

WARM AIR 29 April 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 29 April	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns G Cabre T O'Rourke
Sunday 30 April	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace R Heynike I O'Keefe

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *Roster*

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

Club News

Auckland Club – Change in CFI

After more than 6 years Russell Thorne has handed the CFI reins to Anton Lawrence. Firstly, an acknowledgement to Russell who has supported members of our club over this time period when we have been operating at the Auckland club. So, Russell a big thank you and now you can soar in peace. For those who have not met Anton, he is a real enthusiast and has a wealth of experience in Hang Gliding and Cross-Country Soaring. So, if you are out at Auckland Club and wish to fly, drop a line to Anton.

Weekend Reports

Saturday 22nd April – Steve Wallace Reports

A continuation of the moist tropical air being funneled in from the north east as it had been for the past 10 days or so meant low cloud, rain, no sun and no flying.

Sunday 23rd April – Ivor Woodfield Reports

Sunday started out with low cloud. It was quite cold but not raining at least. I opened up the field and was soon joined by Craig, Roy, Neville, Tony and Kazik, mostly wanting to get various jobs done about the place while waiting to see what the weather did. Ben and his father arrived to see if there would be any flying, by which time we had discovered that cloud base was no higher than 1500' and quite variable, with a southerly crosswind blowing. However, the sun did make some brief appearances so we decided to wait and see what developed.

By this time Craig was working on building more brackets for GON's trailer, Kazik was working on the ramp for GBC's trailer and I was cleaning off bits of GIV's trailer. Ben went off to Bunnings and would return if the weather improved and Steve Foreman arrived to collect GXM as he was off flying elsewhere later in the week.

Although the cloud base lifted a little during the morning, and patches of blue did appear from time to time, it was clear that no one was really wanting to fly, so around midday some of us decided to call it a day, leaving a small group continuing on with their crafting. Sadly it had been yet another day without any gliding at Whenuapai.

Tuesday 25th April - Steve Wallace Reports

A text from Alex in the morning, while I was walking with wife and dog on the beach, meant when I got home and after bacon and eggs, I needed to check out the weather. There was once again much hope for a coast day from Alex and Craig who were ready and waiting at the field. The forecast looked good in terms of wind direction from about 1pm onwards but maybe the speed would be a bit lacking. As it turned out the speed was good at 25Kts but the wind direction wasn't with the ATIS calling 190 at 2,000.

A trial flight with Gaelle Stanfield (potential keen new member) was a chance to check things out from the air. The thermals were great but it was also obvious that the wind was indeed about 20 degrees south of the 21 runway so coastal flying was a no go. Sad for Alex who is leaving us next weekend for far away adventures. Our lucky trial flighter however did get a nice hour in the air which gave time for Ben and Marley to arrive. Ben managed half an hour of staying up and Marley out did himself with one and half hours of twin flying to really get his thermal technique sussed along with many stalls and a demo spin.

Alex and Craig procrastinated for way to long before finally launching at around 4pm resulting in shorter flights of 26mins and 18mins. So not quite the coast day we were hoping for but not a bad days flying either.



Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
April	29	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	30	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
May	6	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	7	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	13	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE
	14	N VYLE	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	20	D MCGOWAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	21	C BEST	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	27	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	28	A MICHAEL	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
Kings Birthday	3	R WHITBY	L PAGE	P THORPE
	4	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	5	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	11	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL

	17	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	D BELCHER
	18	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24	S CHAND	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	25	N VYLE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL