

# WARM AIR 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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### No Flying this Weekend

Saturday 21 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	No Gliding
Sunday 22 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page P Eichler C Best

### MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

- *Club News*
- *Roster*

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

## Club News

### 21<sup>st</sup> January - Saturday – No Gliding

Sorry folks, no gliding on Saturday due to No.5 Squadron having multiple P3 Orion sorties for their family day. However, Sunday operations are all good for gliding.

Just a reminder to look at the ASC Gliding Calendar in the members area of the ASC website. This provides updates on forthcoming events.

### Astir MP

MP is currently having its new transponder installed. Unfortunately, it will not be available this weekend.

### New Members

Welcome to Blake and Sid who have joined the club and starting their journey into soaring.

### Weekend Report

#### Saturday the 14th - Andrew Fletcher reports

Saturday the 14th looked like being a reasonable day, the hangar was unpacked early and the launch point set up by 1100.

First up for me was Logan for a check ride before his first solo flight in GVF, the flight went well, Ray Burns and Izzy Bure gave the briefing for Logan to convert into the PW5. Next for me was Shiv also for a check ride and conversion into the PW5. All was good so Shiv joined the briefing with Logan for his conversion to a single seater.

Conditions had started to become soarable, Blake and I took advantage of the fact and flew for around 50 mins, Blake flew well making the most of the conditions and also completing his first stalling exercises.

Ben was eagerly waiting for my return, so we launched into a good looking sky for another 50 minutes. Plenty of thermalling practice was had, Ben flew well completing the more advanced stalling exercises before returning to land.



The sky had continued to develop, a convergence had developed to the West, so with my trial flight briefed and strapped in I set off to the long white cloud. Jason enjoyed some nice local convergence flying. We thermalled with several gliders and flew in formation with a few others too. We returned to the field after 42 minutes losing altitude with some lazy eights.



During the day there was lots of activity with the single seat machines, Craig Best, Lionel Page, Izzy Bure, Tony Prentice, Kazik Jasica, Alex Micheal and Matt Moran taking his Mum and then Anna for a fly in GNF.

A busy day, the longest flight goes to Izzy for 75 minutes, however I think the achievement of the day is shared by Logan and Shiv for their conversion into the PW5 well done guys.

See you all next time 😊



**Congratulations** to Shiv and Logan for obtaining their hours in NF to move on to the PW5.

*You will need to ask Kazik nicely if you can fly his baby.*



### The Holiday Break Report

Well anyone who remained in the North Island and Auckland will know that the weather was not conducive to soaring or for that matter any outside activities. So very disappointing,

However, there were some days leading up to the New Year and near the end of holiday break where there was some soaring to be had. Finally.....So, some local soaring for a number of members.

A few members attempted to head North with various success. We had three land-outs with Alex in MP, Ian in HS and Steve Wallace in KT. All on the western side of our geography and State Highway 16 seem to be the beacon. Alex did a fine job with his first un-intentional land-out.



Ian had a little more fun trying to follow Steve Foreman North who said the sky was buoyant. Obviously not and found only sink, so after fighting for survival, *I finally had to relent to gravity and found a dairy farm paddock to pull into.* A few fresh cow paddies made it a nice job to clean

HS (Heap of Sh@T). Very grateful that Hawkeye who flew further North, eventually turned around and flew back to Whenuapai, parked XM and jumped in the car to pick me up. So even if you don't have a turbo glider, there are advantageous when someone else does.

*And Steve Wallace was keen to soar to Kaikohe and back and was confident it would happen. So I will let him tell his story below.*

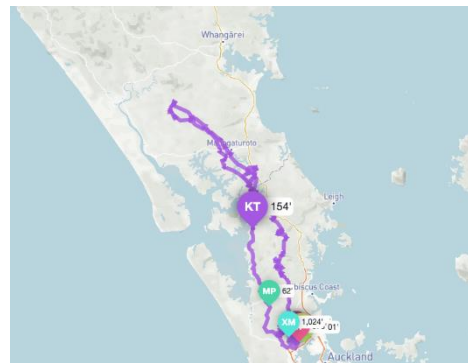
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December was a hopeful for a long trip up north and back. I launched into a promising looking sky but off tow it became apparent after searching around and trying many clouds that the thermals were broken and messy and quite difficult to use. I eventually got to 3,000' over Riverhead forest and waited for Steve Foreman (Hawkeye) to climb up and join me. The wait as it turned out was quite long as Hawkeye was having trouble connecting with anything and eventually he had to push the button of shame to climb up and make a start. You would have thought we might have got the hint that the day was a bit rubbish but there was regular rubbish about so we set off to the north. We struggled along moving north with Hawkeye never really connecting with a thermal that took him to cloud base so he took the low road and I took the high road until we got to overhead Kaipara Flats airfield, where Steve F had to use the iron thermal again to get back up to cloud base. North of Kaipara Flats on the other side of the hills there was then a blue patch caused by sea air coming in off the Kaipara Harbour that we had to cross at low level. We managed to cross without too much trouble to the better-looking clouds on the other side. By better I mean climbs to 2,500' – 3,000' instead of climb base at 1,600' in the blue crappy area. The sky ahead now was looking not too bad and we pushed on until we were 100km from home. All this had taken 2 hours and despite being able to hear the Kaikohe boys on the radio up at 5,200' we decided it was time to turn back because the day was forecast to finish early. Back across the blue patch and low just north of Wellsford the sky really started to fall apart. The clouds were there but the climbs either weren't or what was there was very weak. Hawkeye and I then split up and I struggled on for a bit longer before ending up in a long grass paddock on the side of a hill at a place called Tauhoa. It took an hour of wandering around to find the farmer and work out an escape plan from the paddock which was perfect as Ian and Alex arrived 5 minutes later with my car and trailer and the extraction went surprising well. Thanks guys for all the help! What a fun day out!

*Steve Wallace*

*Yes, one of the more exciting retrieves I have been on in a while. Definitely need to include a weed eater in the retrieve kit.*

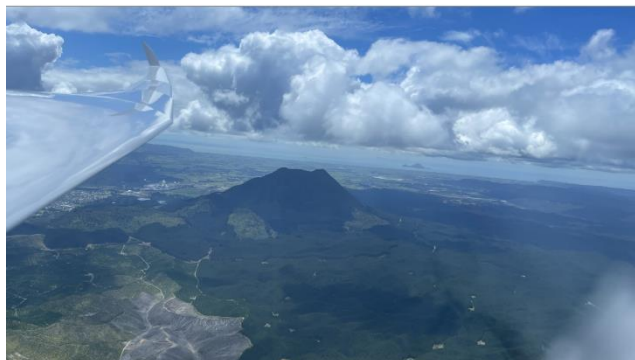
### **The Auckland Contest**

The Auckland Contest regrettably only had one day for soaring and then Cyclone Hale coozed that event. ASC (Steve, Andrew & Ian) members did well and although in the middle of the pack there were only a few kilometers in distances and speed that sorted placings. The task to Matamata and thereabouts allowed for great soaring. Fletcher McKenzie even brought is Citabria along to tow.



## Taupo

Of course, there are some lucky individuals who are currently having a soaring ball flying out of Taupo. The Piako club has set up camp at the Taupo club and they are enjoying some glorious soaring. Our own Steve Forman is down there and having some amazing flights. Including a flight around Lake Taupo, with a little bit of engine power needed only once. Soaring out to the west coast and also up toward Kawerau. So great soaring sorties. Well done clocking up over 22 hrs and 2000 km in 6 days.



Well may the weather improve and let's get some real soaring underway.

## 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