

WARM AIR 16th & 17th September 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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| Saturday Sept 16 | Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot | S Wallace R Heynike I Khripunov |
| Sunday Sept 17 | Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot | A Fletcher G CABRE N Vyle |

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

Upcoming Events and reminders

- Annual General Meeting and Pre-Season Soaring Safety Brief. It is proposed this will occur on Saturday the 14th of October at 10am at our Skyline Garage.
- Labour Weekend Matamata Camp – the committee has confirmed we will undertake our pilgrimage to Matamata on the 21, 22, & 23rd of October. So, plan to book accommodation and prepare to head down. We will need helpers to prepare trailers, support equipment etc etc. (*scary I know that we are even thinking this far ahead*)
- Just received notification No Flying on 15 October. Oh well it will allow us to prepare for the Matamata Camp.
- Looking for a Duty Pilot on the 24th Sept. Give us a holla if you can help.

CFI Corner

Now that we are heading into summer the various ATC squadrons are booking weekends where they hope to fly both the 103 and the 109. These will be logged in the club calendar and appear on the website. Currently they are scheduled for the 28 and 29 Oct, 4 and 5 Nov, 11 and 12 Nov and 25,26 Nov.

We will be looking to have an early start on these weekends in order to get the number of cadets through before lunch time.

We are a bit stretched for tow pilots in October as both Rex and Derry are overseas.

Weekend Reports

9 Sept Saturday – Duty Instructor Andrew “Dash” Fletcher Reports

Saturday looked like a half decent day, of course breakfast was had at the usual time with the usual people. The wind was North easterly so 08 was the vector for the day, the launch point was set up, it didn't take long for flying to commence.

First for me, ben Gambaro, Spiral dives and spins followed by a simulated paddock landing into a confined space behind the G109 hangar. All went well, the spin turned into a spiral dive that was immediately recognised by Ben and then recovered. Followed by a nice approach and landing using around 100m of our simulated 200m paddock.

Next a trial flight, Clemson enjoyed his flight so I think we will see more of him in the near future, Alineza Nejati was next, a new member, the sky was now developed so we soared for half an hour before our return.

Christian Clark, another trial flight, again we soared for a while before returning to land, Larsen Farrell was next up. Larsen is a new member with some power time already under his belt. There was a nice line of energy that tracked across the field Northeast so we utilised this to complete wing drop stalls and spins.

Jain Anshul, another trial flight, we managed to stay up for a while before our inevitable return. Jain enjoyed his flight, which was also his first ever flight. Its quite special to take someone for their first ever flight, I think we might see Jain again.

The final flight went to Blake Hinds, just a circuit for Blake after a bit of a break, well flown, nice one Blake.

Well, that's a Wrap, I am back on duty again this coming Sunday so see you then.

Tow Pilot Peter Reports from the front

The Auckland ATIS showed 050/13 on the ground and 030/13 at 2000ft so it was off to the 08 end of the strip for us. Nobody was keen to fly the singles so Neville shot off in the tractor with caravan while NF followed in slower time leaving me to warm up RDW and follow. Did all the right things but when I pushed the starter button nothing happened but the click of the relay. Battery voltage looked good, so it was time to lift the bonnet and see if there was anything obvious. I pulled at all the electrical connections and the main wire to the starter came off in my hand, the crimp joint having failed. By then help in the form of Ray and Andrew was to hand and after some discussion Ray went home to raid his workshop while I went off to Repco to buy a replacement spade fitting. By the time I returned Ray had found a fitting and had crimped it up and refitted the cable so all I had to do was check everything, close the bonnet and we were back in business.

First flight was away at 1240 for a tow to 2500t for Ben and Andrew. Take off roll seemed a bit easier with NF's wheel brake no longer dragging but the wind over the hangar made the tow quite turbulent at low level. Ray and Lionel flew some circuits in the motor glider while Andrew flew four trial flights and two more training flight for a total of 7 flights for the day. A quiet drink around the caravan and it was nearly dark by the time I got home.

10 Sept Saturday – Duty Instructor Ray “CFIness” Burns Reports

A normal start at the Café with Craig and Andrew followed by a trip to the Hangar to open up about 9ish. Thomas was already waiting and was lickety split to setup the caravan and be prepared for the day. Dave arrived soon after and some frenetic activity saw BX, ON and KT rigged, NF DI'd and the Tow plane made ready for the day. There being no other punters I decided to go a do a few circuits in RDW. By the time I had finished four circuits we Larsen had turned up and everything was duly setup on 08.

Craig and Andrew did a couple of circuits each and then departed into the yonder with Dave while Larsen and I had a crack at some more circuits. The only other flight for the day was with Harvey.

All finished about 2ish.

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot |
|-------|------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Sept | 16 | I KHRIPUNOV | S WALLACE | R HEYNIKE |
| | 17 | N VYLE | A FLETCHER | G CABRE |
| | 23 | R MCMILLAN | P THORPE | G CABRE |
| | 24 | | R BURNS | P EICHLER |
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New Roster

Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | 109 |
|-------|------|---------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| Sep | 30 | K BHASHYAM | L PAGE | R HEYNIKE | |
| Oct | 1 | I O'KEEFE | S WALLACE | P THORPE | |

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| | 7 | T O'ROURKE | A FLETCHER | G CABRE | |
| | 8 | T PRENTICE | P THORPE | P EICHLER | |
| | 14 | R WHITBY | R BURNS | G CABRE | |
| -No Flying | 15 | R BAGCHI | L PAGE | P THORPE | - |
| Labour Weekend | 21 | C BEST | S WALLACE | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 22 | S CHAND | A FLETCHER | P THORPE | |
| | 23 | S FOREMAN | I WOODFIELD | P THORPE | |
| | 28 | B GAMBARO | I BURR | R CARSWELL | PBT |
| | 29 | B HINDS | R BURNS | P EICHLER | LP |
| Nov | 4 | K JASICA | P THORPE | R HEYNIKE | LP |
| | 5 | I KHRIPUNOV | L PAGE | D BELCHER | RB |
| | 11 | D MCGOWAN | S WALLACE | G CABRE | RB/LP |
| | 12 | R MCMILLAN | A FLETCHER | P THORPE | RB |
| | 18 | N VYLE | I WOODFIELD | R CARSWELL | |
| | 19 | K BHASHYAM | R BURNS | P EICHLER | |
| | 25 | I O'KEEFE | P THORPE | R HEYNIKE | PBT |
| | 26 | T O'ROURKE | L PAGE | D BELCHER | RB |
| Dec | 2 | T PRENTICE | I BURR | G CABRE | |
| | 3 | R WHITBY | S WALLACE | P THORPE | |
| | 9 | R BAGCHI | A FLETCHER | R CARSWELL | |
| | 10 | C BEST | I WOODFIELD | D BELCHER | |
| | 16 | S CHAND | R BURNS | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 17 | S FOREMAN | P THORPE | D BELCHER | |