

WARM AIR 3 / 4 / 6 Feb 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 3 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	R Burns D Belcher I Khripunov
Sunday 4 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page P Eichler D McGowan
Tuesday 6 Feb Waitangi Day	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!

Club News

Waitangi Day Flying

We will be flying Waitangi Day Tuesday 6th. Weather permitting.

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.nsac.co.nz/club-events/north-shore-airport-open-day/>



North Shore Airport Open Day

Trailer Wash

Kazik and Roy (behind the camera) wash the PW5 Trailer last weekend.

Thank you, chaps., If you are an Astir or PW5 driver, remember to help with maintenance and washing of equipment. They do not do it by themselves.



Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Andrew Fletcher reports for Saturday Jan 27

Saturday began in the usual way with breakfast at Puriri cafe, after that the hangar was opened and some paperwork finished to complete the Annual Inspection of GNF. Then it rained, we had already put the two seater back in the hangar to save having to dry it with towels.

After an hour or so the rain stopped so we got GNF out again and set up on runway 26, Marc Burgisser, a visiting pilot from Switzerland was first to go. The cloud base was 1500 feet so only a short flight for Marc. Next was Marley Kuys for two circuits to practice his approach skills in the cross wind.

Cassian Hayward Slattery was next up for a circuit followed by a low level launch failure and abbreviated circuit. Ben Gambaro was next, we took a 2000 foot tow and executed a nice benign spiral exercise followed by a precision approach and landing.

To finish the day Marc had another go now that the cloud base had risen to a more amenable level, we had a good flight even finding enough rising air to at least delay our return earth.

And that was the end of another duty, see you next time.

Duty Instructor Ivor reports for Sunday Jan 28

As I left for the field on Sunday the sun was poking through gaps in the cloud and despite the poor forecast, I thought there may actually be the chance for a few flights. Sadly, by the time I had the hangar open it was clear that cloud base was very low, and rain was threatening on all sides. However, over the next little while the clouds showed signs of lifting and again the odd patch of blue sky appeared. However, it was clear that the poor forecast, together with the generally grey skies had put off potential pilots, and with not even any sign of others arriving to "fix things", by shortly after 1100 I was locking things back up and heading home. Yet another non-flying summer day sadly.



Duty Instructor Ray reports for Sunday Jan 29

The day was always looking dubious. The forecast was for morning showers clearing for the afternoon with southerlies.

Ben contacted me on Sunday about doing some paddock selection exercises in RDW so we made a plan for an early start. We got to the field at 0830 and Ben went off to get some fuel while I prepped the a/c. We had a reasonable flight up to Springhill and back doing various navigation and paddock selections on the way.

Upon return the consensus was that the crosswind gusts were too high to do any reasonable flying so the assembled departed. To complete the day, Ben and I spent an hour on the ground (at a café actually) going through some exam preparation.

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
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	P THORPE
	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