

WARM AIR 28 Jan 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 28 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	R Burns R Heynike R McMillan
Sunday 29 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	A Fletcher D Belcher A Michael
Monday 30 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Carswell R Whitby

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *An Adventure*
- *Roster*

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

Club News

Astir MP

MP has its transponder installed and has been returned to service for this weekend.

New Members

Welcome to Toni and Robyn who have recently joined the club.

Weekend Report

Saturday 21 Jan

As you know there was no gliding last weekend due to No5 Squadron holding its family day and operating numerous Orion sorties. Of course, these are the final flights of the P3 Orion's who retire at the end of this month having given 55 plus years of unrelenting and dedicated service to New Zealand. We have a number of past and present gliding members who have served on the P3 as Air or Surveillance crew, and engineering support. There was a terrific formation fly-past of three Orion on Tuesday afternoon. These are being replaced by the P8 Poseidon and re-based at Ohakea.



So, to the Orion's and to all those personnel who have served and supported her our thanks to you. We will miss that unique sound from her engines and that stinger tail.

Sunday 22 Jan – Lionel Reports

A normal start with breakfast at the cafe around the corner from the field. Arrived at 9.30 to a small crowd waiting patiently. We opened up and the private owners soon had all their ships being rigged in a neat row. (Pity I was instructing so could only watch as GON was rigged and made ready for what turned out to be an epic flight.



We set up on 26 as the winds were light and variable - first up was a couple of "trial" flights (the children of an ex-member) followed by Blake who did a brilliant job of the take off and aerotow all the way to release. This was followed by some great thermalling and fun flying. Then a very interesting spin. Required very positive control inputs to recover. Obviously got the centre of gravity right.



This was followed by a trial flyer doing his third or fourth flight - looks very positive as a new member.

Igor was next in GNF with some practicing of balanced turns and secondary effects of controls. We even got to fly the convergence out to the north of Riverhead forest. We got to climb up the wall of clouds which was very interesting. This all in the company of GVF flown by Alex.



I got to fly Robin and Toni again (keep an eye out for our latest members and please make them welcome.)

In between the twin's flight our members made the most of GVF as GMP is U/S while it has ADSB fitted. The private owners all launched and disappeared north for hours. All returning safely towards the end of the day.

Overall the conditions were great with good strong thermals to 3,500ft although the wind shifted twice during the day meaning we had to change ends twice as well. Finished the day with a circuit with Ben. A great way to finish an awesome day. Last flight landed at 18:45

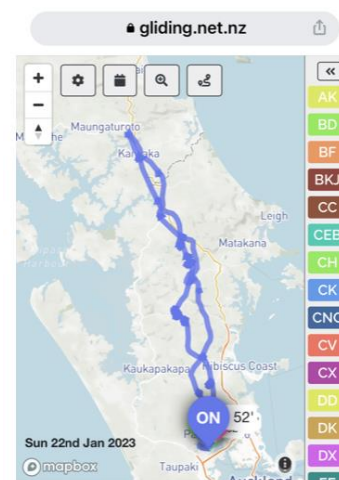
Craig Best had an Adventure

Cross country flight up north on Sunday. (My first real flight up north)

Got a text from Andrew the day before. *North tomorrow? Maybe!* Did the normal thing to meet at the cafe to discuss the day, then on to the airfield. Andrew, Ian and myself rigged our gliders. After a short while we were on the starting grid, Andrew first off then me and Ian followed.

Took me a while to get established, however once at cloud base we were off, three gliders in formation following the energy lines along an amazing convergence. "Awesome" lift all the way to Kaipara Flats (Warkworth) and no need to stop and thermal, just more or less follow that wall of cloud. Just on the western side of Dome Valley we started to encounter an overdeveloped cloud which was starting to spit some water. We were able to side step to continue to Spring Hill Airfield.

After that we headed northeast to a convergence setting up there, up past Wellsford, Kaiwaka and up to Pukekaroro on the Brynderwyn mountain range. At that point there was a collective



agreed decision to turn around and head home. It was a clean and straight-forward run back down to Kaipara Flats airfield.

It took me a while to establish a climb to 4000ft feet, which I needed to cross the tiger country southwest of the airfield. I mis-judged a cloud (*so did I*) and found myself a bit low and digging out of a hole, (*the good news there was a agricultural airstrip available if this was needed*).

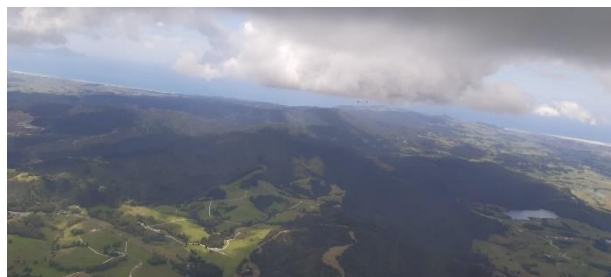


What was real great is that Andrew and Ian came back for moral support (thank you guys) and before long I was back at cloud base and heading south east to the Redvale Quarry near Dairy Flat where I got my last climb and home. A really awesome flight we had. Looking forward to the next one.



Well done Craig, that was a great flight and the convergence worked very well for the flight North. And the big thing is that you kept the patience and tenacity to get yourself out of the "hole" and establish a good climb and carry on. That is soaring. A soaring flight of 172 km and about 3 hours.

A very enjoyable flight and a real pleasure to have a group of us doing this run.



Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jan	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
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