

# WARM AIR 27 / 28 / 29 Jan 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

## THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 27 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	A Fletcher G Cabre B Gambaro
Sunday 28 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield R Carswell B Hinds
Monday 29 Jan	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns R Heynike K Jasica

## MEMBERS NEWS

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

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## Club News

We will be flying Monday, Weather permitting.

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## Weekend Reports

### **Duty Instructor Ivor reports for Saturday Jan 20**

The day was looking good for us, with light north to north-easterly breezes. Initially there were some light showers in the forecast which were set to clear to a good day, although in the event they didn't reach Whenuapai.

I arrived at the field to find Derry and his engineering colleague Nick Bowers, who is visiting from the UK, already hard at work on some glider annuals. Derry had talked to Base Ops who told him we would likely be grounded until around midday due to some Hercules and Boeing operations taking place. I had a conversation with the control tower, who confirmed the flying operations and also said there would be a couple of parachute drops taking place, and I should call back around 1300 to confirm we would be clear to operate from then. I spoke with Ruan, who was towing for the day, to explain we would not be flying until the afternoon, and also spoke with a book trial flighter to warn about delays.

By this time we had a small collection of people wanting to fly, including Ben and Marley, as well as Marc, a visiting glider pilot from Switzerland. Derry and Nick set about completing the work on GBD with Tony, and once that was complete it was clear they had plenty of other tasks to keep them busy. Craig and Kazik were also busy with various jobs on their own gliders. As the sky was by now looking quite inviting for gliding, the rest of us got the fleet out of the hangar and started getting aircraft inspections done.

By 1300 it seemed clear that, while the Hercules operations were completed, the parachute sessions were continuing. Our 1400 trial flight person had also arrived with his wife and young child, keen to get his flight and also to find out all he could about our operation and our sport. It was around this time that we got a visit from Base Operations. We learned that a batch of extra para sorties had just been scheduled, and we would not be permitted to fly at all for the

day. We therefore found ourselves having to put everything back into the hangar and at that point most people left. At around 1430 I left Craig and Kazik, still working on bits and pieces, with everyone else having gone home. No club flights at all for the day sadly.

### Duty Instructor Lionel reports for Sunday Jan 21

Early start with breakfast at the cafe down the road. Ray joined me for a coffee before we set out to get GNF ready for Derry's BFR. While Derry and a few other club members got GNF and the caravan ready, Ray DI'd RDW and took Nick for a sightseeing tour of Auckland.

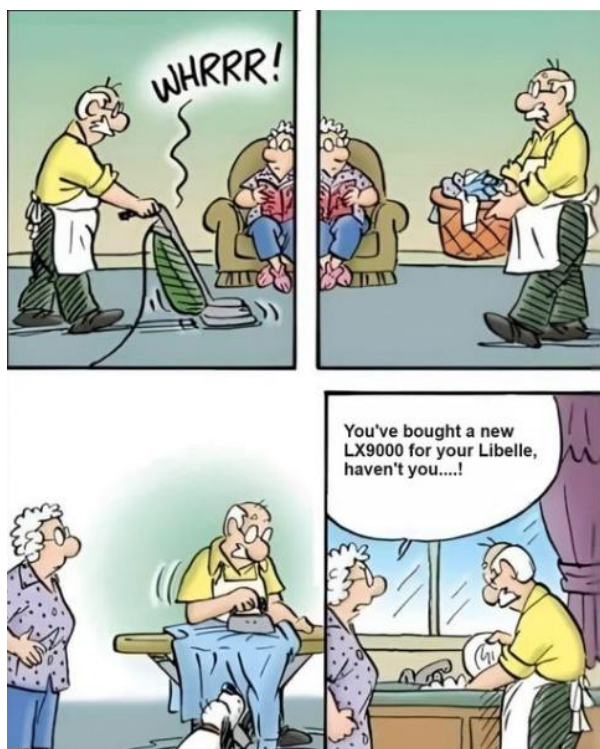


We traipsed to 08 end with the wind being very fickle and flicking from straight down the vector to a go 90-degree cross. First up was Derry for his BFR, GNF was reluctant to spin and soon entered a spiral dive, and a few other exercises - all nicely done and finished with a brakes-locked open exercise.

Craig took a mate flying while I finished off the paperwork. Next was Nikc's turn in the glider and as an ex-instructor, he flew the entire flight easily. The conditions were becoming very challenging - with gusts and broken thermals and HUGE sink everywhere.

Al had a go, and Kishan got a refresher after having not flown for ages - like riding a bicycle - it all came back to him rather easily - even considering the conditions. Tony took Jonathan up to have a go at the thermals but was back fairly shortly Old/New member - Phil Scarborough has returned. We did a circuit, as did Igor. To close the day was Karl, a CPL from the power section.

A great, challenging day - thank you everyone.



## Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jan	27	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	28	B HINDS	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
AKLD ANNIVERSARY	29	K JASICA	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
Feb	3	I KHRIPUNOV	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	4	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	P EICHLER
Waitangi Day	6	R MCMILLAN	I BURR	G CABRE
	10		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	11	K BHASYAM	L PAGE	P EICHLER
	17	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	18	T O'ROURKE	I BURR	G CABRE
	24	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	25	R WHITBY	R BURNS	P EICHLER
Mar	2	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	3	C BEST	P THORPE	G CABRE
	9	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE
	10	S FOREMAN	S WALLACE	D BELCHER
	16	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	17	B HINDS	R BURNS	P EICHLER
	23	K JASICA	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	24	I KHRIPUNOV	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL