

AGC Weekly News

Weekend Roster

Saturday


Tug Pilots: Ben Duthie-Jung
Instructors: Nigel McPhee, Ross Taylor
Duty Pilot: Peter Himmel
Winch Driver: No winching
Lecture: Russell Thorne - Airmanship

Sunday

Tug Pilots: John Bongrain
Instructors: David Moody, John Robertson
Duty Pilot: Peter Wooley
Winch Driver: No winching
Lecture: Gerard Robertson - Law

Christian Derold - A Celebration of Life - Keep the Date

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



CHRISTIAN DEROLD
1964-2021

The Derold family would love to invite you to the celebration of Christian's life at the Auckland Gliding Club, Appleby Road. Hosted on Saturday 9 July, at 4pm. So come dressed with your biggest smiles and favourite memories in pocket.



Winter Lecture series and presenters are to begin this weekend on consecutive Saturdays 9am from 11 June 2022 until 13 August with the exception of the weekend 11/12 June, where both Saturday and Sunday will be designated.

All club pilots who do not hold GNZ exam credits should attend these lectures. All pre-solo pilots should attend these lectures.

Attendees should confirm by return email to cfi@glidingauckland.co.nz

Written reference material is primarily available online at the GNZ website training.gliding.co.nz under the sub menu "Getting to Cross Country Pilot".

Additional material is available in the GNZ Study Notes book which will be available on Saturdays for reference.

Venue is to be at 9am in the Drury Clubrooms, now that the heat pump is installed, lectures will be complete by midday followed by flying in the afternoon.

Subject presenters and dates are as follows:

Airmanship- Russell Thorne Sat 11 June (Note two lectures same weekend)

Law – Gerard Robertson Sunday 12 June (Note Two Lectures same weekend)

Navigation - Roy Innes Sat 18 June

Examinations Law, Nav and Airmanship -Russell or Paul O'Neill-Gregory 25 June

Technical- Gerard Robertson 2 July

Human Factors - Jonathan Cross 9 July

Examinations HF/Tech Russell or Paul 16 July

Meteorology - Anton Lawrence 23 July

Radio Theory– Russell Thorne 30 July

Examinations - Met/Radio Theory Russell or Paul 6 August

Radio Practical Examination- Russell 13 August

*Regards,
Russell Thorne
CFI Auckland Gliding Club*

From the Committee

Here's an update on committee work, along with a request for you to respond to the forthcoming survey.

The committee will meet at the club next weekend, as Zoom meetings are - while useful - not the same as being together.

It is hoped that the work done at this meeting will allow the AGM to be held much earlier than usual, still within the July to September window specified in the Club's rules. This is an effort to give the AGM the chance to discuss the setting of Club subscriptions, rather than simply being informed of them after they've been set.

The impact of Covid is certainly being felt in Club finances. Even with the Covid support payment received from the Government, the financial results for this year will be the worst for the last decade.

The creeping urbanisation of the Drury area is the elephant in the room: the new valuation for the Club has nearly doubled. In turn, this will lead to higher rates bills, which will have to be funded via subscription increases. The club is in a similar position to some retired people: asset-rich but cash-poor.

This urban growth has led to the committee asking Hadleigh to create another team - similar to that which opposed the Mill Road extension - to consider options for relocation of the Club. This is being started earlier than might be considered

necessary to ensure that the Club has plans in place and can take advantage of any opportunities which may arise while mitigating any threats.

The survey which you'll receive a link later today is an important means of two-way communications - what members want from the Club and what they're able to contribute to it. The Club has a backbone of members who do most of the work needed to run the club. One of the goals of the survey is to find a way to better spread that load, to ensure succession planning and to not overtax people such that they burn out. I'd appreciate having responses by Wednesday next week, so that I can collate them for the committee meeting. SurveyMonkey suggested that it would take 14 minutes to complete the survey; about the same length as two aerotows (e.g. the two I had in quick succession during the Drury comp where I accidentally released at 1,000' instead of 2,000'). Please make the time to reply, as it's your voice we want to hear.

As always, if you want to talk, feel free to call me, bearing in mind that survey responses are still needed to have the data to form views.

I'll conclude by making the point that I recall Maurie Honey making at an AGM a couple of years ago: "The Club is not the committee; it's all of us".

Gerard Robertson
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GNZ Annual General Meeting

The Gliding New Zealand 2022 Annual Report and the final weekend programme are now available for viewing on the GNZ web site at: <https://gliding.co.nz/news/latest-news/>

Please note that the Saturday afternoon programme provides a two-hour forum for clubs, which will be an opportunity for sharing any challenges they may have faced and to reveal solutions that worked!

The registration form can also be downloaded from the above link – if you have not already done so, please register as early as possible certainly no later than 21 June so we can finalise catering.

(Open the form in Adobe Reader, enter your details in the boxes – then use the buttons at the bottom of the form to print and/or save to your computer for subsequent emailing.)

GPS Trackers Now Available

Keith Macy

GPS trackers that show up on the [Gliding.net.nz/tracking](https://gliding.net.nz/tracking) glider tracking site. These units are small and only require you to install a

sim card of your choice and connect to the glider's battery power (turns on with your instruments). These are the same units that AGC

are using in all our gliders, our tow plane, I use in my glider LL and also a number of other AGC pilots. They are supported on the main glider




tracking site. Assistance can easily be provided to program to your glider rego into the device. The price is \$175 per unit.

Weekend Weather

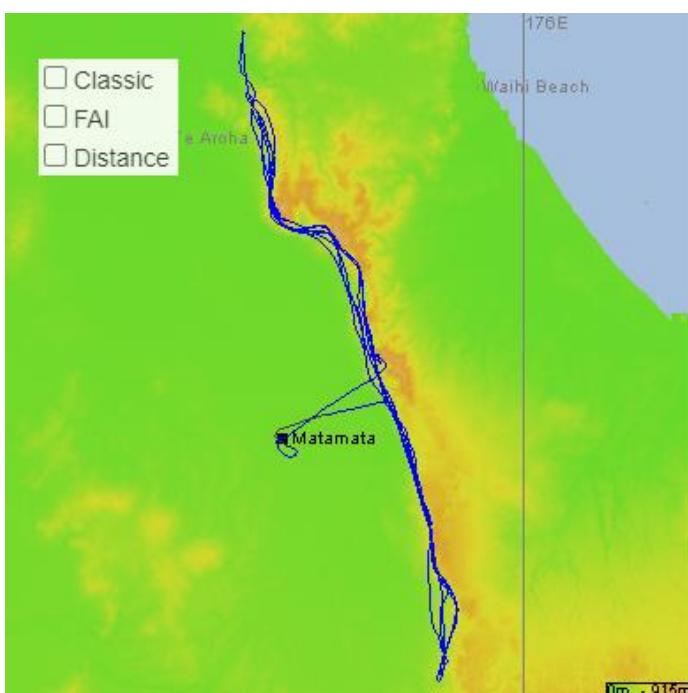
From Gerard

Hunua

9 June 2022

<p>Friday</p> <p>10 JUN</p>		<p>A few showers, turning to rain for a time afternoon and evening, briefly heavy, with possible squally thunderstorms and hail. Gusty northwesterlies.</p>	<p>▲ 16°C</p> <p>▼ 11°C</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>11 JUN</p>		<p>Cloudy periods with a few showers. Gusty northwesterlies easing.</p>	<p>▲ 17°C</p> <p>▼ 10°C</p>
<p>Sunday</p> <p>12 JUN</p>		<p>Showers, some heavy with gusty northwesterlies.</p>	<p>▲ 18°C</p> <p>▼ 12°C</p>

Winter Flying at Matamata



Much better than an up-and-down, Steve Care shows pilots how to run 336km on the ridge at 127kph average speed in his ASW20. I can think of worse ways in which to spend a Saturday afternoon.

For Sale



(file photo only)

PW5 KF. Current Annual until Dec 2022. Ready to fly. Approx 800 hours flying. Radio, altimeter, airspeed indicator, electric and mechanicals varies. Includes open trailer. Also Includes free use of hangar space at Drury until 31 Oct, 2022, if required. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Ideal for single ownership or cheap syndicate. Reason for sale is that glider is surplus to requirements. Phone Murray on 0275 875 438

Share for sale in **Grob G109** (ZK-GOC). Touring type motor glider in excellent condition. Upgraded with Limbach L 2400, so has much better take off performance than the standard G109. Contact Russell Jones on 021 180 5544 or email russell.jones@orcon.net.nz

Wanted

Drury hangar space wanted. Contact Peter Himmel on 0210768805 or himlp@xtra.co.nz



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