

WARM AIR 22nd & 23rd July 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday July 22	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns R Heynike I Khripunov
Sunday July 23	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace P Thorpe D McGowan

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

- **Club News**
- **Weekend Reports**
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Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.

Club News

Mid-Winter club dinner: "Sunday, 23rd July 2023" , 6pm onwards



Due to availability constraints, we have moved the date of our annual **Mid-Winter club dinner** to:

- **"Sunday, 23rd July 2023" , 6pm onwards.**
- The venue is the same as last year: "The Landing restaurant" at "The Riverhead" (33 York Terrace, Riverhead).
- [The Landing Restaurant in Riverhead, West Auckland — The Riverhead](#)
- This invitation extends to all club members and their families.

Please RSVP (incl number of attendees) at the earliest by email to kishan@bhashyam.co.nz or by text/call on 0210 645 648.

Weekend Reports

14th July Friday – Ivor

Friday morning was definitely breezy when I left home, but the sun was out finally. It was Matariki, so we could fly from Whenuapai. I collected Blake and then the gate key and we arrived at the gate around 0930. Once we had opened up and spoken to Base Ops, others started arriving. First was Craig, followed by tow pilot Ruan, duty pilot Ben, Kazik, Roy with granddaughter, and Ray. It was also great to see Jonathan who is recently returned from a long trip to the UK.

The occasional shower came through, although generally there were large patches of blue between the clouds. However, Base Ops called to say a strong wind warning had been issued, with winds above 25Kts forecast from midday onwards. Showers were also clear on the rain radar, so far passing north and south of us.

Much time was spent in the hangar comparing the various weather apps on everyone's devices, Generally it was decided, despite the variations, that the wind was only going to get stronger, but the southerly crosswind component was likely to reach our limits at some stage. Eventually it was agreed that we were unlikely to be flying, and that coffee at the local cafe would be a good option. We packed up the hanger, locked up the field and set off, only to find the cafe was closed. We moved on to the next nearest, only to discover it had closed down permanently! Eventually we found an open venue, nice but very busy when we arrived, where we were able to sit, drink good coffee and engage in our traditional flying and other discussions for quite a while before everyone headed off. Sadly, yet another non-flying day although things looked slightly better for the rest of the weekend.

15th July Saturday – Peter Reports

Craig Best was waiting at the gate when I arrived and we were soon joined by Ray Burns, tow pilot Derry Belcher, Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, Tony Prentice and one keen student David McGowan. Ray wanted to do some private flying in RDW and Derry went off to fill the fuel containers so the rest of us decided to rig the singles which were in bits after annuals. We rigged the PW5 and David got to practise taping wing joints then we were joined by Izzy Burr and Shivneet Chand so that gave us some young muscle to tackle the Astir MP. Rigging complete and David was keen to fly so we wheeled NF to the 26 threshold and briefed a general handling sortie to 2000ft.

Airborne at 1215 into a lively sky. AA ATIS said the wind was 230/14 on the ground and 34kts at 2000ft so we were expecting some turbulence. It was quite energetic but David handled the tow well and we tried a couple of turns and stalls but were soon back in the circuit. Approach and landing went well for a grand total of 13 minutes – not exactly an award winning soaring flight.

Jonathan and I then went to try our luck but even the wisdom and experience of our combined ages of 158 years did not get us more than 16 minutes. Finally, Izzy and Shiv went to show us how to do it and they managed a mighty 9 minutes!! The weather gods were definitely dumping on us so we packed up and went home. At least Derry got three flights to maintain his currency.

Peter

16th July Sunday – Lionel

Yay, we got to fly. The weather was not very good - overcast with 18kts of breeze but at least it was down the vector (26). First up to give the trying conditions a go was Antonia. We towed to 2,000ft and per Rex encountered a bit of wave - I did not notice as Antonia was doing the aero tow and I was concentrating given the conditions. After what was a sled ride, Antonia

gave it another go with a similar result - the conditions were definitely not ideal for early pre-solo.

Jonathan had the last flight of the day before we packed away and departed after a few cold ones. All done by about 1pm but at least we got to fly.

Thanks to everyone who popped out and helped with another safe flying day.



Video Corner

Flare, flare, repair, repair ...ouch ouch ouch [Extreme Hard Landing - Cessna 441 Conquest II - YouTube](#)

The RIAT Airshow in the UK has just taken place and a B52 has demonstrated some of its interesting means to handles crosswinds [Crazy B-52 Stratofortress Damage 18 Runway Lights after Flying Display RIAT 23 - YouTube](#)

Flying in Rain [Glider pilot flies through wall of rain, twice!! ☹️ - YouTube](#)



Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
	22	I KHRIPUNOV	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	23	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	29	R MCMILLAN	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	30	N VYLE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
Aug	5	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	6	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	12	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	13	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	19	R WHITBY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	20	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	26	C BEST	R BURNS	TBC
	27	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	3	B GAMBARO	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	B HINDS	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	10	K JASICA	R BURNS	G CABRE
	16	I KHRIPUNOV	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	23	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24	N VYLE	R BURNS	P EICHLER