

WARM AIR 24th December 2022

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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No Flying this Weekend

Saturday 24 th Dec	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	Shopping Finding a car park Over it
Sunday 25 th Dec	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	Oh too tired Oh too full Oh too merry



MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- Club News
- Youth Glide Adventures
- Well Done Izzy
- 2022 Pictorial
- Roster

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

Club News

Aircraft Serviceability

Everything is up and running....woohoo.

New XMAS / New Year Holiday Roster

Gliding operation will commence from the 27th Dec thru till the 8th January. A holiday roster is at the end of this Newsletter.

Important - If you want to fly over the Holiday period, make sure you notify the **assigned duty instructor** for that day **BEFORE & Prior** to **1600hrs**. If there are no takers, then the duty instructor will notify Base Ops. Go to www.ascgliding.org and members area to obtain contacts. If you get stuck, please contact Warm Air and I advise you how and who.

Please note that all flying must be complete at 18:00hrs each day.

New Roster

A new roster covering Jan – March is posted at the end of the newsletter.

Warm Air Newsletter

Yep, we will take a break and be back in touch on the 22nd Jan 2023.

Auckland Gliding Club Competition

Several members will be competing in this competition from the 1st Jan – 8th Jan. So, if you would like to see a comp in action do pop into the Auckland Gliding Club at Drury. Or follow on [Soaring Spot :: Home](#) or [Gliding New Zealand](#)

Matts Week at the Youth Soaring Development Camp at Matamata

Last week was the annual Matamata Youth Soaring Development Camp (YSDC), coming hot on the heels of the previous week's cadet camp. We had miserable weather, but made the most of the week with a day trip to Tauranga, impromptu meteorology lessons, and lots of card games.

Monday was the best soaring day and I spent a bit over an hour searching for blue thermals and refamiliarising with local landmarks with Ross in RZ (Tauranga's Duo Discus). Ross must have had some faith in my flying abilities because he happily cleared me to fly MP :) I launched around 3:30pm and hung around for 2h in the cloudless sky. It was my first-time rigging MP and the wings didn't fall off, woohoo!

Tuesday dawned with lots of low cloud, but at least it wasn't raining yet. TVNZ featured the camp on their Breakfast show, which you can watch here: <https://fb.watch/hxd1Ejsdkx/> (or here if you don't like Facebook: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/mPqUZg3uVrfUHgoP8>). Ross and I took an early launch to check out some very low wave - it was weak and turned into an exercise in dodging rain, but we did get flight of the day with 44 minutes.

The afternoon had clear breaks so we were encouraged to practice paddock landings in a field that a kind goat farmer let us borrow for the day. It was a huge field which made it a gentle introduction to landing away from the airfield. I landed once in Auckland's PW6 and then again with MP.

Steady rain meant that nobody flew on Wednesday or Thursday. We visited Tauranga and got a tour of the control tower and the club's VR simulator. Maybe I just need practice but VR makes my head spin.

The last day was good first-solo conditions (read that as "stable air with a <2000ft cloudbase"). Lots and lots of circuits were flown and two of the younger students had their first solos 🥳.

Just one circuit and then derigging for me. Overall it was a decent week, there wasn't as much flying as I would have liked but I got to meet lots of cool people (and Jasper the dog).

Huge thanks to all the instructors and helpers that made it happen - especially Derek Wagstaff for organising everything and Karen Hopecross for the continuous supply of delicious food!



Awesome Matt, glad you had a good time and met some fine people.

Well done Izzy

ASC Gliding has many strong ties with the Air Training Corp. Isabelle who is an ASC gliding instructor puts a lot of time into the ATC Cadet No.3 Squadron. Recently she completed the officer course and awarded Best Officer Cadet or Supplementary Staff: PLTOFF.

Well done and top effort Isabelle Burr, we are all very pleased and proud of you.



And also presenting was our own Jonathan Pote. Looking fine and dandy.



Well, we end 2022 – Again a Challenging Year with some ups and downs. However, we have managed to do well as a club during these testing times. So, a quick pictorial review of the Year.

Our thanks to the “workers”

Whether it was trailer or tractor repairs, hangar housekeeping or glider ADSB installs members have pitched in. Some have of course gone the extra mile. So, a big thanks to you.



To the Achievements



- *Some 50 km Attempts & Success - Craig & Kazik*
- *QGP Completion - Alex*
- *Solo's for David & Shiv*
- *PPL complete for Ray*
- *A new brand spanking trailer for the Mosquito and type ratings (well done Craig)*
- *A Mosquito returned to the air after a 10-year hiatus (woohoo)*

To the Towies



Whether it is Rain, Windy, Turbulent our Uber Drivers gets us safely aloft and do it again and again. Cheers Towies

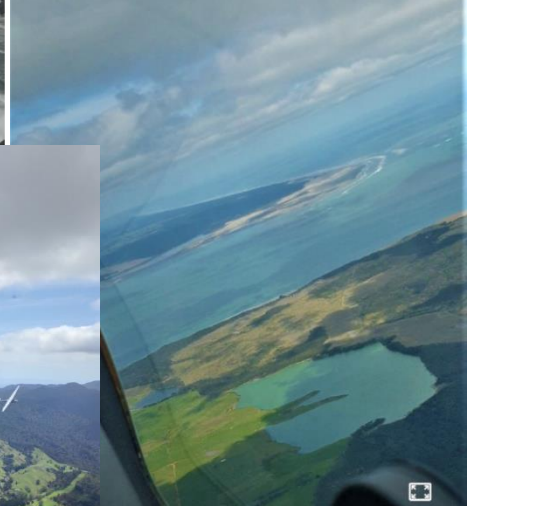
To the Instructors

Who give their time, knowledge freely & guide and coach all of us to be better pilots and give us the freedom of soaring.



To the Adventures

Soaring North, West, South, landouts here and there, there was adventure for everyone



To the Friendship, Laughter, Fashion and Camaraderie



So there goes another year.

May you, your loved ones have a wonderful Christmas, and may 2023 bring great joy and more soaring adventures and achievements.

Thank you all for sharing your stories, photos and passion for gliding. See you in 2023.

Best Wishes

Ian



Xmas 2022

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Dec	27	N/A	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	28	N/A	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	29	N/A	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	30	N/A	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	31	N/A	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
Jan	1	N/A	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	2	N/A	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	3	N/A	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	4	N/A	To Be Confirmed	R CARSWELL
	5	N/A	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	6	N/A	P THORPE	G CABRE
	7	N/A	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	8	N/A	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jan	14	S CHAND	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	15	N VYLE	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	21	D MCGOWAN	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	22	C BEST	L PAGE	P EICHLER
	28	R MCMILLAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	29	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	30	R WHITBY	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
Feb	4	K JASICA	P THORPE	G CABRE
	5	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	6	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	11	I O'KEEFE	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	12	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	D BELCHER
	18	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	19	S CHAND	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	25	N VYLE	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	26	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
Mar	4	C BEST	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	5	R MCMILLAN	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	11	A MICHAEL	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	12	R WHITBY	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	18	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	19	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	G CABRE
	25	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	26	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER

