

WARM AIR 24 September 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
	Towing:	R Carswell
	Duty Pilot	K Jasica
Sunday	Instructing:	R Burns
	Towing:	D Belcher
	Duty Pilot	J Dickson
Monday	Instructing	Ray Burns
	Towing	Peter Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	A Volunteer

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *Roster + **New Roster***

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

Club News

A few upcoming events to take note in your diaries

Public Holiday Monday – Yes, this Monday is a special **Public Holiday**. There will be gliding operations if the weather plays its part.

Annual General Meeting 15th October 9:30Am – Club Rooms

The Annual General Meeting shall take place on the 15th of October. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM. This is an important opportunity to hear and ask questions from the club committee on the achievements, the direction, the financial and fleet status of your club. We would also encourage members to join the committee. If you are interested in looking at last year's minutes, which will need to be approved at this year's meeting, they can be found on our website [Aviation Sports Club - Gliding](http://www.ascgliding.org). Under the 'Members' tab, click on 'Member Information', and in there go to the 'committee minutes' folder, then 'AGM' and look in the 2021 folder for "Draft AGM Dec 12 2021 minutes.pdf". Otherwise email our Secretary Ivor Woodfield and he will assist.

Season Soaring Safety Briefing – In conjunction and following the AGM, the Season Soaring Safety Briefing will also take place. This is an important safety briefing for all. So, if you are intending to go soaring this season, please be there for both these important fixtures.

Labour Weekend Matamata Camp – The club will be making its annual pilgrimage to Matamata for the long weekend. So, if you wish to do some magnificent soaring, run the Kaimai ridge, experience different scenery and share good company, come on down for the weekend or even a day. We will send out more reminders and ask membership if you intend to partake so we can organise logistics. So, check your calendars and liaise with your other halves to get down there.

New Roster – The new roster for October, November and December is posted at the back of the Newsletter. Check it out and diarise your rostered duty time.

Saturday flying report – Steve Wallace

Saturday 17th was a bit opposite to last weekend. This time the weather forecast wasn't bad but weather on the day wasn't really that good.

There was however a good keen bunch ready and raring to go. Gliders were out and lined up ready to be towed to the grid by 10.00am. A quick call to base ops for permission to do so however revealed what was interestingly called a "quiet time" in force until 11.30am so the YDU could finish parading.

The time however was put to good use with the thorough cleaning of gliders. NF now no longer has a thick layer of mud on her underside.

With the curfew lifted we were in the air 11 minutes later with first flight in NF being Jonathan and myself for an unremarkable but pleasant return to earth from our tow height of 2,000'.

Dave Todd in the lovely Ventus 2Cxt was next up but had to make a quick return with the engine up when he discovered following an airborne extract it would not retract. A ground committee quickly formed to deliberate the problem but before the committee could make an announcement of a pronouncement Dave pushed the fuse back in and everything worked like it should again. David McGowan then did a 1,000' circuit check flight before taking NF away for his 4th solo. Tony P, Kazik and Alex all also took a launch into a fairly average looking sky with each getting a fairly average flight of around 20 – 30 minutes. David Todd having relaunched was last back for the day after a 78 minute flight with the engine duly tested and ready for a big start to the season down in the South Island. All done and dusted by 3.00pm and what was a chilly and cloudy spring day.



Sunday's Flying Report – Ivor Woodfield

Sunday started for me in the local cafe around 8.30 with Ray Burns for breakfast. We arrived at the gate just before 9.30 to find a line of vehicles ready to start setting up. Ian O'Keefe, Craig Best, Tony Prentice, Roy Whitby and Alex Michael were all there and pretty soon Derry Belcher arrived to do some measurements around ADS-B fittings. Clare arrived with her trailer, which she was leaving at the field so that Derry could check some things out in the glider.



Tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie arrived and was soon busy working on DML, with support from Ray. Dave Todd arrived to fly his glider, which was already picketed out from Saturday, and more or less ready to go.



The wind was forecast to be north easterly, although in fact it was northerly, and by the time we were ready to set up shortly after 10.30, it was more north westerly, and established as westerly for much of the day. Once gliders had been inspected and made ready, we therefore started to set up on runway 26.



First up was Fletcher, wanting to do 3 circuits in RDW. Once they were done, Ray went up in RDW with Roy, checking out the area and the sky.

By the time they returned, Dave was ready in GBZ, taking off around 1130 for what was to be a good 2-hour flight. There was apparently plenty of lift about, although lots more sink that was there to catch the unwary.



By now, both Ian and Craig had their gliders ready and on the line. Ian was up first in GHS shortly after midday, quickly followed by Craig in GON and then Tony in GBD. All pilots found usable lift, although the sink was catching people out as well.

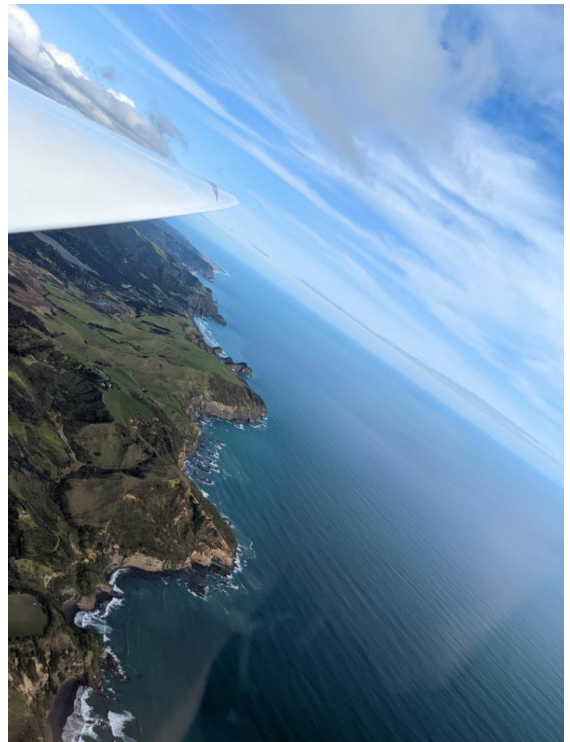
While all this was going on, Derry was pulling out all the gliders that have had ADS-B fitted in recent months as GNZ has asked for some extra information about the installations, including various measurements which he needed to take and pass on to them. So, a few of us spent some time extracting gliders from trailers, opening them up while Derry measured, and then putting them back where they came from.

At around 1330 Alex launched in GMP into a now more consistent looking sky. He was followed up by Craig in GON, having been caught out by the sink during his earlier flight.

Around this time Derry had completed all he had come to do and decided to take GNF up for a flight. We released at 2000' and after a bit of hunting around finally located lift and started to climb away. By now Dave and Tony had landed, and we learned that a RNZAF 757 would be landing in 30 mins or so. All gliders still in the air were asked to commit to landing prior to its arrival or staying well clear.

Derry was having a good flight and we were able to make climbs to 4500' and travel quite a way to the west. Nonetheless, we opted to land ahead of the 757 arrival, as did Ian who was returning from a successful flight up to the north, leaving Alex as the only pilot who would be staying out. In the end he was fortunate to get the longest flight of the day at a little over 2 hours and got some great views of the west coast along the way.

Once he was back, we quickly got everything packed back into the hanger, and then most people sat around the storytelling table spinning a few yarns until, drinks drained, it was time to head for home. Overall, 7 glider launches and 1 power flight for the day, with a total of over 8 hours of soaring. Another good day's flying, and all locked up and finished by 1740.



Yes, indeed a good soaring day. Nice to get up to Warkworth and back with relative ease. And lovely to see several gliders soaring Northwest of Riverhead and having a great time.

And a lovely surprise to see Neville Swan, who retrieved me with the tractor after landing. Great to have everyone back.

Ian

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Sept	24	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
	25	J DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER

New Roster

Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Oct	1	S HAY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	2	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	8	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	9	M MORAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	15	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	16	K PILLAI	R BURNS	D BELCHER
Labour W/E	22	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	P THORPE
	23	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	P EICHLER
	24	N VYLE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	29	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
	30	C BEST	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
Nov	5	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	6	A MICHAEL	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	12	R WHITBY	R BURNS	P THORPE
	13	C DICKSON	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER

	19	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	20	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	27	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
Dec	3	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	4	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	10	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	11	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
	18	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE