



WWGC Newsletter - October 2022

From the President - Simon Casey

Finally we are starting to get some activity with the weather finally giving us some opportunities to fly. But there was one day where the weather was awesome but the field was just too boggy to get the winch down to the airfield. So what better way to enjoy ourselves than to have a working bee for those poor members who were fooled into thinking we would be flying!

But we did enjoy ourselves. Some pics of Saturday 8 October.



Launch Van getting a much needed clean by Sam Higgins



Allan Johnson doing some airfield work



Tony Van Dyk cutting wet grass



Howard attending to the veggie garden.

Achievements

This month it has to go to William Keedwell for putting together a very successful 3 day full immersion course. More below.

3 Day Full Immersion Course

This was an initiative by William to introduce anyone keen on learning to glide with a 3 day course. It was held from Monday 10 October to Wednesday 12 October. It was advertised around the region and we had 4 takers. Will, Harrison, Fin & Harry who were all secondary school students not previously known to each other. They stayed on site throughout the 3 days.

Although the weather was dodgy, we got 3 flying days and all students got their full quota of flying including a one hour flight each on the Monday. Each student was a pleasure to teach and they all had natural flying abilities. We have received one youth membership application from the course and expect more.



A big thanks also goes to the crew for also giving up their time to make it happen including:

David Hirst
Simon Casey
Tony Van Dyk
Stewart Barton
Ben Wilson
Mike Lennard
Marty Moncrief
Paul Williams
Allan Johnson
Rod Ruddick
Taylor Barry
Grae Harrison
Oscar Wright

Birthday Launches

For October, the free birthday winch launches go to:

- Kevin Brown
- Sandy Dawson
- Nick Johns
- Martien Lubberink
- Martin Moncrieff
- Tom Wilson
- Fergus Pitney

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.
- Wave flying in the Wairarapa from Stewart Barton and Grae Harrison
- Preparing for Glider Competitions from Mark Wilson

Since the last newsletter, we have had one more. It was Learning from Mistakes by David Hirst. This was followed by a number of confessions from fellow members. All very well received and non judgemental as we all know the saying - "There but for the grace of God go I".

George Rogers Youth Glide Camp

Everything is all go for a fun and exciting camp at Papawai this long weekend. Kieran advises that the twin gliders and instructors have been booked for the entire weekend. Private owners however are welcome to fly but priority for the winching will be given to attendees of the camp.

Even though we are not providing normal training, please come and visit and join in the socialisation. There will be a BBQ on Saturday evening which every member is encouraged to join in. After the BBQ we will have the first of two training sessions on CPR and the use of the defibrillators. See below.

Defibrillator Training

The first training session on CPR and the use of the defibrillators will be given by Wellington Free Ambulance on Saturday Oct 22 at 7pm which coincides with the youth glide camp. We also have another session on Wednesday Oct 26 also at 7pm in the club house. It is important that everyone who flies gets familiar with the defibrillator. If you have not indicated to me yet whether you are attending the Saturday or Wednesday session, please let me know asap as the Wellington Free Ambulance need to know the numbers.

If you reside in the Wairarapa, please choose Wednesday if you can as Saturday is looking reasonably full due to it being attended by the youth camp attendees.

BBQ this Saturday

As mentioned above, we are having a BBQ this Saturday night straight after flying. Please attend not only to socialise with the camp attendees but to also support Kieran. Surplus funds will go towards financing Kieran who is representing New Zealand at the Joey Glide Aussie junior nationals to be held in NSW 11-18 Dec 2022.

The cost of the BBQ is only \$25pp and Kieran promises a great selection of meats, veges and salads. A spit roast may be on offer. Help Kieran and our club get more exposure and recognition in international gliding events such as this.

Summer Crew Nearly Here

Brian advises that the first of the summer crew will be arriving at Papawai very soon. Lars arrives on 31 Oct, Andy and Ian on 10 Nov. It will be so good to see them. If you are looking to fast track your training, then make use of the UK team as they will be flying 7 days per week.

From the CFI

David advises that if you have not flown for a while then please ensure you have a check flight before heading off into the wild blue yonder with lots of white puffy cumulus! Note that these check flights may not be an automatic pass and you may be required to brush up on some of your skills before being let loose.