

WARM AIR 16 / 17 Dec 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 16 Dec	Instructing:	R Burns
	Towing:	R Heynike
	Duty Pilot	S Chand
Sunday 17 Dec	Instructing:	P Thorpe
	Towing:	D Belcher
	Duty Pilot	S Foreman

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

GNF needs to be rigged Saturday – De-rigged Sunday

GNF is back from ATC student training in Matamata for the weekend, before heading back for a further week of supporting Youth Glide.

Flying over the Xmas / New Year Period

Yes, this is proceeding. Will be like last year where you will need to notify the assigned duty instructor the day before and prior to 1500hrs that you would like to fly the next day. The duty instructor will notify Base Ops and confirm with the tow pilot that we are proceeding. Go to www.ascgliding.org and members area to obtain contacts of the duty instructors. A roster is pending and will be posted.

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor reports for Saturday Dec 9

No Soaring activities due to Seasprite Operations

Duty Instructor Ivor reports for Sunday Dec 10

As I headed out to the field on Sunday, the sky was overcast and there was a brisk south westerly blowing. I was met at the gate by tow pilot Derry and we set about opening up. The wind was more or less down the runway, quite gusty and the low cloudbase was gradually lifting.

The wings of GNF were still in the trailer, and Derry set about doing some work around the site of the recent inspection hatch insertions under each wing. We knew we would need to be putting a fully derigged twin onto it's trailer before the end of the day, so it could be taken to

Matamata for a week of flying with ATC cadets, and Derry was keen to check the work that had been done on the wings and ensure the glider was ready to be flown at the camp. While he did this, others had started arriving, including Ray, Craig, Tony, Fedor and Neville. People got engaged in various activities, both in the hangar and out amongst the trailers, none of which included flying as the weather looked less than glider friendly.

Fedor was the only one expressing an interest in some gliding, however after discussions about the cloud base height and the strength of the gusts, he also concluded that it was not a good day to be up gliding. Therefore, late in the morning the decision was taken to stow GNF onto its trailer and get everything ready for the journey to Matamata. Despite having a small band of enthusiastic people on hand, it still took quite some time before everything had been located and the various parts of the glider had been properly secured onto the trailer. With that work completed, as well as the various tasks on some trailers, we locked up the field, leaving GNF ready to be collected, and some of us headed round to the Pururi cafe for some coffee and cake before going home.

Then later in the afternoon it was back to the field to help Izzy collect the trailer and head off on her journey to Matamata and a week of instructing on the annual ATC camp.

Sadly yet another day when no gliding was done, although various tasks were completed, which was good.

Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	109
	16	S CHAND	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	17	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	D BELCHER	