

AGC Weekly News

3-4 December

The weekly newsletter of the Auckland Gliding Club at Drury, Auckland

Weekend Roster

Saturday

Tug Pilot:
Instructors: Russell Thorne, John Bongrain
Duty Pilot: Geoff Gaddes
Winch Driver: Paul Castle

Sunday

Tug Pilot:
Instructors: Nigel McPhee, Anton Lawrence
Duty Pilot: Volunteer
Winch Driver: Hugh Warren

Clubhouse Working Bee

James Butterworth

Thanks to all those who participated in the Clubhouse Working Bee last weekend. We made good progress in many tasks including:

Loading a 9m³ skip with the refuse stored in the old trailer by the west fence, and also the old aircraft bits which have been lying against the long hangar for many months now, some of which had been inside that hangar for years.

Painting the new exterior weather boards on the eastern and southern walls of the main clubhouse.

Fitting a new ply ceiling in the south corner bunkroom.

General cleaning and tidying.



Stage two is planned for Saturday 3rd December starting at 9AM.

As there was not enough room in the first skip [and because it was so much fun], we will hire another skip for the remaining rubbish.

Some further work will include:

General cleaning of clubhouse and training room.

Second coat on weatherboards.

Oiling the decks and outdoor furniture [we have the materials].

Clean out woodshed behind training room.

Clean up disabled toilet and move the old paint tins into space made in the woodshed.

Initial preparation and priming bare concrete areas in ablutions block.

We all take pride in our club. Maintaining our ground assets as well as our aircraft is another aspect of "human factors" that will make us better and safer pilots.

Regards,

James 027 294 4030

AGC flying operations - Saturday 2 December

Hi All,

Despite the beginning of Summer this day, the airfield conditions following todays inspection still remain the same as for Spring.

Saturday Forecast

Fine, some afternoon cloud. Southwesterlies and afternoon sea breezes.

Sunday Forecast

Partly cloudy. Southwesterlies.

The centreline of the runway is the only area that is suitable for flying operations.

The shoulder boundaries are still wet to very wet and offer the chance for vehicles other than club vehicles to become stuck, if driven on the airfield.

It is expected that conditions will improve between this day and the weekend.

Runway 18 is more likely to be utilised from Saturday.

Continued Restrictions can be summarised as follows:

- 1: Takeoffs and Landings shall only be conducted on the runway centreline.
- 2: Ground Towing and Taxying shall be confined to the centreline where possible.
- 3: No vehicles other than club vehicles shall enter the airfield confines.
- 4: No attempt to veer off the centreline or use of wheel brakes shall be carried out during landing.
- 6: A displaced threshold of 100m exists for landings on Rwy18.
- 7: Only those flights pre-booked on the website shall be authorised.

Regards,
Russell Thorne

Video Roundup

Submitted by Gerard Robertson



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm6svCxXLM8>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkCLmIZqvp0>



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht64_6vMg0w

A Cool Start to Summer

Covering period of Thursday 1st - Monday 4th December

Cool temperatures across the Aotearoa New Zealand this morning may have had you reaching for that hot coffee not just for the caffeine hit, despite it being the first day of meteorological summer. This weekend will be dry for most as a ridge of high pressure starts to develop over the North Island and upper South Island.

MetService Meteorologist April Clark warned, "Though the strong southwesterlies which are bringing in cool air from the south today are forecast to ease over the next couple days the 'fresh' airmass we're currently experiencing is set to linger, with warmer air from the north unlikely in the next week or so."

"However, it's not all wind breaks and woolly hats for the first few days of summer, even though max temperatures are looking to be as much as 7C lower than the December average for eastern coasts, there will still be plenty of sun around. While the sun is out, and winds are light, daytime temperatures will 'feel' notably warmer than the ambient temperatures MetService forecast," Clark placated.

The cooler air has also meant the end of a particularly active past couple weeks of weather, though showers will still feature, they will lack the intensity we have seen recently. The weekend will be dry for most as a ridge of high pressure starts to develop over the North Island and upper South Island. As always for more details on the weather ahead for your area, head to metservice.com

Generally speaking, November was a rather active month of weather around Aotearoa, especially the second half where a strong subtropical jetstream drove numerous fast moving fronts across the country. The Tasman Sea held onto more persistent low pressure systems than normal which meant warm, humid northerly winds were frequent and fuelled record breaking rain around Northland.

Whangārei Airport saw 367mm of rain, smashing the previous November rainfall record of 257.6mm in 2000 - this station has records back to 1943. It wasn't just the north that saw above average rainfall as Christchurch Airport has their second wettest Nov on record with 120mm. Just shy of their Nov record (139.9mm) from back in 1952 (records back to 1943). Many sites between Northland and Canterbury also had rainfall figures in their top five wettest Novembers.

Members' Small Ads



PW5 KF for sale. Current Annual until Dec 2022. Ready to fly. Approx 800 hours flying. Radio, altimeter, airspeed indicator, electric and mechanicals varios. Includes open trailer. Also Includes free use of hangar space at Drury until 31 Oct, 2022, if required. **Priced to sell at \$8,000.** Ideal for single ownership or cheap syndicate. Reason for sale is that glider is surplus to requirements. Phone Murray on 0275 875 438



(file photo only)

One share for sale in Grob G109 (ZK-GOC). Touring type motor glider in excellent condition. Upgraded with Limbach L 2400, so has much better take off performance than the standard G109. **Price for share is \$15 000.00.** Contact Russell Jones on 021 180 5544 or email russell.jones@orcon.net.nz

Drury Hangar for sale. Power, water, lockable. Contact Murray 0275 875 438

Drury hangar space wanted. Contact Peter Himmel on 0210768805 or himlp@xtra.co.nz

Roster

	Instructor 1	Instructor 2	Tug Pilot	Duty Pilot	Winch Driver
December					
Sat 3	Russell Thorne	John Bongrain		Geoff Gaddes	Paul Castle
Sun 4	Nigel McPhee	Anton Lawrence		Geoff Green	Hugh Warren
Sat 10	Jonathan Cross	Graham Cochrane		Georgia Schofld	
Sun 11	Ross Taylor	John Robertson		Gerard Robertsn	
Sat 17	Roy Innes	John Bongrain		In Cheol Kim	Keith Annabell
Sun 18	Paul O'Neill-Gregy	Anton Lawrence		Jason Smith	Grahame Player
Sat 24	Russell Thorne	Graham Cochrane		Volunteer	
Sun 25				Volunteer	
Sat 31				Volunteer	
Jan 2023					
Sun 1				Comp	
Sat 7				Comp	
Sun 8				Comp	
Sat 14				Jonathan Ash	
Sun 15				Keith Macy	
Sat 21				Kevin Johnson	
Sun 22				Lance Feldwicke	
Sat 28				Lois Kok	
Sun 29				Matt Findlay	
February					
Sat 4				Matt Kerrigan	
Sun 5				Nathan Montano	
Sat 11				Peter Wooley	
Sun 12				Patrick Lalor	
Sat 18				Peter Himmel	
Sun 19				Tristan Harvey-S	
Sat 25				Wolfgng Schenk	
Sun 26				AJ Dudley	
March					
Sat 4				Allen Pendergrst	
Sun 5				Dylan Watson	
Sat 11				Frank Excell	
Sun 12				Geoff Green	
Sat 18				Geoff Gaddes	
Sun 19				Georgia Schofld	
Sat 25				Gerard Robertsn	
Sun 26				Caleb Rosvall	