



WWGC Newsletter - August 2022

From the President - Simon Casey

Well a 3rd newsletter in as many months. It must be becoming a habit! Due to the continual weather bombs being hurled at us, there is not much flying activity to report. But there are some things you should find interesting.

Flying from Hood

We are continuing our flying from Hood with some regulars working hard to secure their aerotow rating. But it is not just aerotows, if you have some upper air exercises, put your name down sometime in the last 2 weekends of the month to ensure you get the height you need. Note that flying from Hood could be extended beyond August if our own airfield remains too wet.



Upper Valley's Super Cub doing a superb job at towing our heavy DG1000 at Hood.

Achievements

None for this month.

Flying and Membership Fees

I am delighted to report that after a recent meeting of the Finance Group, we have decided not to increase either flying or membership fees. Although our last financial year was the worst for the number of flying days and utilisation, we will be having the summer crew between November and March. This along with some planned multi day courses, we should see our stats exceed our 5 year average. If this is achievable, we will look to make a healthy surplus without the need for a fees increase.

However we will check part way through the year to see if we are achieving these goals. If we are more like the figures for last year, then we may need to reconsider the fees.

Birthday Launches

From August 2022, if you have a birthday, the club will shout you a free winch launch in recognition of your involvement with the club and your ever advancing age!

There is nothing you need to do. The very next launch after your birthday will be recorded as a birthday flight at no cost. However you will be identified in the newsletter that you have a birthday within the month. For August, the ~~victims~~ – I mean recipients include:

- Alistair Crossling
- Craig Stobbs
- James Mitchell
- Tom Smith
- Reegan Tock
- Alistar Grocott

Discounted Launch Tickets

On the subject of winch launches, are you aware that if you pay \$850 in advance, you will get a 20 trip launch ticket where each launch is reduced from \$50 to \$42.50. That will save you \$150 over all the launches.

If you are looking at a lot of flights this summer and do not have one of these tickets, then contact Tom Davies who will provide you with one. If you have one and are unsure of the balance, Tom will provide this information to you as well.

Winter Presentation Series

We have had some really successful presentations so far including:

Preparing for badge flights from Bruno

Thermalling in weak conditions From Tony Van Dyk and Kevin Clark

Radio Procedures and Etiquette from Ben Wilson.

Here are a couple of images from Bruno's presentation:



The remaining presentations include:

| Date from 9:30 | Subject |
|----------------|---|
| August 28 | Getting into Wave. Grate Harrison, Stewart Barton |
| September 11 | Preparing a glider for a contest. Mark Wilson |
| October 2 | Learning from mistakes |

If you have not attended these then please come along. There is more you can learn than you realise especially with feedback and questions from attendees..

Annual Dinner

The annual dinner at The Offering was a raging success but unfortunately I could not attend due to my turn for Covid. A big thank you goes to William Keedwell for organising yet another successful and fully attended dinner. Thanks to Brian I have a couple of photos.





From the Resource Manager

Martyn has a number of projects on the go:

1. Build up ground level across low section east of main culvert
2. Repair gravel tracks damaged by wet conditions during winter
3. Review drainage to keep flood water away from Manager's cottage
4. Windsock maintenance north end of airfield
5. ADS-B out installed in club fleet (where economic)
6. Controlling grass growth under the electric fences - clear/mow/spray
7. Install second field dunny near Holding Point for 21
- 8 Train more tractor drivers for mowing runways

If you are able to assist with any of this work, please contact Martyn.

AGM

The club's annual general meeting will be held on Saturday August 27 at 5pm. This is a significant meeting and helps us with our future planning. I really hope to see you there.