suitable enough to submit to register compliance. The flight also showed the convergence was working well above the field with a 10-minute round trip for the tow plane to 3,500' and back.

With the weather confirmed as good Tony took his PW5 for a nice 2hr 16 flight, Alex in MP for a 2hr 14-minute flight and Kazik in VF for a 1hr 51 minute flight.

On the training side Rahul got in a nice flight of nearly an hour to polish his skills and Ken (Yuan) came back for his second flight and brought a friend Chung for a flight as well. I think we will see more of these two.

A busy day for Ray with 8 cadet flights all up taking right through until the end of the day a 5pm.

An excellent busy day for the club and a nicely appropriate way to honour the passing of Graham Lake.

Sunday –Reports

Air Training Cadets Flying only.

Monday – Lionel Reports – Caffeine was needed

Normal start but this time the coffee shops were really closed - drove around looking for one for a while. Arrived to find Jonathan patiently waiting at the gate.

After much "gliding" (talking), Alex, Tony and a few others arrived, and we started readying the fleet. Initially it was going to be GNF only, however soon GBD and GVF were also on the flight line. There were definite rain showers in the vicinity and the conditions did not look great. First up was Jonathan and we managed to find some lift in some tight thermals. Tony took GBD for an airing and managed the second longest flight (84min) after Alex in GVF (92min). The two PW5s did well in the interesting conditions.



I took Shiv up for a no instrument circuit (a little lift allowed us to eek out a bit more time than a circuit).

Final flight for me was a brilliant flight with a new potential member Xavier Miller who seemed to take to flying like a duck to water. Welcome Xavier.

The last item on the to-do list was derigging GNF for its trip with Ivor to Matamata for an ATC Cadet camp. This was achieved by quite a few members all assisting in moving can carrying bits to and fro. Then lots of taping of loose bits and covering holes etc before Ivor was ready for the long road to Matamata.

After seeing him off we moved to the club rooms for a cold one and more "gliding".

A great day - thanks everyone (especially with the de-rigging of GNF)

Farewell Our Friend – Soar High, Soar Free

Thank you for the laughs, friendship, leadership, support, generosity, the adventures





It is coming up 12 months since I took over Warm Air Gliding Newsletter. Although primarily a club newsletter it goes out to over two hundred people who are members, air force related personnel, ex-members and friends of the club. This newsletter Graham developed and implemented more than 17 years ago brings so many people together and has built a community. I have had contact from people that had long left the club who follow the weekly edition and have done so for many years. Our club is small, in yet the newsletter is the best in NZ and widely read around the world from visiting overseas members. The fact that members readily contribute their stories and photos and get excited to read theirs and other contributions is a testament to Graham's vision of creating a club community. The important value Graham has provided and the ongoing legacy.

And Graham a personal thank you for your utter and complete support to the club and its members. Thank you for sharing a laugh, the quiet and meaningful words of encouragement and pat on the back for achievement and the generosity to members.

Ian

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Apr	2	E LEAL SCHWENKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	3	R MCMILLAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	9	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	10	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Easter	15	C DICKSON	L PAGE	D BELCHER
	16	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	17	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	18	S HAY	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
Anzac Weekend	23	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	24	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	P THORPE
		M MORAN	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	30	I O'KEEFE	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
May	1	K PILLAI	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	7	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	8	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	14	C BEST	R BURNS	G CABRE
	15	E LEAL SCHWENKE	L PAGE	P THORPE
	21	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	22	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	28	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER
	29	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Queens Birthday	4	K JASICA	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	5	J DICKSON	L PAGE	G CABRE
	6	S HAY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	11	R BAGCHI	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	12	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER

	18	M MORAN	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	19	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Matariki	24	K PILLAI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	25	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	26	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER