

WARM AIR 23rd & 24th September 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday Sept 23	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe G Cabre R McMillan
Sunday Sept 24	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns P Eichler

MEMBERS NEWS

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Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members Jonathan, Ben G, Craig .

Club News

Upcoming Events and reminders

- Annual General Meeting and Pre-Season Soaring Safety Brief. This will occur on Saturday the 14th of October at 10am at our Skyline Garage. It is a mandatory requirement to attend this Safety briefing or receive it from the Duty Instructor prior to any flying!!
- Labour Weekend Matamata Camp – the pilgrimage to Matamata on the 21, 22, & 23rd of October. Please contact Club Captain Krish to indicate if you will be attending and whether you are able to assist with taking the club gliders down or back.

We hear accommodation is scarce, so plan now. Check this link for options

<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/>

- Just received notification that **we can** in fact fly on 15th October, as the Air Force event has been cancelled. However, we will also need to derig gliders midday afternoon and prepare equipment for the Matamata Camp to allow for the great exodus for the long weekend.
- 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

16 Sept Saturday – Duty Instructor Steve Wallace Reports

The forecast the night before was looking pretty good for the time of year with a great looking convergence overhead WP and stretching north with good thermals starting around 11am. By the morning the forecast had moderated somewhat and the convergence was now predicted to be weaker and further out to the east. Good thermal streeting, however was still being predicted. This was a good enough forecast for the cross-country boys to hatch plans for Kaikohe and return flights.



When I arrived at 9.30am with the key, the Mossie Squaron of Craig Best and Andrew Fletcher were already inside the gate and rigging. Dave Todd and Steve Foreman of the Iron Thermal Squadron arrived soon after and starting rigging their trusty steeds.

Flying started at 10.30am with CFI Ray Burns getting the first of seven ATC Cadet flights underway in the G109. New student Al Javaremi was first up in the twin with a nice 41 minute flight.

In a 30 minute window before midday Steve, Dave, Andrew and Craig all launched and headed off north on their cross country adventures. Marley Kuys got a nice 34 minute training flight with plenty of thermalling practice and a chance to get use of the trim signed off. Ben Gambro snuck in a quick circuit check flight before heading off in VF for 30 minutes and Jeremy Caird our pax flight for the day got in a great flight before everybody was required to land before 2.40pm for the arrival of an Aussie C17 Globemaster.



As it turned out the C17 was about 20 minutes late and post it landing we were required to stay on the ground until after it had departed again. This meant most people headed off home which unfortunately left us a bit short of people for retrieves when land out calls came in from Craig Best at North Shore Airfield and then Andrew Fletcher at Waipu Cove.



With the only person on the field able to drive a retrieve vehicle being me, we packed away the gliders before myself, Ben and Igor went to fetch Craig from North Shore. Once back at WP Craig then went to fetch the Fletch from Waipu with the dynamic duo arriving back at WP at about 10.30pm. For early in the season everyone had excellent flights with the OLC showing that Craig covered 159km, Andrew 196km, Steve 265km and Dave unrecorded but no doubt a similar amount to Steve. Nice one guys!

A really good day despite the actual weather falling well short of forecast expectations.



Craig has decided to install a turbo on his Glider. This should do the trick.

The Mossie boys were discussing the merits of turbo's to get home, and the ethics on whether this makes you a real glider pilot. And although Andrew was a long way from home, he did land in a good paddock and was met by a friendly farmer and joined a soiree of ladies from the local netball team who were having pre-drinkies at the residence before heading off to a prize giving. There was lots of giggling in the background when he rang Warm Air. He may have been regaling them about "Madame Descendance" So may be a turbo is not always a good thing.

17 Sept Sunday Reports

Well no flying. A hearty breakfast at the local Café allowed the Mossie boys to inform the rest of us of their previous day escapades. And then a check of their machines and removal of dairy farm dirt from KT.

Ray took a local flight in the FK9, but with no other takers for gliding and the weather being very blustery, we packed up and headed home.

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Sept	23	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	G CABRE
	24		R BURNS	P EICHLER

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	
	7	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	
	8	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	P EICHLER	
	14	R WHITBY	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	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	