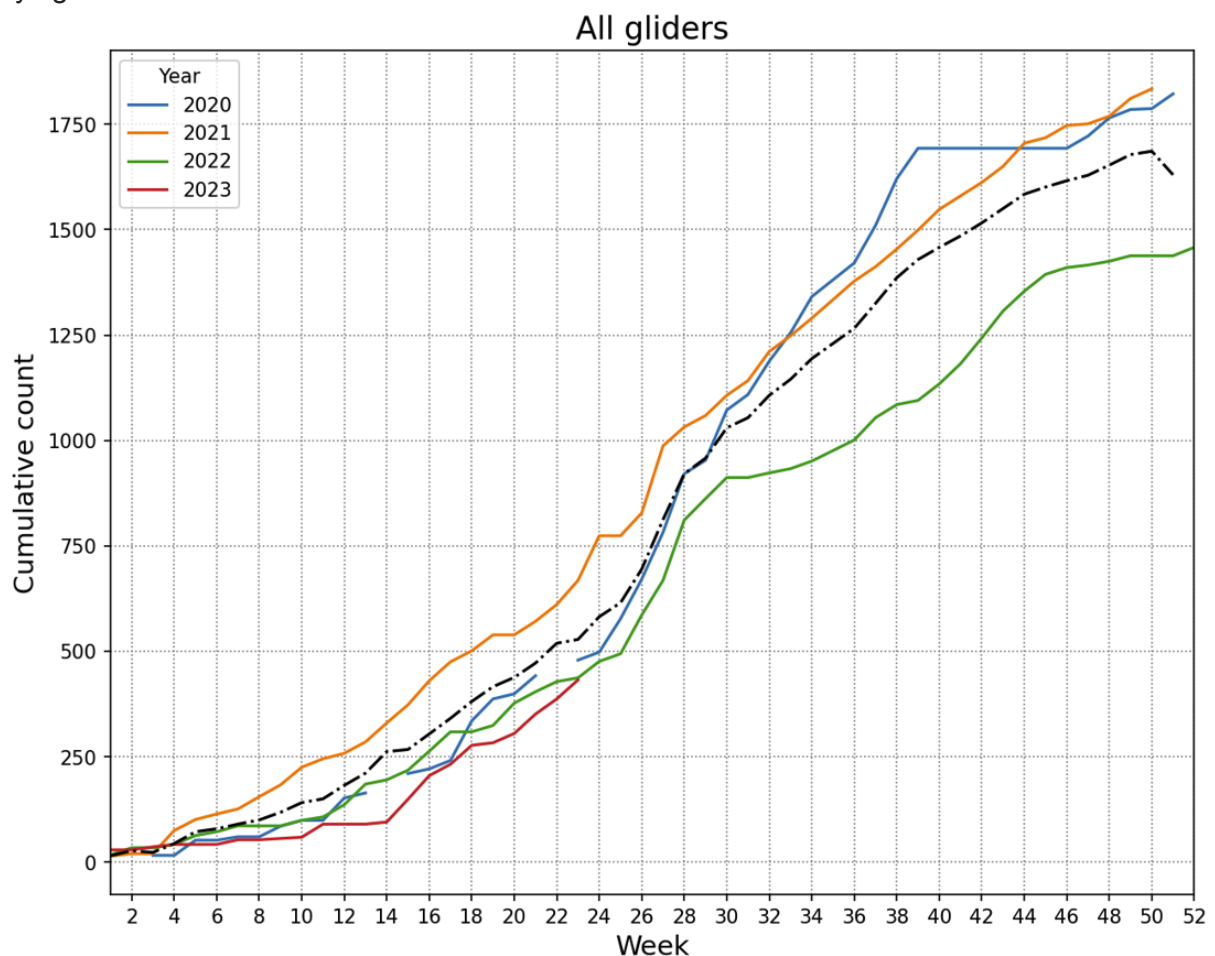




WWGC Newsletter - November 2022

From the President - Simon Casey

The summer has started well with our YTD utilisation closing in on last year. See graph where the weeks start 1 July and in week 23, the red line (this year) and the green line (last year) are now touching. However this last week before Christmas has seen a high level of rain throughout the Wairarapa and although good for the farmers, it has certainly stopped flying for the whole week.



We do have a number of courses available to members with the first one starting boxing day. If you are pre solo, try and join in on these courses as they will help you get to solo much sooner than weekend flying only. This is not just because of more regular flying but also having the summer crew instructors available who are highly experienced and will work closely with you to get you there.

This will be the last newsletter for 2022. We have had a great year with a large number of achievements but we have also had some serious incidents. I would like us to ensure that we get a higher number of achievements and no serious incidents in 2023 and beyond.

We know that 2023 will bring challenges with a forecast economic downturn and this will be a real challenge to our club as we are a highly discretionary activity. Your committee has approved a couple of incentive schemes which are detailed below. We hope that these schemes will encourage you to continue your enjoyment of our unique sport of gliding.

On behalf of our instructors and committee, I want to wish you all a fantastic Christmas and a lot of safe glider flying in the new year with a record number of achievements!!

Achievements

Martin Forest > 3 hour flight

Kieran Cassidy has won the Tasman Trophy at the recent Joey Glide competition at Lake Keepit and came 4th overall flying a Libelle. CONGRATULATIONS KEIRAN! I will be chasing him for some pics and a write up for January's newsletter.



Glider and Winch Incentive Scheme

We have just launched two new incentive schemes to help increase utilisation. They are a glider and winch launch scheme as follows:

Glider Incentive Scheme

If you are likely to fly more than 10 hours in a calendar year and you don't own your own glider then this deal is for you. Pay upfront for 10 hours and you will have free glider hire for the year on any club glider. That means fly 20 hours and you get the second 10 hours totally free of charge. Great if you are looking for some duration flights. Also great if you are early in your training as you need the hours to achieve your goals and this scheme will help you achieve them more quickly.

The cost of the glider incentive scheme is only \$990 for adults and \$750 for youth. Other clubs run a similar scheme but valued at 15 hours glider time not 10.

This is the next best thing to owning your own glider but without the capital cost. The cost is less than a glider owner is likely to pay in annual insurance yet alone the annual maintenance releases.

Winch Incentive Scheme

This scheme is for all flying members including private owners. As an adult member, pay \$2,000 and you will get unlimited winch launches for the whole year at no charge. Youth get the same deal for \$1,400.

If you often wonder whether it is worth getting your glider rigged on a marginal day then this deal is for you. If you get launched and fall out of the sky, have another go as there is no extra charge.

This deal is for you if you are likely to do more than 40 launches in a year.

The Fine Print!

- Both schemes are now active. Sign up now.
- As the first year is a trial, each scheme is initially limited to the first 10 members only.
- You can join either scheme or both schemes.
- The scheme is only valid once the full payment has been received.
- When paying, mark the payment reference as GS for glider scheme and WS for winch scheme.
- The calendar period starts on the day the full payment is received.
- These schemes do not replace any existing schemes eg the 10 trip discount launch ticket.
- The glider scheme gives you no priority over glider hire. You must book a club glider as normal.
- Each scheme is non refundable and non transferrable.

Birthday Launches

For December, the free birthday winch launches go to:

- Taylor Barry
- Maria Cramp
- Ben Polaschek

Member News

Spotted Moonlighting

Anthony Tribe has been moonlighting. He has been spotted as a model for Z Energy online ads.



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We expect this windfall extra income will result in Anthony flying a lot more at Papawai!

Nicolas Lechat

Welcome to Nicolas who is visiting us from France. Nicolas will be actively flying from Papawai for the summer period and is staying on the airfield in one of the club caravans.



Please say hi to Nicolas when you next meet him.

Standard of Dress

Reegan Tock was recently spotted in a suit and tie at a recent dog show. Perhaps we should lift our standard of dress on the airfield!!



WWGC Open Evening

After a false start due to bad weather, we held our first open evening on Friday 16 December. There were about 20-30 people who turned up which considering the limited advertising and marginal weather, it was a good number.

It was certainly very successful in that we got two new members out of it and a Papawai Taster voucher sale. A big thank you to all those that volunteered on the day.

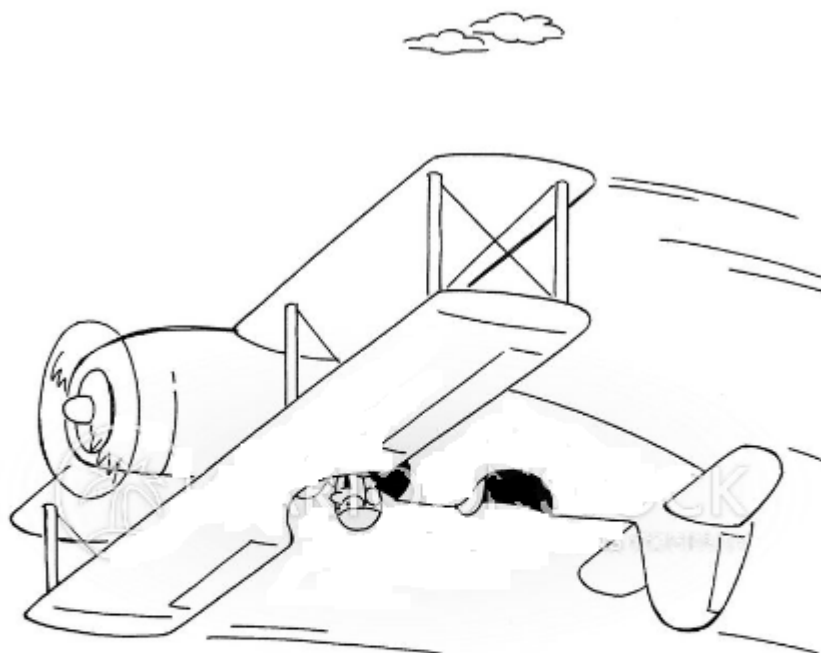


Flying in GUS

While preparing to fly GZY for what was looking like a great soaring day, I did not seal my camelbak lid properly resulting in a leak and a small swimming pool in the seat pan of the glider. Highly annoyed with myself, I pulled the glider offline and retrieved the chute and cushion to dry them out thinking that my flying day was ruined.

However Grae offered me a flight in GUS which I enthusiastically took up. It was an amazing flight as we got into wave and climbed to 12,000'. We headed north to Eketahuna and then travelled south to the coast. I got this awesome picture of Wellington city from Baring Head.





"IT'S A FUNNY LOOKING WORLD FROM WHERE YOU ARE NOW !, RIGHT, BILL ?"

WWGC Bumper Stickers

Don't forget to get your free bumper sticker. They are located near the lectern in the club house.

