

# WARM AIR 3 December 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> 3 Dec	<b>Instructing:</b> <b>Towing:</b> (No Flying Working Bee) <b>Duty Pilot</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Instructing:</b> A Fletcher <b>Towing:</b> G Cabre <b>Duty Pilot:</b> M Moran

### MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *Roster*

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

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## Club News

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

Yes, here it is the Annual Working Bee for this Saturday is taking place. Time to remove and throw out rubbish, conduct some trailer TLC and dig a small drainage trench for the hangar.

Things you need to bring are gloves, safety glasses, shovels, wire brushes, paint brushes, 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.
- Dig a small drainage trench down the side of the hangar and remove what is left of the guttering.
- Weed eating and weed removal around the hangar.

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. So, it would be appreciated if members could come along and help out. You will be rewarded with a BBQ too keep you energised.

### ASC Power Section Competition

The power section is having their annual competition and we believe they will be using runway 26 / 08 Grass. So please do not inadvertently wander out onto it during the working bee.

If Saturday is inclement for them, they will fly Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.

## Endangered Bird – NZ Dotterel – Nesting

The RNZAF Environmental Officer has identified a NZ Dotterel Nest at the far end of 08 Northern side of the field. Appears to be near those new prebuilt units. They have requested we keep clear of this zone to protect a nest of this endangered species. The red dot in the image below marks a NZ Dotterel nest. It has been surrounded with markers, so please give the area a wide berth as this is an endangered species of bird we are trying to protect. These birds are a low risk to aircraft.



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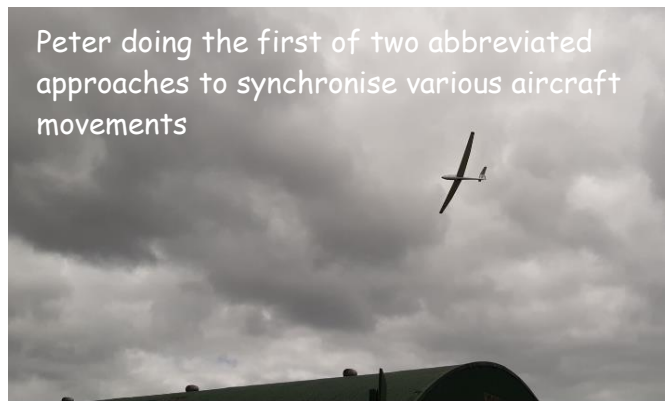
## Saturday 26th Nov –Peter Reports

A late start was scheduled for Saturday due to the Air Force requiring a silent period up to midday. I arrived soon after 1000 and was joined by Andrew Fletcher and son Ollie, then tow pilot Derry, Tony P, Kazik J, Logan C, Ivor, Nick and Shiv. At around 1100 we were advised that the LSV graduation parade had finished and we were free to fly so the usual preflight activities were accelerated.

Kazik and Logan went off to refill the tow plane fuel containers while Andrew and Ollie prepared the twin GNF for flight. They launched from grass runway 26 at 1147 into a reasonable looking sky that gave them a 34 minute flight. Tony followed them in BD and achieved 44 minutes.

Logan and I then went up to confirm he was good for a solo flight later in the day while Kazik took VF for a 68 minute flight.

Peter doing the first of two abbreviated approaches to synchronise various aircraft movements



Dash & Ollie preparing for another sortie.



I flew with Ben and then Nick while Ivor dusted off MP for what turned out to be a short flight. A quick check flight for Shiv who then went off solo and then we had two trial flights which Andrew and Ivor flew while I had some lunch. By then it was 1700 but there were still five flights booked so we carried on and I flew with Igor who is making good progress and David McGowan.



David wanted to do some aerobatics so that he could have bragging rights over his brother and we managed some nice wing overs and a couple of loops.

Andrew and Ollie went off again followed by Logan on a solo flight where he achieved 24 minutes and then Ben and I finished the day landing at 1930. It was getting late so no socializing but straight home after putting everything away. A great day for the tow pilot with 16 launches and the rest of us were pretty happy too.



CFI Ray was doing circuits in the 172 & even a C130 had to give way.

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov- Lionel Reports

Forecast was for rain and rain we got.

Opened up at 8:30am and Craig took GON to Derry's to fit ADSB. I then retired to the cafe. On returning to the gate at about 10am found Neville and Jonathan waiting and moaning that I was late!

Which from their point of view, I was. :). Matt also attended for a while.

We nattered until it eventually started raining and they left. I stayed until Craig returned GON's trailer. All packed up and gone but about 11am.

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## Duty Roster For Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
<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