

WARM AIR 8th & 9th July 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 8 July	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Carswell S Chand
Sunday 9 July	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns P Eichler Whoever

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

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

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.

Duty Pilot Swap – We have a duty pilot swap request for the 9th July. If someone is able to provide cover, please contact me and my people will make arrangements with the person concerned.

Weekend Reports

Saturday 1 July – Steve Wallace and Peter Thorpe Report

Strong WSW winds were forecast so thoughts of a coast run started circulating. Ben Gambro enquired on Friday thus putting himself to the front of the list. I said to Ben wind strength and direction looked good but it would come down to the rain and just how big and extensive the showers may be. I let Pete Thorpe know that a coast run may be on so we had a tow pilot secured. Come Saturday morning I picked up the gate key and then picked up Blake who was bravely walking through the heavy rain showers on his way to the club. Just to prove they had no common sense Craig and Roy also turned up to observe the preparations. We got the twin out, DI'd it and then put it back before the approaching tall and dark wall of water arrived. Looking at the rain radar showed that while there were lovely big clear patches between the rain of about an hour in duration, the rain was coming in long lines of heavy rain that stretched for up to 50kms up and down the coast. We waited for three of these bands to come through before deciding that discretion was the better part of valour and the risk of getting trapped on the coast by one of these long heavy lines of rain was too great, so we made the decision to pack up and try again on another day. Pete did get a circuit in, in RDW so at least somebody was happy.



Steve

Peter reports on how to dry wings

The forecast was not looking good, but duty instructor Steve Wallace texted me to say he was hoping for a West Coast run so I duly arrived at 0930. Steve and a bunch of young students were there looking hopeful, so I prepped RDW. I had purchased an electric pump to make refuelling easier and while it is not perfect, I was able to transfer the contents of a 20 litre container into the aircraft while I was standing on the ground rather than balancing on a ladder. That is a big improvement. A rain squall came through while the tug was outside, and it got very wet so I planned to fly a check circuit both to dry the wings and give me a little refresher training. Steve was watching the rain radar and another rain squall came through after which I took off for my circuit. The AKL ATIS had the surface wind at 250/26 while the 2000ft wind was 230/40. It was not so strong on the ground at WP but still was going to be a sporting ride. My initial climb rate was impressive, and I reached 500ft by the end of the runway but it was a bit turbulent. A flapless approach at 70kts seemed the prudent thing to do and it worked out fine. I taxied back to the hangar to find a decision had been taken to cancel flying which meant I was the only person to fly 😊. We packed up and went home.



Sunday 2 July –Reports

No flying.

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
July	8	S CHAND	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	SWAP Needed	R BURNS	P EICHLER
Matariki	14	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	15	B HINDS	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	16	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	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

