

# WARM AIR 26 November 2022

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org) [ASC Gliding | Facebook](#)

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<b>Saturday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Instructing:</b> P Thorpe
	<b>Towing:</b> D Belcher
	<b>Duty Pilot:</b> S Hay
<b>Sunday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Instructing:</b> L Page
	<b>Towing:</b> D Belcher
	<b>Duty Pilot:</b> 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

### This Saturday Flying – Delayed operational start

The Air Force has requested a delay in flying operations until midday due to a ceremony in the morning and a need for quiet time. Please meet at the gate at 11am to get aircraft prepared for a midday scramble.

### Duty Pilot Sunday Swap

Rahul is away and advised he will not be able to attend Sunday. So, if someone is able to swap with him. Otherwise, we will use “A Volunteer” to stand in.

### ASC Gliding Calendar

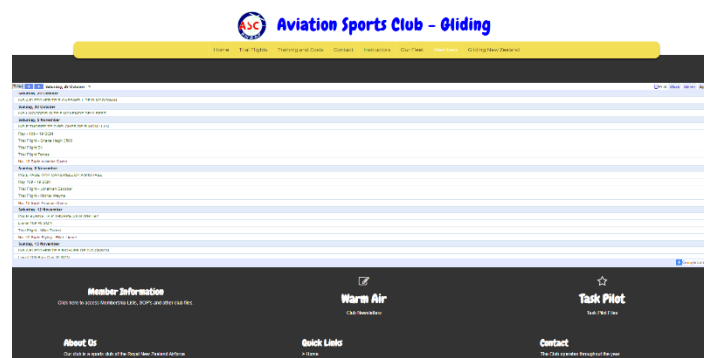
Okay some of you are thinking this is some of the members striking poses every month. Like the fire fighter calendars of old, but a Gliding Pilot one strutting their stuff.

Anyway.... No, it is not that type of Calendar, but the IT Crowd have added a Calendar of upcoming Events etc into the Members area of [Aviation Sports Club - Gliding - Home of the Auckland ASC Gliding Club Website](#)

If you click on some of the calendar entries further information will be provided. So, check it out for planning your weekends.

So many thanks to Ray and Ivor.

*My only query is could you dial up some good weather into the Flying days.*



## Working Bee B Q, Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December

On Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December the annual working bee to tidy up, remove and throw out rubbish and undertake repairs on the hangar will take place followed by a BBQ. We should note that the Powered Section have a Comp at the Airfield and we will not be able to fly that day, so might as well make good use of it.

Things to need to bring gloves, weed eaters, old clothes, paint brushes, a good sense of humour.

Some of the jobs we need to do are;

- Remove excess stored material within the Hangar and Glider Trailer Park.
- Remove surface rust on the underside of NF's trailer and paint it.
- Possibly dig a small drainage trench down the side of the hangar and remove what is left of guttering.
- Weed eating and weed removal around the hangar.

So, it would be appreciated if members could come along and help out.

## New Red Tractor

A new Red Tractor has been acquired, thanks to Ray and Craig. It will not be pressed into immediate service as it will have some bits fitted and serviced. Racing stripes painted, stereo, air conditioning and windscreen wiper installed. Okay just a flashing light and a rear loading deck.



The photo is what Craig is hoping will be found under the hood. Perhaps not.

Nevertheless, it will have another 50 years of running life as long as we can get petrol. Neville tells me the Yellow Tractor was around prior to him joining the club in 1973 and in fact still look exactly the same. Can't get passed a Fergie.



# And finally have you done it, paid your fees .....

## Membership Renewal Form

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/1QsHcIIIQKqXyr6mgtgQBkUmNn9DYTdNs/view?usp=sharing>.

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### Saturday 19th Nov – Steve Wallace Reports

ATC were cancelled due to the weather forecast, but not everybody got the memo, so Kazik and one cadet were there bright and early. The cadet headed home when the no go was confirmed and shortly after ASC members started to arrive. No students though and nobody else keen to fly as the weather forecast was not flash so some just sat around for a while and told tall stories as others made use of the time by fixing things. Ian O'Keefe attempted to find and cure a leak in his trailer and Tony took his trailer to his favourite garage in Browns Bay for a WOF. By midday everybody was done, and the weather was starting to pack in so we all headed home.

### Saturday Tow Pilot report - Peter Thorpe reports with his account

Ruan was called out to fly a SAR mission, so I agreed to do his tow pilot duty. Cadet flying had been cancelled due to the unfavourable forecast but unfortunately the message did not filter down to the volunteer helpers so at 0830 Neville, Tony, Ian and Kazic were present but nobody else. I arrived by 0900 and explained the situation so we then waited for club members. The weather was not brilliant, but it was flyable. Instructor Steve Wallace arrived but nobody else, so after refuelling and DI-ing the tow plane and doing a bit of talking we packed up and went home.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov- Andrew Fletcher Reports

The weather forecast for Sunday 20th did not look good, rain was forecast by 1200. I kicked off the day with breakfast at our local with Ray and Peter.

We opened up at around 0900 shortly joined by Jonathan Potential, Igor, Tony Prentice, Craig Best towing our new tractor, Izzy and Shiv. GNF was checked over and moved to the launch point ready for Igor and myself to take the first launch of the day. The cross wind was brisk, so I flew the launch. Once of tow we attempted to soar, but the thermals were broken up and difficult to centre. It wasn't long before we were in the circuit. Next up was Jonathan Pote, we towed to 2500 feet and managed to find a good thermal to climb back to our release altitude enabling the flight to be extended to almost 30 mins.

Rain showers were now passing through so we tied GNF down and sheltered, the weather did not improve much and before long I could hear thunder in the distance. We packed up before the heavens really opened and went home.



## Tow Pilot report - Peter Thorpe reports with his account

On Sunday I volunteered to stand in for Fletcher McKenzie who had some major domestic chores to do. Again, the cadet flying was cancelled, but Andrew Fletcher, Ray Burns and I met for breakfast at the Puriri Cafe before opening the field. We were soon joined by Craig Best towing a trailer with a new (to us) Fergy tractor which the club has bought to replace the old red diesel tractor which is on its last legs. The new acquisition runs well and CFI Ray could not wait to give it the CFI good seal of approval after a zoom around the hangar. His eyes lit up with glee at the thought of hydraulics that work and how they might be used with a suitable tray on the back.



The weather was a bit blustery with wind from the Nor West with rain showers, but Igor was keen to fly so just before 1100 we launched into a rather turbulent air at low level. They did not stay up for long as Jonathan went up with Andrew at 1130. Izzy and Shiv were keen to have a go and after sitting out a quite violent rain squall and drying off the aircraft were ready to go when Andrew eyed the approaching dark clouds and decided to cancel further flying and pack up. A good decision but about five minutes too late as everyone got wet putting the aircraft away – except for me, as while I was writing up the log the team pushed RDW and me into the hangar. Another round of drying off the two aircraft before we went home.

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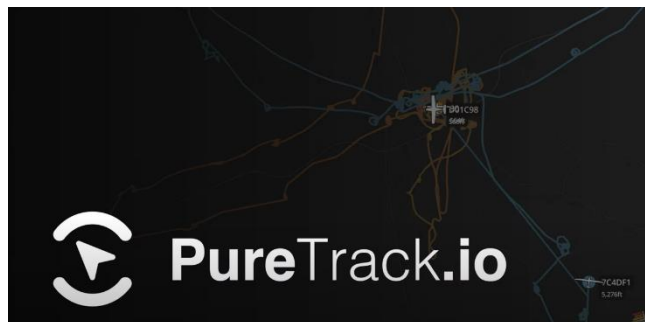
### PureTrack

Here is a plug for Tim Bromhead and his new App Pure Track

Checkout his video on this nifty app

[I built an app! Never be lost again with this GPS tracking app - YouTube](#)

There is a free and payware version. Looks good.



*Well, that's another week down and closer to the Holiday Season and hopefully better weather.*

*Take care and talk Next Week.*



## Duty Roster For Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
<b>November</b>				
Ops can commence at 1200	<b>26</b>	<b>S HAY</b>	<b>P THORPE</b>	<b>D BELCHER</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>R BAGCHI</b>	<b>L PAGE</b>	<b>R CARSWELL</b>
<b>December</b>				
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