

# WARM AIR 18 Feb 2023

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org) [ASC Gliding](#) | [Facebook](#)

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Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	S Wallace R Carswell T Prentice
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield P Eichler S Chand

### MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

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

## Club News

First and foremost, we hope you and your loved ones are okay and safe after the absolutely horrific and tragic events from Cyclone Gabrielle. The last couple of weeks have no doubt impacted us all in one way or another and will affect us for a period of time. We know members in other gliding clubs have been impacted and we wish them a speedy recovery. Please note the following.

### Cyclone Gabrielle – NOTAMS & Temporary Restricted Airspace

From the CAA: *"All pilots should be aware that NOTAMS and temporary restricted airspace is about to be promulgated around the airports and adjacent areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. This is to protect and allow unhindered rescue and emergency operations by NZDF, helicopters and essential commercial flights. Keep an eye out for the information on the NOTAMS and respect these restrictions to allow recovery efforts to continue. Unless your flight is essential, do not fly in these areas for the next few days until the situation has stabilised."*

Be aware that it would be anticipated that NZDF air movements at Whenuapai are likely to operate throughout the weekend to supply isolated and severely impacted regions. The duty instructor will liaise with Base Ops and the Tower and advise of operational times, any possible restrictions and instructions on actions you need to take should this be the case. And as per usual you need to keep a good lookout and monitor the radio frequencies while flying as there may be numerous aircraft providing relief support.

You should also consider for not only this weekend, but for those in the coming weeks that road closures or disruption may prevent, or delay retrieves should you land out if heading up North. Have a look at the [Journey Planner \(nzta.govt.nz\)](http://nzta.govt.nz) and [Auckland Transport - Road Closures](#)

### CFI Corner

**Flying passengers in the tow plane.** While we have occasionally flown younger visitors in the tow plane when single seat gliders are being launched, the instructor and tow pilot panel have reviewed this in light of a recent incident, and decided this is not a good practice and we will stop doing this forthwith. We will take club members as it is an important learning opportunity to experience what it is like from the other end of the rope.

**Tee Shirts.** The Aviation Sports club (i.e. power, gliding, para, models) have produced some tee-shirts. They are the AS-COLOUR brand and seem pretty good (to me). They have the Club logo embroidered on them but no identification of division. They are all navy blue. They are \$30 each. As to sizing, I am a large. If you are interested, please email me (Ray Burns) and I will organise.



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## Weekend Report

### Saturday 11 Feb 23 Peter Thorpe Reports

I agreed to stand in for Andrew Fletcher as he had to work and it also gave me the opportunity to supervise Izzy Burr so that she can be signed out to supervise flying operations. The weather was not particularly good with high overcast and a strong easterly wind but we decided to open up the field and assess the conditions on the ground. I was greatly cheered (not) by a message from our engineer Derry telling me that the twin needed to be rigged following its annual inspection. Oh happy days, our most favourite activity!!!

Fortunately, a strong team of enthusiasts soon gathered including Izzy, Shiv, tow pilot Gus, Ben, Neville, Tony, Roy, Jonathan and a couple of returning students from last year. The usual tussle ensued but having a small person who can climb in the rear cockpit and visually check alignment of the various spigots was a definite advantage and soon the stars aligned and we were able to get on with taping the joints and signing off the rig and duplicate checks. Gus went off to fill the fuel containers and decided to try Costco as it is cheaper albeit a bit farther away. He returned saying all went well so we now have another option for fuel.

We set up ops on grass 08 and Izzy and Jonathan were first away soon after midday to test out the conditions. Quite boisterous on aero tow and they only managed 14 minutes from a 2000ft tow. Obviously not a day for soaring pilots but OK for trainees who were keen to try lumpy conditions. Izzy took up Matthew Peeters while I did the same with Jeremy D for some refresher flying as he had not been flying since last year. Izzy then took young Harvey, a Jonathan protégé and finished the day with a 1500ft flight with Ben. All on the ground by 3pm so plenty of time to wipe down the aircraft and share a fizzy drink before heading home. Thanks to Neville for running the books even if he did use pen and paper and the others who turned up but chose not to fly.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Understand the weather was not soarable.

# The Club Class Nationals

started in typical North Island contest fashion for this season. Friday was practice day and was a no fly day. Saturday, Sunday and then Monday, the first three days of the contest were also no fly days due to crap weather.



Fortunately things then came right and we flew the next 5 days in a row. Three of these were ridge or ridge assisted days with turn points spread between Thames and Tokoroa.



Day 3 was unusual as far as the results go with something I've never see before and that was the top three pilots all being awarded 1,000 points by the scoring system. After a 329km racing task only 2 seconds seperated the three pilots with myself and Michael Strathern completing the task in the exact same time, to the second. Both 2hrs 47mins and 4 seconds!

#	OP	CN	Contestant	Points
1.	KT		Steven G Wallace	1,000
Club: AAV Glider: Mosquito Start: 13:24:29 Finish: 16:11:33 Time: 2:47:04 Speed: 118.19 km/h Distance: 329.10 km				
1.	TJ	^2	Michael Strathern	1,000
Club: NLN Glider: ASW 20 Start: 13:16:47 Finish: 16:03:51 Time: 2:47:04 Speed: 118.19 km/h Distance: 329.10 km				
1.	VC	^1	Steven Care	1,000
Club: PKO Glider: ASW 20 Start: 13:23:22 Finish: 16:10:28 Time: 2:47:06 Speed: 118.17 km/h				



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For the last two days the wind switched to the east and I was able to start on both of these days in easterly wave at the max airspace start height of 6,500'.



We were lucky to fly on the last day as the sky was blanketed in high cloud from the incoming tropical cyclone and I was even luckier to have a good day and secure a come from behind win over the young and exceptionally talented pilot from Auckland Gliding Club, John Robertson.



*Thanks Steve for the article and a very big congrats to you winning the NZ Club Class Nationals. I personally had a great time, learnt heaps and enjoyed meeting a great bunch of people. If you get a chance to go to a contest, take the opportunity. Although it is a bit daunting, it is a great learning experience and an opportunity to fly alongside with talented pilots. And certainly, flying around Matamata generally provides ridge, thermal and wave soaring and good conditions. Have a chat with*

*the likes of the Steve Wallace and Steve Foreman to know what steps you can take to prepare yourself for a contest.*

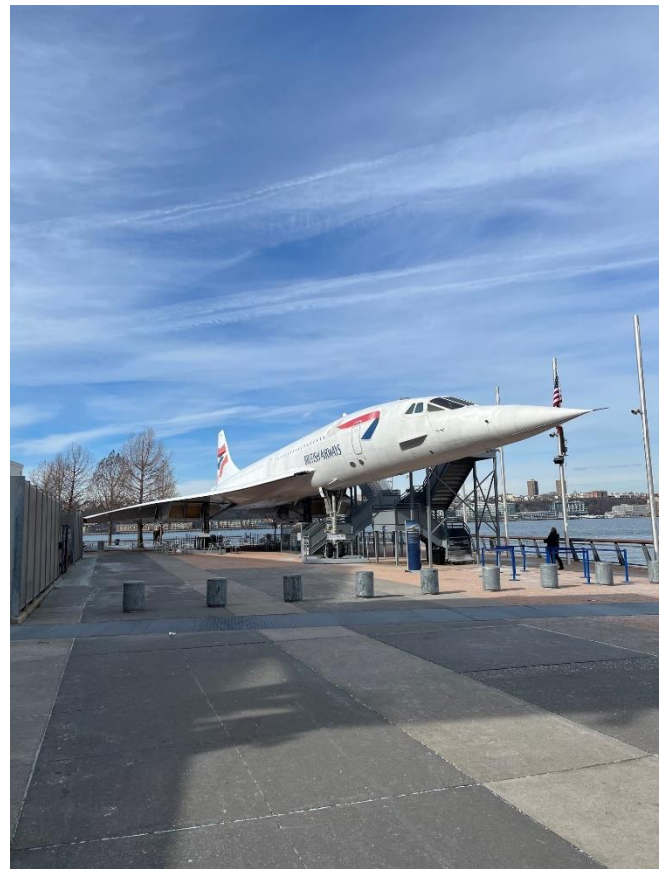
**New York, New York**

Logan sent us an email a week back to show the new plane he is getting type rated in. I mean he just got into the PW5 and now this.....The sky has no limit.



Awesome, thanks for sharing, Logan.

You are cleared for 26 Grass.



## Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Feb	18	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	19	S CHAND	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	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	G CABRE
	18	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	19	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	25	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	26	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER