

WARM AIR 10 Feb 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 10 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield R Carswell Cover needed
Sunday 11 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page P Eichler K Bhashyam

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

North Shore Aero Club Open Day **10 Feb**

Be advised that there will be air displays and higher than normal flight activities in the vicinity of Dairy Flat Airfield. Avoid the area or keep well West if transiting North.

<https://www.nzac.co.nz/club-events/north-shore-airport-open-day/>



North Shore Airport Open Day

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Ray reports for Saturday Feb 3

Waitangi Weekend 2024.

No flying on Saturday due poor weather and high winds. But... I did hang around like a bad smell on Sunday and again on Tuesday.

We have **two major achievements** to crow about.

A first solo on Tuesday by Cassian. He made an absolutely perfect landing.

Congratulations Cassian. Well done.

The last flight on Sunday saw the final flight of **Izzy's Instructor upgrade.** So, **pass on your congratulations to our latest B-Cat when you next see her.** Well done, Izzy.



Duty Instructor Lionel reports for Sunday Feb 4

Normal start on Sunday with breakfast with Ray, Craig, and Michael. Thanks, Craig, for collecting the key for me.

First up was Marley into a promising sky with nice cloud streets but alas it was not to be. The sky turned to mush and we were shortly on the ground. Ray had a flight with Al and I took Ben for a nice sortie that lasted 48 mins with some lazy eights and rapid descents. Plenty of lift around this time.

Craig disappeared in GON and Izzy went north in GMP and returned some 2 hours later. The longest flight was Kazik with just over 4 hours - well done!

Various trial flights and pax flights enjoyed good conditions before a few club members flew into the evening. The last flight was Izzy finishing off her B Cat instructor rating - now to await the final approval from the powers that be.

Well done Izzy.

I left a little early as I had a run planned for Riverhead before it got too dark. Thanks Ray for covering.

Awesome day - thanks everyone.

Duty Instructor Izzy reports for Sunday Feb 6

The forecast for Waitangi day was promising good things, with what looked like a strong convergence. Unfortunately it wasn't to be with lots of local lift around the riverhead area, but no strong convergence line heading north. While we didn't have any cross country attempts, it was still a very busy day with 21 movements altogether. First up was Marley with a quick check flight before a 37 minute solo which he unfortunately had to be called down due to the large queue. Young Harvey was up next in the twin where he got used to the controls again after having a few months off. I then flew with Shiv's cousin who we gifted a flight to for her 16th birthday, she had a go on the controls and seemed to really enjoy it. After a busy start to the day, I had a lunch break while Peter took up an old workmate. At about this point the lift decided to completely die and the remaining flights were significantly shorter. Gaelle was back in the air again after taking some time off over the summer, not that you could tell, considering how well she got back into things, doing most of the tow and all of the landing. Ray then took Cassian up for his check flight, and after being stopped by the weather on the ATC camp, he was finally able to get up on his first solo! Well done Cassian (Also well done to **Marley who when throwing water over Cassian, "accidentally" threw half of it over Ray...**). My day finished off with the third trial flight of the day and a short flight with Michal, practicing some towing and landing.

In between this excitement there was plenty of action from the singles, with Kazik, Ben, Craig,



Tony, and Shiv all taking up their respective aircraft for a fly. Of particular note, after Kazik took a 1500ft tow on Sunday to do a circuit which lasted 4 hours, he decided to avoid this he would only go up to 1000ft, and managed to reduce his circuit time to 3.5 hours this time. By the time we finished packing up it was already well after 6, and after the usual soft drink and chat we headed home.

Izzy

Steve Wallace Reports on the recent Multiclass Nationals

I flew this year's multiclass nationals in a Duo Discus with Nigel Davy from the South Island. It was his first time flying in the North Island. So, I thought I should give him the full North Island paddock landing experience. We had 10 days of flying scheduled but unfortunately the weather did not really co-operate and we only managed 4 flying days out of the 10 and even those 4 days were very marginal. The result of which was for us 3 of the four days were landouts. On the only reasonable thermal day we got around the task and won the day by a large margin so that made us feel better.

So despite the very average flying weather the contest was as always very enjoyable as was the retrieve adventures from some interesting locations.



Now if you are after a new property, here is one for you



Yes its our Springhill Airfield near Wellsford. For those travelling North and back it is often looked at as a safe haven should a landout be imminent. Craig was retrieved from there a few weeks ago and several years back the club spent a weekend up there to fly from this lovely airfield. So if you have some cash spare or looking for that new property this is for you. And you will have many friends. So if keen, checkout the link here [Lot 1, 1232A State Highway One, Wellsford, Rodney, Auckland \(trademe.co.nz\)](https://www.trademe.co.nz/property/land/1232A-State-Highway-One-Wellsford-Rodney-Auckland)

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Feb	10		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	11	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	P EICHLER
	17	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	18	T O'ROURKE	I BURR	P THORPE/ R BURNS
	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	R BURNS	G CABRE
	9	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE/ R BURNS
	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