

AGC Weekly News

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

Weekend Roster

Saturday

Tug Pilot: Andy Campbell
Instructors: Jonathan Cross, John Robertson
Duty Pilot: Lois Kok
Winch Driver:

Sunday

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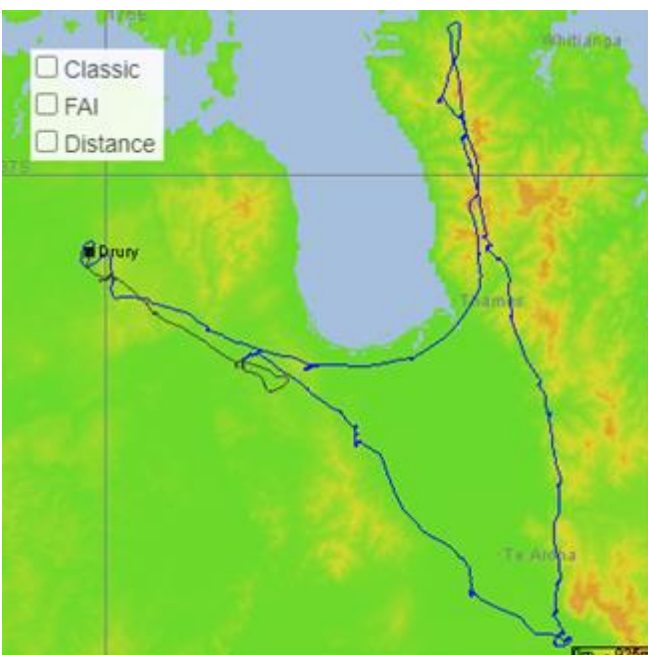
What our members have been doing



John Robertson, DG300, 22-Jan 2023



Keith Macy and Alan Pendergrast have now completed their preliminary check flights in the Duo Discus before carrying out their first flight to qualify on type for the issue of a Discus2 glider rating.



Jonathan Cross, Ventus 3 FES, 22 Jan 2023



Some of the folk attending the Summer Instructors BBQ.



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Mandi Ireland Photography

I was blown away the first time I saw the Concordia. Who wouldn't be smitten by the lines of a 57:1 aspect ratio, the incredible finish, and unfathomable performance. The second time I saw the Concordia I was even more surprised by what I saw in the cockpit. A placard that reads **"Hope is not a Strategy"**. It gave me great confidence that a pilot with Dick Butler's resume still needed a reminder. Here is a guy who has been National Champion at least eight times and on the US Team six. At that time I was still working on badges and trying to win a regional.

Make a Plan - Execute it well

Since that time, I've spent a lot of time instructing in airplanes and gliders, mentoring new cross country and competition pilots, and that placard has come to mind many times. Pilots have successful outcomes because they make a plan, prepare for all alternatives, have a plan for those, train well, and execute the plan. You might be able to snatch a day win with some good luck but hope will not win you a contest.

The rope is frayed, trailer tires are bald, wiring to

your flight recorder is a little flaky, or the tail water dump sticks sometimes. Hoping they all get you through this flight or this season is probably going to end in disappointment sooner or later. Someday the towplane is going to eat a valve or run out of gas, or that (jet, electric, piston) engine is not going to start. Have you spent the last couple years of flying analyzing your options on takeoff and contemplating all possible approaches to them? Now is not the time to make a plan!

Got Away With It? You May Not Again

Setting out across rough terrain because you hope to find a thermal is probably not going to be good for your glider or your life expectancy in the long run. The problem is you might get away with it a few times and start to think you actually know what you're doing. Regular re-calibration of your risk tolerance is necessary. Running and trying to grow a club, commercial operation, or national soaring association is no place for hope either. Plans need to be in place for developing the next generation of pilots, instructors, tow pilots, DPE's, regional directors, etc, etc.

Hope is a Four Letter Word

Hope has become a dirty word in my dictionary. When I hear it around the airport I tend to butt in the conversation and suggest a different approach. Depending on hope is a sign of resignation, one of the five hazardous attitudes that we learn in primary flight training. The solution is educating yourself on all aspects of any flight you undertake, keeping options open,

and taking action when it is needed. May your next flight and all of them after that be safe ones.

Tony Condon learned to soar in central Iowa while attending Iowa State University. He is the President of the Kansas Soaring Association and lives in Wichita, KS with his wife Leah. He works as a charter pilot and is a Designated Pilot Examiner. In 2015 and 2017 he represented the USA in the 13.5 Meter World Championships.

Keith's latest antics



Humpy-bumpy country – where would you land?

Just recently, returning to Drury after leaving the Hunua ranges at about 3000ft near Hotel Du Vin, Keith found sink all the way. None of the clouds he tried worked and he found himself with insufficient height to get clear of the Drury Hills.

Keith lands out on a 20° sloping field in Ararimu, just south of the Drury Hills. No, it's not a wheel-up, only looks that way. Gil Miers, a local farm owner says: If it makes you feel better, Sir Don Rowland, before he was a Sir had to land in a paddock next door to us in Ararimu near the end of Markhams road in around 1959-1960. You've joined the elite. I feel a knighthood coming on!

These local girls were fascinated with a glider landing in their paddock. Part of the joy of a landout is meeting the landowner and sharing the story. Lovely, friendly people in the Ararimu district, south of Auckland.



Drury Flying 6th-10th February

There is a possibility that instructional flying at Drury may be suspended at Drury in the midweek period from 6-10 February when the Duo Discus DX is at Matamata.

A number of club pilots have opted to fly the Duo Discus in the Club Class Nationals with our Summer Instructors.

If you are considering flying one or more days at Matamata during this period, which includes the

Waitangi Day public holiday, and haven't already done so, then please notify cfi@glidingauckland.co.nz

Depending upon competing interests, a firm decision will be made in the next week.

Regards,
Russell

From the Weathermen (or should that be people)




A humid northerly flow has set up over the country and remains in place through to next week. While this warm air from the north is raising temperatures it will also bring rain with it, particularly to the North Island, as well as the west of the South Island by the end of the weekend.

On Saturday it will be a rainy day, with heavy falls from Northland to Bay of Plenty and Rotorua. Thunderstorms are possible for Northland, Auckland and northern Coromandel until evening.

On Sunday more rain is expected for the north, showers are expected further south, especially in the afternoon when some may be heavy.

26 January 2023

Hunua

⚠ Severe Weather Watch			
Friday 27 JAN		Rain, heavy at times. Northeasterlies, gale in exposed places, gusting 80 km/h.	▲ 22°C ▼ 18°C
Saturday 28 JAN		Periods of rain, possibly heavy. Fresh northeasterlies.	▲ 24°C ▼ 18°C
Sunday 29 JAN		Showers, some heavy, becoming isolated with longer fine breaks in the afternoon. Fresh northeasterlies..	▲ 24°C ▼ 18°C

A short cross-country video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wB0OlgyBtic>

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

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Roster

	Instructor 1	Instructor 2	Tug Pilot	Duty Pilot	Winch Driver
Jan 2023					
Sat 28	Jonathan Cross	John Robertson	Andy Campbell,	Lois Kok	
Sun 29	Russell Thorne	Keith Macy		Matt Findlay	
February					
Sat 4	Nigel McPhee	Anton Lawrence	John Bongrain,	Matt Kerrigan	Keith A
Sun 5	George Schulte	John Bongrain		Nathan Montano	Bradley
Sat 11	Jonathan Cross	Graham Cochrane		Peter Wooley	
Sun 12	Ross Taylor	John Robertson	Pat Driessen, Brett Nicholls	Patrick Lalor	Grahame
Sat 18	George Schulte	John Bongrain		Peter Himmel	
Sun 19	Russell Thorne	Keith Macy		Tristan Harvey-S	Paul C
Sat 25	Jonathan Cross	Graham Cochrane		Wolfgng Schenk	
Sun 26	Nigel McPhee	Nigel McPhee		AJ Dudley	Bradley
March					
Sat 4	Roy Innes	Graham Cochrane		Allen Pendergrst	
Sun 5	Ross Taylor	John Bongrain		Dylan Watson	
Sat 11	Nigel McPhee	Keith Macy		Frank Excell	
Sun 12	Russell Thorne	Nigel McPhee		Geoff Green	
Sat 18	Jonathan Cross	John Robertson		Geoff Gaddes	
Sun 19	Russell Thorne	Frank Excell		Georgia Schofld	
Sat 25	Roy Innes	Graham Cochrane		Gerard Robertsn	
Sun 26	Ross Taylor	Keith Macy		Caleb Rosvall	