

WARM AIR 19 November 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 19 th Nov	Instructing: S Wallace / Izzy
	Towing: R Heynike
Early Start ATC Cadets	Duty Pilot: K Jasica
Sunday 20 th Nov	Instructing: A Fletcher / Izzy
	Towing: F McKenzie
Early Start ATC Cadets	Duty Pilot: A Volunteer

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 let's 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/1QsHcIIQKqXyr6mgtgQBkUmNn9DYTdNs/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.

Air Training Cadets this weekend

3 Squadron ATC are flying this weekend. There will be 3 flights in the morning using the Grob 103 NF and the rest being flown in the Grob 109 Motor Glider this weekend. So, NF will be available for members mid to late morning.

An 8:30am START at the Gate to open up and get operational both days please!!

Saturday 12th Nov – Ray Burns Reports

The duty crew of Peter (RDW), Lionel (GNW) and myself met at the café for a morning coffee before opening up at 0900. After a very wet Friday it took quite some time before any punters (other than the cadets) arrived. Tony, Neville and Jonathan were first arrivals followed by Ian and Craig Clapham. That was enough encouragement to extract the twin and get the ball rolling.

We had a light westerly to start the day with cloud bases a little over 3000. During the day the wind gradually increased.

Jonathan and I took the first flight and found some good lift climbing to 3000 before deciding it was time to return and let some others enjoy the fun.

Ian and Craig then went to have a look around the area but found that Jonathan and I had sucked out all the upgoing air, however they still managed the same time as Jonathan and I.

Tony and Neville were next followed by a check flight and a solo for David.

The day ended with our latest young person Ben who demonstrated some very nice, balanced turns. Admirable for his third flight considering the previous two were conducted in less than favourable conditions. Just five flights in NF for the day. We finished by 1530.

Yeah, we had to fight hard to keep aloft, even though sky looked good. Craig found the 5 knots up and I found the 6 knots down. We finally succumb to gravity after exhausting our options.

Well done David M for a great approach followed by a top-notch landing. Top marks.

Peter Thorpe reports from the noisy end

A few of us gathered for breakfast at the Puriri Café before flying. Lionel went west to prepare the motor glider GNW ready for his cadets while Ray and I opened the green hangar and DI'd the club fleet – well, just the twin and the tow plane as there was a noticeable absence of junior members. Maybe school and university exams had a part in that so I had plenty of time to fill all the fuel containers before the first launch at midday.

Ray and Jonathan went to 2,000ft and were then followed by Ian O'Keefe and his airline pilot friend Craig Clapham who went to the dizzy height of 2,500ft.



While they were away Ray took the chance to keep his FK9 rating current by bashing a few circuits in RDW and then Tony Prentice and Neville Swan went off in NF to see how long they could stay aloft. Not so long it would seem, as the next launch was half an hour later when Ray took David McGowan for a pre solo check. David then went off solo so that gave me a chance to show Craig how the tow plane handled things.



Craig is an ex-tow pilot himself, so he was keen to see how RDW performs. He enjoyed his flight and declared he was quite impressed with our little yellow rocket. Last flight was Ray and new student Ben Gambaro who carried out some upper air training. Two keen members very kindly washed the bugs off RDW while I finished the paperwork and then it was time for a few tall stories to be told around the caravan.



Craig is a very good friend of mine and we have known each other since soaring with the Wigram Aviation Sports Club in the mid- 90's. He passes on his thanks to our members for having a great day. He certainly had an aviation overdose for a period of 72 hours. During that time, he had been flying a 737-800, a Grob 103, a FK9, and back in Christchurch an Auster. Living every aviator's dream. We look forward to having him visit us soon.

Sunday 13th Nov – Ivor forgot to report *(So I have taken the liberty of reporting on his behalf)*

Our understanding is that there were three trial flights for a lovely family from Waimauku. A 3500ft tow for one of the trial flighters. However, the weather was not conducive for real soaring with heavy areas of sink experienced.

Nevertheless, we understand they all enjoyed their introductory gliding experience, and Shiv and others took the time to show them the gliders and all the intricacies of soaring to receive the full immersion. We hope to see them back with us soon and with some better soaring weather.

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