

# AGC Weekly News

## Weekend Roster

### Saturday

Tug Pilots: Brett Nicholls  
 Instructors: Paul O'Neill-Gregory, Graham Cochrane  
 Duty Pilot: Tristan Harvey Smith  
 Winch Driver: No winching  
 Lecture: Roy Innes – Navigation

### Sunday

Tug Pilots: Wayne Thomas  
 Instructors: Norm Duke, Anton Lawrence  
 Duty Pilot: Wolfgang Schenk  
 Winch Driver: No winching

## Off Season Get Together

There will be a super evening event to be held at the AGC clubrooms on July 30th 22.

This is a purely social event and is not a prizegiving – just an evening with friends to celebrate mid-winter and bring members together at a time of year when not much soaring is happening.

I will call it the AGC "Off Season Get-Together". If conditions are still suitable to operate on field, we may plan some flying during the day.

Food will be handled by Marion Moody and Anton Lawrence and we ask that everyone puts their name forward with the number of people in their group who will be attending. This is important.

Meals will be approximately \$25/head. All members and friends are invited but an RSVP before July 24th will assist us in planning. Please make a point of doing this so we can cater for dietary requirements and numbers attending.

Ross Gaddes

## Winter Lecture Series at Auckland Gliding Club

Winter Lecture series and presenters continues in the Drury Clubrooms on Saturdays at 9am sharp, on the dates shown further on. Lectures will be complete by midday.

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](mailto:cfi@glidingauckland.co.nz)

Written reference material is primarily available online at the GNZ website [training.gliding.co.nz](http://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.

Subject presenters and dates are as follows:

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

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## *To Fly or Not to Fly...*

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I have carried out an airfield inspection this morning with a view to the likely conditions to be expected this weekend.

### **Airfield**

The southern end of the airfield is operable, conditions are firm with no standing water.

The northern end however is wet and liable for damage should aircraft operate today. There are numerous soft patches, but notably, no standing water.

### **Weekend Forecast**

An area of high pressure is moving steadily eastwards.

Friday Fine spells and the odd shower, clearing in the evening with north-westerlies dying out.

Saturday Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Light winds.

Sunday Cloudy with isolated showers at first, then clearing with a southeast change.

### **Bookings**

There are no bookings for either Saturday or Sunday as of now.

<https://soaringtrack.com/agc/calendar>

The decision on balance is that for the purposes of early notification by newsletter, there will be no flying at Drury this weekend.

Regards,  
Russell

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## *EASA Sailplane Rule Book*

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*Gerard Robertson*

Some may find this interesting, as it explains the reasoning behind operational limitations.

<https://www.easa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/dfu/Sailplane%20Rule%20Book.pdf>

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## *Club Survey progress and clarification*

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The committee has now received nearly 40 responses to the survey. If you haven't already completed the survey, please do so.

One question was perhaps not sufficiently clear in its intent: "The club should try to significantly reduce the time needed to get to solo". "The time" refers to the calendar time, not the number of flying hours. Any decision about going solo is made by the instructor team, based on pilot competence.

However, this fits with another of the survey questions: "Do you think that new club members/students should have a mentor or buddy?" There is overwhelming support for this idea, which the committee will now consider how to implement.

The instructors are constrained in the amount of time they can spend with each student: a mentor system has the potential to help students accelerate their progress, while also feeling a greater sense of belonging.

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## *GFA Webinars*

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Webinars are a useful means of learning; I recall the Piako Gliding Club's webinars being popular in the first lockdown (which seems so long ago now).

Last night I watched an Aussie webinar, with Peter Taylor talking about "The fine line between speed and trouble", along with "The feel of the air". It was very thought-provoking and should be up on this site soon.

There are several other worthwhile webinars available to watch on the Gliding Federation of Australia website; have a look for yourself.

<https://glidingaustralia.org/webinars/>

*Gerard*

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## Rope Break on Aerotow Simulations

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Submitted by Gerard Robertson



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QofGwDWMvFM&t=210s>

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## Weekend Weather

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From Gerard

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16 June 2022

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<b>Saturday</b> 18 JUN		Partly cloudy. Isolated showers. Light winds.	▲ 18°C ▼ 9°C
<b>Sunday</b> 19 JUN		Cloudy with isolated showers at first, then clearing with a southeast change.	▲ 17°C ▼ 7°C

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## Membership Matters

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Keith Macy advises that **Joshua (Josh) Maddren** has resigned from AGC. He has moved out of

Auckland and is now continuing his goal of obtaining his PPL.

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## For Sale

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(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](mailto:russell.jones@orcon.net.nz)

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## Wanted

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Drury hangar space wanted. Contact Peter Himmel on 0210768805 or [himlp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:himlp@xtra.co.nz)