

WARM AIR 4 March 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 4 th March	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot:	S Wallace P Thorpe C Best
Sunday 5 th March	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield G Cabre R McMillan

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- Club News
- Weekend Reports
- Roster

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

Club News

Hey, its Autumn already, hopefully some better soaring weather for you all.

Hangar Key - Just a reminder if you have unlocked the hangar please return that key to its "special spot" It has been observed a couple of time the Hangar key circulating in the caravan and it will only a matter of time that someone will lock themselves out.

Central Plateau Contest – we have a couple member competing in the contest commencing next week being Dave Todd and Steve Foreman. In fact, they are both practicing in Taupo right now. So, if you would like to imagine you are there and not at work follow them on Puretrack.io or flightradar.

Vintage Gliding Kiwi – Our Derry is in Stratford and says the scenery is amazing.

Weekend Report

Saturday 25th Feb - Andrew Fletcher Reports

Did the breakfast thing, looked at the weather, talked about the weather, and by midday decided it was not conducive for soaring and called it a day.

Sunday 27th Feb – Lionel Page Reports

Craig kindly opened up for me as I was, yet again, running (late). I did however arrive before 9.30am. There was not much interest in the single seaters so only GNF was taken out and DI'd. After the normal banter - we moved down to 08 and started flying.



First up was young Harvey and we quickly hooked into a thermal and enjoyed a great flight until he said he was hungry and needed to eat. What? We returned to the field having given him quite a bit more air experience with loads of hands on time.

Next was Ben who let Harvey go first, hoping the conditions would improve further. The conditions were very marginally but we still got the longest flight of the day. Even after an out of position exercise went a bit wrong and we (read I) broke the rope.

David McGowan had a quick flight, a bit rusty having been flying with the dark side in Piper Tomahawks. Welcome back.

Ben handled a low level release exercise very well, just as the tower come on to welcome a B757 back from Christchurch. We then did a normal circuit to consolidate.

The final flight of the day was Alex who took up a passenger. The conditions had markedly deteriorated before this flight but the skys opened up, however the conditions were still not very soarable.

A few beverages closed the day and we headed home about 5pm. - Great day everyone - thank you.



Get Knotted

There appeared to be a few tow rope issues on Sunday, with a rope break, a knot and a new length of rope becoming entangled and having no end. However we had our elite team of Roy and Neville patiently unravelling, splicing and dis-entangling. It was like Sudoku and a rubick cube on steroids. Who said gliding could be boring. Well done fellas, most of us would have walked away.



Mighty Red

Well the tractor was put into operation and is highly admired. I have recieved dozens of pictures at all different angles. Perhaps if the weather continues to be blah we will become a Tractor club. But again a big thank to Craig and Kazik for the work they have done. This tractor will go and go for another 50 years for sure.



Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
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