

WARM AIR 17 Feb 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 17 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace R Heynike I O'Keefe
Sunday 18 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Burr P Thorpe / R Burns T O'Rourke

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

Nope nothing to add. Enjoy the weather.

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Ivor reports for Saturday Feb 10

The forecast for Saturday was not looking that great. Even as I was opening up Base Ops confirmed that they were expecting showers from the middle of the day, with the likelihood of some thunder.

However, as the morning wore on, apart from a couple of very short light showers, the weather looked quite promising. Shortly before 11 Roy drove in, by which time the sun was bursting through, and a light breezy was blowing from NE. However, no pilots had arrived, so Roy and I discussed the various key issues of the week, checked out a few things around the hangar and drank some coffee with hot cross buns.

By the time we decided we had solved all the key problems of the world, it was approaching 1300, and still no one had turned up to fly, or even check in on us. By now the sky was looking quite inviting, but none the less we locked up and left.



Duty Instructor reports for Sunday Feb 11

Nope nothing to see here.

Vintage Kiwi – Ray Reports



VK started on Saturday with poor weather forecast so we decided to wait until Sunday before rigging the aircraft. Ray, Derry, Andrew, Kazik, Tony, Marley and Ben have all arrived to be the biggest contingent from any club. Ray went off to Cambridge to see family while Kazik and Andrew tried to upgrade the LX100, flarm and traffic view systems in GBC.

While the weather was not great no rain arrived until late in the day when the skies briefly opened up and deluged the airfield.

After Ray returned and with some help from Dave Dennision (and shifting some of the beautiful leather interior to reveal some critical but hidden USB ports - get Kazik to show) the systems got upgraded, and the plans made. Andrew to attempt 300k in GBU and Kazik to complete a 50km for Silver C (following the rules this time....)





This is being written on Wednesday morning and so far we have had four fantastic weather days and the forecast is for another four before we finish on Saturday.

Kazik managed the 50k distance on Monday and he and Ray did the paperwork (which I'm pretty sure took longer than the flight) and sent off to Bruno at GNZ who confirmed his Silver the very next day. Thanks to Bruno for such quick turnaround. So well done to Kazik - another Silver C in the club. We have been using a Foxbat and a Tiger Moth for towing. Towing the K6 behind the Moth must be the ultimate VK launch.

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Thanks to Tony, Ray and Jonathan for the great pictures. Enjoy the remaining week down there.





Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Feb	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	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE/ R BURNS
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