

WARM AIR 26th & 27th August 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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| Sunday Aug 27 | Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot | S Wallace P Eichler S Chand |

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

Weekend Reports - Not too much to report. It was a quiet flying weekend due to the weather. What a surprise

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

Club News

Duty Pilot Swap

Would someone like to swap Duty Pilot Roster for Ben Gambaro for the 3rd Sept. Please contact Warm Air or Ben directly if you can help out.

Weekend Reports

19th August Saturday – Duty Instructor Andrew Fletcher Reports

Saturday 19th did not look good from a weather perspective, but never mind there was still breakfast at the cafe with Ray and Craig to look forward to.

We opened the gate at 0930, it was not long before Ben appeared at the hangar keen to get a flight or two in before the inevitable rain arrived. We made ready for the trip down to the 08 launch point. We were there before the tow plane so briefed on the subject of short field landings and factors affecting landing performance.

The first tow was to 1500 feet, we needed a little over our circuit altitude to practice a couple of stalls with the brakes out before we joined the circuit. With aim points and paddock boundaries defined we made our first approach. A few knots of tailwind and wet grass made it hard for Ben to achieve a short landing, 200m from the fence, not bad for a first go in the prevailing conditions.

Time to go again, the sky was getting dark to the west, rain was approaching, we had already had some light rain on the wings for the first launch so this next one would be our last. I demoed the approach and landing, I managed 160m from the fence, this shows how wet grass and one or two knots of tailwind can really make a difference. Once on the ground even moderate application of the wheel brake resulted in a skid on the wet grass.

By the time we were out of the glider it was raining, Ben got a nice soaking while we towed the aircraft back to the hangar while I drove the tractor under the canopy in the dry, that's how it's meant to be you know 😊.

See you next time.

20th August Sunday – Ivor Woodfield Reports

Weather forecasts for Sunday had not been great, however when I looked out Sunday morning the overnight rain had stopped, and while cloudbase looked low, small signs of blue sky were peeking through. However, by the time I reached the field to open up the rain had returned, and it was clear that cloudbase was very low, with views of the city and the local hills completely obscured. I had already talked with the tow pilot Rex and we agreed that while it looked unlikely, I would let him know if anyone wanted a tow.

After a while, and following a couple of chats with people who were not wanting to go flying, I packed up and headed home, to be replaced for a while by Craig who had yet more work to do in the hangar. Yet another no-flying winter day :(

A new Aviation Book from Fletcher McKenzie

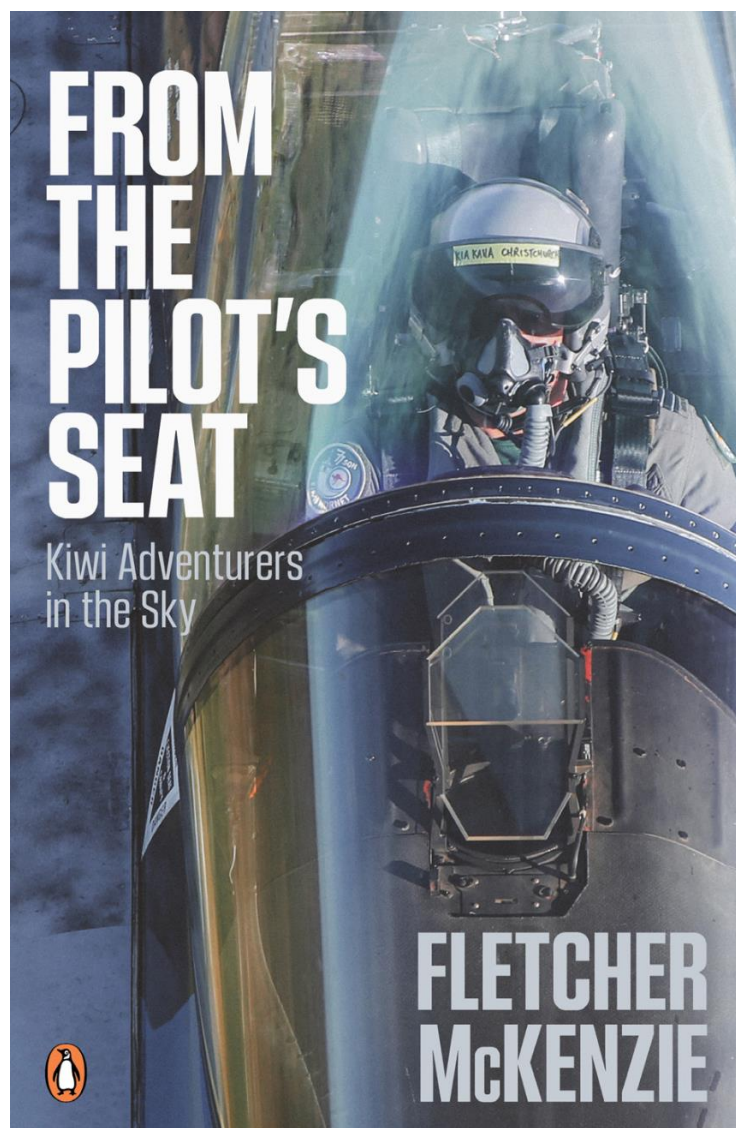
Now here is a cool new book from Fletcher McKenzie who is a Tow pilot & keen recreational pilot. Fletcher has interviewed 23 Kiwi pilots (including 3 glider pilots) who have flown around the world and are record-breakers of different kinds.

Put yourself in the pilot seat and experience the intense thrills, the pleasures and the near misses of lifetimes spent in the air!

The pilots represent a range of flying eras, aircraft and experiences - from the Second World War to the present day, from one of the original Dambusters to flying Richard Branson's private jet. Stories involve gliders, fighter jets, private aircraft, top-dressing planes, helicopters and many military aircraft, including the famous F-18 from Top Gun.

Available from Whitcoulls, Paper Plus and most independent bookstores.

I think Father's Day is coming up on the 3rd September. Perhaps a nice gift. Just saying.....



Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot |
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| Aug | 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 | T O'ROURKE | 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 |
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