

WARM AIR 17 September 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	S Wallace
	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	R Whitby
Sunday	Instructing:	I Woodfield
	Towing:	F McKenzie
	Duty Pilot	C Dickson

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- Club News
- Weekend Reports
- Roster

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

Club News

Reminder - Unattended operations. On occasion ATC may not be available during normal weekday hours and Whenuapai will be unattended. In such cases members are reminded that concurrent military and civilian operations are restricted as below:

Concurrent Military Ops (Unattended)

All military movements require ATC to be in attendance. In the unlikely event that sudden military operations (including civil aircraft supporting military training/operations) were to start (e.g. SAR launch) before ATC could be manned, the following procedures apply:

1. Military aircraft will contact BOPS 10-15 minutes before start or ETA at WP.
2. BOPS will advise Whenuapai traffic by radio or phone of the pending arrival/departure and remind ASC members to be clear of the operating area prior to military aircraft engines starting and/or clear of military aircraft established on final approach to land.
3. On receipt of advice that a military aircraft is arriving/departing, all WASC units are to either:
 - i. Land and remain clear of the active runway; or
 - ii. Remain clear of the arrival/departure corridor or area until the military aircraft has vacated the active runway/departed the zone, respectively.

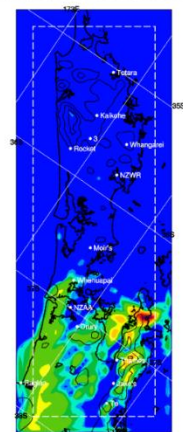
Weekend Reports

Saturday - Steve Wallace Reports

All the weather forecasts agreed. MetService, Metvuw and RASP had rain moving in from the east and arriving to spoil our party at around 1pm. Indeed when we arrived and looked east we could just about see the rain and the cool 10kt easterly seemed to herald its imminent arrival. Even the rain radar showed rain just the other side of Rangitoto.

The team however was keen and the weather to the west looked great so gliders were extracted and first launch on 08 commenced at 11.36am.

1 hr Accumulated Rain
Valid 1400 NZDT (0100Z) SAT 10 Sep 2022 [13hrFcast@1020z]
Diack: BLPMAP from RASP 3.3km GFSa TdF WRF-ARW model



PRISM (mm) COLOR .1 2 .5 1 3 5 10 15 20 25 30 PRISM (mm) COLOR

Igor Khripunov was first up in NF for his fourth flight in a glider. Igor is keen to learn to fly gliders cross country and will likely be joining the club so if you see him around please make him feel welcome. With the sky starting to develop nicely and the rain appearing to get no closer Alex in MP and Tony in BD both launched to give it a go with Alex lasting 30 mins and Tony 26 mins from their 2,000' tows.



Next up was Jonathan and myself in NF, where off tow at 2,000' we elected to head west over Riverhead and avoid the reasonable looking clouds to the east which had not quite sustained Alex and Tony. Getting to cloud base at 2,500' we could see a glassy calm sea out east and no sign of the predicted rain.



The clouds to the West were really looking great so we headed that way, opening up some more airspace as we went. Eventually we found ourselves out over the Tasman sea, heading for Australia, at which point it seemed wise to change course.



From Muriwai Beach we headed north to Wainui under a lovely sky with 3,000' bases before heading back to Whenuapai for what would have roughly been a nice little 75km triangular cross-country flight.

Now that ON's beautiful new trailer is finished Craig Best busied himself cranking up more time in the Mossie enjoying a 1hr 26min flight under the now lovely sky. Kazik took VF up for 38 mins and not wanting to miss out on what was a well working thermal wonderland, Alex took another launch in MP and was rewarded with 2 hrs 9 mins, also heading out to the coast.



Not to be outdone, Alex took MP out to Muriwai as well

Nick Vyle then finished off the day with three circuits in NF to get a whole bunch of circuit exercises signed off. For a day predicted to fall apart, we got the opposite, a wonderful thermal day, just showing that the forecasts don't always get it right.

The day finished off with Derry doing the hard mahi under the towplane cleaning off all the oil and crap, setting a great example to all as to what keeping our valuable club aircraft in good condition is all about.

Also, well done to Tony Prentice who spotted MP's dolly wheel halfway down the runway off to the side, where it had obviously fallen off the back of the tractor. Putting the dolly wheels on the back of the tractor is common practice but is perhaps a practice we need to rethink as the risk of them falling off un-noticed is obviously quite high. I think these dolly wheels in future should stay at the hangar as in and out of the hangar is really the only time they are used.



Steve

Thanks Steve and Alex for the great photos. Wow awesome flights. A trans-Tasman flight is on.

Sunday – Lionel Page reports

I had a nice breakfast and coffee with Ray and Craig before heading to the field. Alex was patiently waiting, and we opened things up. Base OPS reported no military movements so the controller would be off duty for the day - only a bit of power and modellers flying. Issabel, a medical student, arrived and Ray and Gus showed her around while the troops readied the fleet.

We dragged everything bar VF down to the 08 end. This included both Mosquitos - so good to see GON finally flying heaps.

First up was Isabel in GNF, followed by Craig in GON. Although there were a few bumps, there was nothing to keep us airborne and we returned rather quickly to the field. Ray took Isabel for a quick sortie in RDW while we waited for the conditions to improve. Tony tried his hand, as well as Craig and Ray - but to no avail. I got to take a trial flight for a fly. He seemed impressed. His son will be back to give it a go as well.

I took GON up to reposition it back to the hangar (and to practise my landings.) All done by 3pm with the Mosquitos back in their boxes and all other aircraft back in the hangar. Lots of stories over some refreshments before we departed at about 4pm.

A great day although the weather did not really play nice. (Better than rain though.)

For those who missed this wonderful video – Thanks to Derry for sharing.

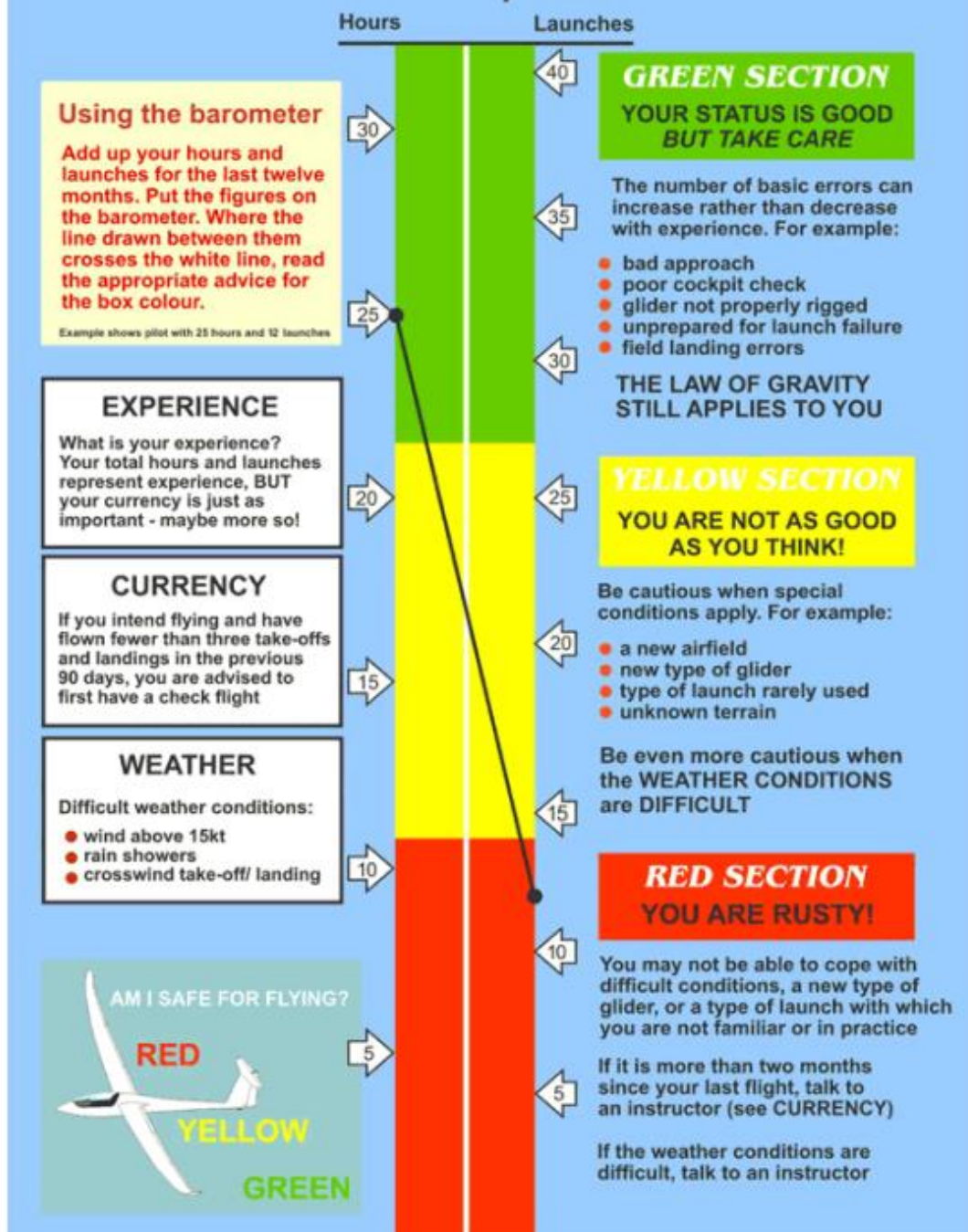
[Oldtimer Ka 3 and Ka 6 CR flying in the Swiss ALPS with Cockpit View - Hahnenmoos 2022 - YouTube](#)



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PILOT CURRENCY BAROMETER

How safe a pilot am I?



Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Sep	3		P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	4	C BEST	S WALLACE	D BELCHER
	10	R MCMILLAN	R BURNS	P EICHLER
	11	A MICHAEL	L PAGE	G CABRE
	17	R WHITBY	S Wallace	G CABRE
	18	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	24	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
	25	J DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER