

# WARM AIR 14 May 2022

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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#### Saturday

Instructing: R BURNS

Towing: G CABRE

Duty Pilot C BEST

#### Sunday

Instructing: L PAGE

Towing: P THORPE

Duty Pilot E LEAL SCHWENKE

### MEMBERS NEWS

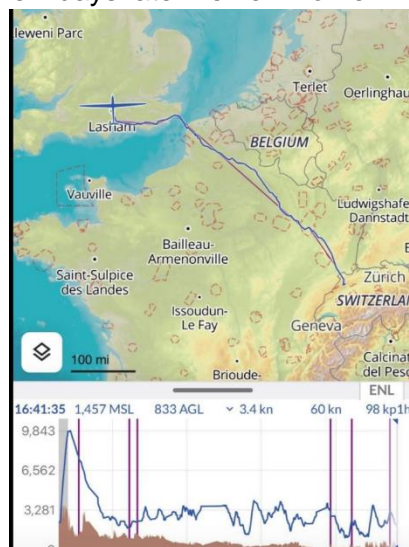
#### In Warm Air this Week;

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

## Club News

Some members will remember Yves Gerster who flew with our club 5 years ago from Switzerland while studying here in NZ. A very talented young pilot. We would like to say he learnt so much from us. However, he is a natural pilot "the special one". Well, those following face book will know Yves flew a JS1 between Switzerland and the United Kingdom landing at Lasham Gliding club (a surprise visitor to them). He took off from [Courtelary](#) at 7:35 am and landed in [Lasham](#) at 4:44 pm, a little over 9 hours later, according to the website [weglide.org](http://weglide.org). A few days later he flew home. Well done Yves.



### Canopy Cleaning -

Just a reminder to keep those canopies clean. On those late afternoon flights and the low angle of the sun, sun strike becomes very problematic and critical to flight safety. So, take a moment to give them a good clean in the morning during the DI.

### Rapid Dry Towels – still missing

One of our excellent Rapid Dry Towels seems to have gone walk-about. These are the pair of grey towels that are hung up in the hangar. There is only left and it is pining for its partner. If you know where this towel is can you please return it to the Rope in the hangar.

## Weekend Reports

### Saturday –Ivor Woodfield reports

Saturday was sunny with very little wind. I arrived to find Jonathan Pote waiting at the gate, and we were soon joined by Ian O'Keefe, Alex Michael, Tony Prentice, Roy Whitby and Ray Burns. We learned that the tow pilot would be delayed, so set about thoroughly checking all the gliders, and moving them to the far end of the strip ready for a day of looking for thermals. What clouds there were, appeared to be forming well down wind so the day could be challenging. At the same time Derry Belcher and Kazik Jasica were working on tracking down the elusive issue with the new ADS-B system in GVF, hoping to get it ready to fly. In the end, while they did identify and rectify the issue, it would be too late for Kazik as he had to leave early, so the flight test would have to wait. First away at around midday was Ian in GNF. He quickly established in the lift forming downwind and went on to have a successful flight.



He was followed up by Alex in GMP who had fun flying in the same area for over 2 hours, with no-one else wanting to fly MP. Next up was Tony in GBU, enjoying another successful flight around the area while the lift remained.

Next up in GNF was Jonathan who had a successful flight from 2000' despite what lift there was now having moved further downwind of the field, making longer flights more tricky.

While this had all been happening, Derry had rigged GMR, now also sporting a newly fitted ADS-B system, and took it up to make sure everything was working as it should be. The subsequent flight trace would indicate that all was well, and Derry also had an enjoyable time in the air.



Next up in GNF was David Noone, new to the club although with several hours of power flying. Despite this being only his second glider flight he is picking things up quickly, already quite familiar with the area and managing most of the flight himself, including thermalling, returning into the circuit and joining.



Next up was a young enthusiastic Igor Khripunov on a trial flight. He lives locally and was quickly able to orient himself in the air and recognise many landmarks. He also took to the controls well in the limited time we had with the lift fast fading out, and is very keen to return and take up the sport with us.

Once we had landed, the next flight was with an ATC cadet, David McGowan, who had recently completed week of gliding at the ATC soaring camp in Matamata. He was close to solo on the camp, and despite this being a different glider and a different airfield, he was well able to manage most of the flight himself in the conditions. He has some work to do to adjust and polish his flying, but I am sure will soon be enthusiastic flying member of the club.



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The final flight of the day was in GNF, with Ian going up with David's mother, who with two sons now keen on gliding, was wanting to find out more about the sport they were following. She was very interested to learn, asking some great questions before thoroughly enjoying her flight.



By the time everything was down and packed away it was starting to get dark. The evenings are definitely drawing in now. For various reasons everyone had places to be and so there were no takers for the usual storytelling and wind-down session. Overall a good day of gliding with 9 flights achieved and the key being returned shortly before 1800.

## Sunday – Steve Wallace Reports

The forecast was for light winds, clear skies and a convergence setting up to the east of the field after 1pm. This was all pretty accurate except there was perhaps a bit more cloud about from early on.

Being Mother's Day there was a few less than the usual but enough to get everything out including the rigging of KT for Andrew Fletcher who felt the need for some single seat glider time. The day kicked off with Paul Eicnler on his first day solo towing getting current with three circuits before I launched in the PW5 for yet more ADS-B testing. This was a very nice 78 minute flight in cloud



streets and convergence and I was able to confirm in the air with Derry that he had acquired the data he needed to finally get VF's ADS-B install signed off. Andrew in KT was next up, disappearing off up north following the convergence for a nice 154 minute flight. Alex in MP and Tony P in BD both gave it a go but fickle conditions meant they couldn't quite connect with the lift and were back on the ground 15 – 20 minutes later. Last flight of the day was a trial flight with Kyle Glapperton who is army reserve and has 260 power hours. We had a nice 45 minutes flying the convergence and Kyle is keen to join and learn to fly gliders so please make him feel welcome if you see him around. The tow plane then headed off to Parakai to get an oil leak looked at and we retired for a nice beverage and some glider talk to finish off a lovely day.

Picture is KT climbing up in the convergence near north shore airfield.



## Picture Extra's

### Fletcher's Cracker Shots – From the Front – Tow pilots can be artistic too!!!



## *Alex Michael goes to the Wild West*

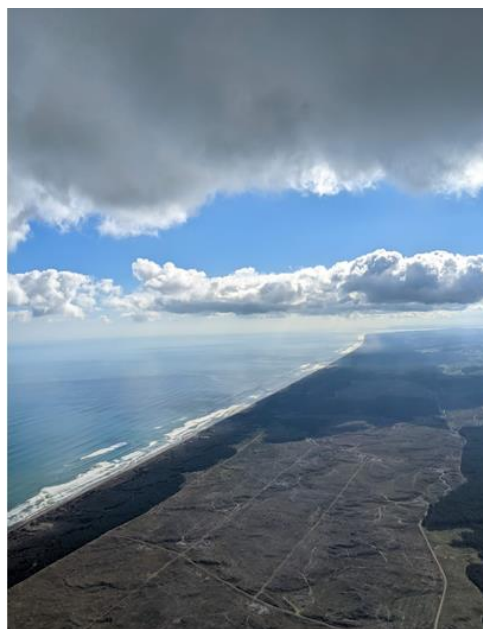


*If you zoom zoom in, you will see Alex screaming West to those large fluffy clouds in MP.*

*Rewarded with this view out by Muriwai and Woodhill.*

*Longest flight on Saturday by 163 Minutes.*

*And he did a top-notch approach and landing on his return.*



*Tony found on the field some mushrooms on steroids. Don't think they are magic, well perhaps they are with eggs on toast.....*

*We seem to be getting some wonderful Rainbows around the airfield. Still looking for the pot of gold at the end of them.*



*Photos credits to Roy and David Noone*



# Classifieds

Well, here you go, if you wished to join the PW5 Squadron

## For Sale PW5 KF

Current Annuals until Dec 2022. Ready to fly. Approx 800 hours flying.  
Radio, Altimeter, Airspeed Indicator, Vario Electric, Vario Mechanical. Includes open trailer.  
Includes free use of hangar space at Drury until 31 Oct, 2022 - if required.  
Priced to sell at \$8,000 - ideal single ownership or cheap syndicate option.  
Reason for sale – glider surplus to requirements.  
Ph Murray 0275 875 438



# 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	R CARSWELL
Matariki	24	K PILLAI	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
	25	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	26	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER