

WARM AIR 12 November 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 12 th Nov	Instructing: R Burns
	Towing: P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot: R Whitby
Sunday 13 th Nov	Instructing: I Woodfield
	Towing: P Eichler
	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

Membership Renewal Form - Please remember that all members are required to complete and return each year. **Fees are due by 28 October 2022.** Which now means they are **overdue!!!!** So please organise payment and complete the membership form and return. We have not had many members submit payment, so lets get onto it!!!!

Remember payment may be split into two amounts - \$600 due by 28 October 2022 and the balance due by 28 Feb 2023.

The PDF-Fillable membership form is found here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QsHcIIQKqXyr6mgtqQBkUmNn9DYTdNs/view?usp=sharing>.

Working Bee B Q, Saturday the 3rd December

On Saturday the 3rd December the annual working bee in the morning to tidy up, remove and throw out rubbish and undertake repairs on the hangar will take place followed by a BBQ. So, it would be appreciated if members could come along and help out.

MW Trailer has been sold

The trailer was no longer needed and now has a new owner for their glider project.

The funds from this sale will contribute to a replacement tractor to haul gliders and trailers etc.

As you will know our Big Red tractor is nearing its serviceable life.



Saturday 5th Nov – Peter Thorpe Reports

Saturday was a cadet flying day so early start for breakfast at Puriri Café. We opened up at 0830 and while Ray Burns went off to dig the motor glider NW out of its hangar, the rest of us opened the club hangar. The twin NF had not flown since Labour Weekend and while it was rigged, it needed taping and DI and duplicate checks. Tow pilot Derry Belcher did his thing with RDW while Alex Michael very kindly did the taping and I checked all the rigging was correct on NF. Private owners Andrew Fletcher and Ian O'Keefe were busy rigging while Tony Prentice prepared BD for its daily outing.



We had 12 cadets on hand, 6 for NF and 6 for NW and first flight was away at 1015. The weather was fine but the wind was 200/17 so while 26 was the vector in use, there was a significant cross wind. Cloud was broken at around 3000ft but there was some streeting towards the Waitakeres. Ray and I had completed three flights each before the first club launch at 1153 with Andrew launching in KT for a circuit followed by Ian in HS and Tony in BD. They were probably a little early in the day as the best flight was Tony at 29 minutes. Ian in HS fell out and returned to base. Andrew launched again and had a successful at 2hr 13 min. He was followed by Matt Moran in MP and Alex in VF and they achieved 146 and 116 mins respectively. We had three trial flights booked (one to 3500ft) and Ivor Woodfield kindly looked after them while I focused on my six cadets. When Ian heard that Alex had asked for airspace to be opened to 4500ft he launched again and this time managed 105 mins. Andrew and Ian teamed up to explore a little North and were surprised to find a low level PW5 circling just South of Silverdale. A radio call established it was Alex who had managed to hook into a good climb to join the others. With a significant headwind to get back to NZWP it was not clear he would get home. Andrew and Ian did a little bit of path finding and Alex followed. He was in the groove and connected with further good climbs and streets to comfortably get back to Whenuapai.



All down by 1730 so time for a relaxing talk around the caravan before heading home. A total of 22 launches, including the motor glider. Happy tow pilot.

Yes, Alex was awarded the "Player of the Day" and could walk proudly with a wide stride for his meritorious flight.

Derry was taking the rodeo ride to get everyone aloft in the FK9 - I towed last Saturday and being brief and to the point just have to say that flying off grass 26 with a 45 degree brisk crosswind, give or take, followed by quite a bit of low level turbulence didn't stop people from 'giving it a go'. Other than the wire to the oil pressure switch decided to part company in the tow plane resulting in the oil pressure maxing out, but was quickly found and fixed thanks to Craig before the waiting pilots mutinied (phew!), I have to say the day was busy and went swimmingly well, all things considered.

Sunday 6th Nov – Lionel Reports

An early start with breakfast with Ray and Rex before heading to the field to find the cadets all ready and waiting.

Ray proceeded to get the Grob 109 out of its hangar and I briefed the cadets that were going to fly the Grob 103. While doing the DI on GNF a friendly magpie landed on my head to the amusement of the cadets.

Once Ray we proceeded to 08 end and started flying nice and early. Conditions were challenging to say the least. Very rough with lots of sink and difficult to stay on lift. Cadets seemed to enjoy themselves. A couple of trial flights and Alex's passenger rating to finish the day.

Thanks to everyone who ensured the smooth and safe running of the day.

Yes, we have a couple of keen friendly members who have joined us.

Off the subject of towing and onto crowing. Maggie, the friendly magpie that comes to visit me when working at the hangar now has a couple of hungry fledglings. If Maggie or her offspring come near you pleading starvation, please admire them and talk to them but don't feed them, as human food is not good for them.

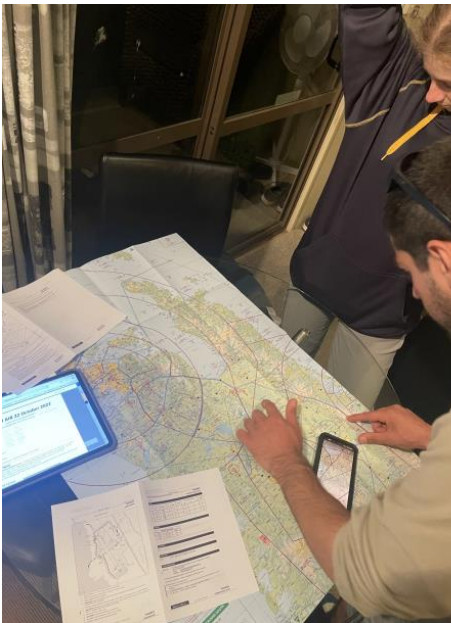


Cheers Derry

Great pictures from Rex
"Attenborough" Carswell



Some more pictures from Matamata – Thanks Shiv



Duty Roster For Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
November				
ATC Cadets Early Start	5	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	D BELCHER
ATC Cadets Early Start	6	A MICHAEL	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	12	R WHITBY	R BURNS	P THORPE
	13	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
ATC Cadets Early Start	19	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
ATC Cadets Early Start	20	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	F MCKENZIE
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	27	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
December				
Working Bee & BBQ	3	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	4	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	10	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
ATC Cadets Early Start	11	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
	18	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE