

# AGC Weekly News

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## **Auckland Gliding Club**

### **Mid-Winter Evening**

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**All members, partners, and friends are invited to attend our regular Mid-Winter Evening at our clubhouse on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6pm.**



**We absolutely need numbers to ensure this a successful event!**

**Please send a confirmation email to Ross - [rsgaddes@gmail.com](mailto:rsgaddes@gmail.com) with your name and the number of you attending.**

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## ***DX and the South Island flying arrangements***

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*Ross Gaddes*

As you will know, we are planning to take DX down to Springfield and then on to Omarama.

Dates are as follows:

- **Springfield mountain course** – 12-18 Nov 22
- **Springfield Competition** – 19-26 Nov 2022
- **Omarama mountain course** 28 Nov-2nd Dec 22 (not defined 100% yet)
- **South Island Regional** 3-10 Dec

We will book DX for the ride home on about 13 Dec, with a view to have her ready to fly at Drury from 17 Dec onwards.

Please think about preferred dates for being in the South Island if you are interested. I think we will do as we did last time and take deposits that would be refunded to those unable to go ahead.

Please confirm (as many have) that you are interested and on what day you wish to fly, or whether are you flexible at this stage.

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## ***Membership Update***

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*Keith Macy*

The club has received some more resignations. These are **Sam Tullet** and **Rob Meili**, both of **whom** are moving to South Island.

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## ***Some videos from Gerard***

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**Spitfire under the bridge – A Piece of Cake!**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jUHpkv27uGc>

## Aerial Drones of WW2



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw8ncqpKAow>

These things were the size of 15m gliders, but much heavier.

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## Odd & Ends

*Gerard Robertson*

### Covid

There have been three cases of Covid advised so far after Christian's service; there may be more I'm not aware of.

While those present were masked during the service, masks were removed to chat and consume the food and drink kindly provided by Christian's family.

While cases are perhaps inevitable, Covid is not to be taken lightly, as many club members are in the age demographic at greater risk. For myself, I am immuno-compromised as a consequence of

the (prescription) drugs I take, so am more vulnerable than most.

If you have any symptoms, please take a RAT before mixing with others (not just the gliding club).

### Reading matter

In the briefing room side of the clubhouse, on a table, is a collection of aviation books and magazines. Members are free to help themselves, or to borrow and return for others to read. This includes a good pile of "Aeroplane" magazines, arguably the most interesting historical aviation magazine available.

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## Another update: Winter lectures and exams

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.

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:

**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*



There are two ways of thinking, practicing until you get it right, or practicing until you can't get it wrong. That's the difference between amateurs and professionals in the end. First, we must arm ourselves with the knowledge, then add ongoing training and practice, this is a sure way to see success. Serious training must be aimed towards specific problems, whereas less ambitious pilots confuse this with a joy flight in the vicinity of the airfield – naturally, there's a time when we need to stretch ourselves. We need to identify weaknesses first so that we can find a way to eliminate them. Training in the right way is a long-term investment in our gliding future.

What can we do to improve our skills, to turn a weekend joy flight into something with meaningful practice, what can we do to improve our practical skills towards our cross country flights & skills?

- Fly with a coach in a two-seater, it's great fun to share our sport, but also a great way to take notice of their flying techniques, ask questions to get detailed answers that you can't always get over the radio. Equally, you can do the flying and ask for constructive criticism in return on your approach to the segments flown.
- Try to practice final glides from certain distances out at differing speeds, note the time taken vs the height lost vs your heart rate!
- Set yourself a strict limit with regards to thermal strength cut-offs, as soon as it drops below your set figure, leave to find another one. This or flying below half convection height all day, to improve your ground source reading regarding finding the thermals.
- Make every landing a spot landing, imagine some powerlines or a high tree line on approach to simulate a tricky situation.



- Practice thermalling on a particularly weak day, or see how long you can stay up in the afternoon with weak thermals to simulate coming home slow, late in the day.
- Fly at different sites other than your hometown airfield.
- Encourage others to do the same as we are talking about here, this way you'll have someone to compare notes with. Perhaps you're well ahead on some things, but behind on others that you wouldn't have otherwise known.
- Once you get to cloudbase, open your airbrakes to half convection, then try to find another thermal as quickly as possible, then repeat.

- Thermal in the sink, try to find the most severe sink as possible, it's equally important to know and learn about sink for obvious reasons – so we can better avoid it!

The list goes on as you could imagine! Always look for opportunities to learn, don't always fly on the good days. If you're into competitions like me, then you'll know that they are generally won and lost on the poor days, rather than the easy ones. The more you practice, the luckier you get, strange that!

*Banner photo by John Absolon, 'Got that shot' Images*



Adam Woolley was born into the gliding world, being the 3rd generation in his family. Going solo at 15, his thirst for efficiency in soaring flight & quest for a world championship title to his name has never wavered.

*One big passion is sharing his experiences & joy with other glider pilots all around the world. Adam is an airline pilot in Japan on the B767 & spends his off time chasing summer around the globe. He has now won 7 national Championships & represented Australia at 5 WGC's & 1 EGC.*

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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 varios. 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

One 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)

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