

WARM AIR May 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	I Woodfield
	Towing:	R Carswell
	Duty Pilot	I Khripunov
Sunday	Instructing:	L Page
	Towing:	P Eichler
	Duty Pilot	F Fox

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

We would like to extend a big thank you to Ben and Rex for capturing some fantastic photos of our soaring activities and capturing the fun moments over the past few weeks. We truly appreciate your efforts. Members please continue to send us any additional photos you take. We have already shared these amazing shots on the ASC Facebook page, and they have been well-received by our community. Don't worry if you are not on Facebook we have also included below.

CFI Corner

We have had recent cause for concern when the tow plane, climbing out in the downwind, met a glider tracking upwind to commence a circuit.

You must stay out of the circuit area unless you are actually flying a circuit to land.

Where is the circuit? The circuit area is between the airfield and the northern side of the estuary between Herald Island and Brigham Creek, Surface to 1500. Stay OUT of this box unless you are landing. Most importantly, DO NOT travel upwind (from Riverhead to Herald Island for a 08 downwind leg or the opposite for a 26 downwind). If you need to track in this direction to commence a downwind circuit, you must either fly over the airfield or to the north of the estuary.

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Andrew Fletcher reports for Sunday 5 May

I arrived back in Auckland on Saturday evening from Melbourne after a week of running the simulator there, the arrival procedure brought us just to the South of Whenuapai at around 1715 hrs. All looked quiet on the ground though I am guessing it had been a good day for gliding.

Sunday morning I met Ray for breakfast at the cafe before we opened up and started getting aircraft out of the hangar. We started launching at around 1100, the conditions were still a little flat. It is winter I guess, in the U.K there are no thermals in winter at all we are quite lucky here in New Zealand.

Al was my first customer for some circuit work, we did two followed by Micheal also for some circuit work, two more circuits for Micheal. Gaelle was next for some spiral dive vs spin training, we tried to soar, the thermals were weak but we had some limited success. The flight ended with a spiral dive and then a spin for comparison.

Harvey was next, the sky looked like it would work and it did, I can hardly say it was booming though but we did manage 34 mins. A trial flight next 25 mins with some serious scratching to manage 25 mins.

Cameron Lofts was next, he has been one of our cadet's and is a friend of Gaelle, we took our tow the air was very smooth. The lesson was effects of controls, in particular the secondary effect, it didn't take long to reach circuit altitude and land.

Then a boat load of circuits one for Ben, Gaelle, Micheal and Craig, wow 13 flights for the day!

See you all next time.

Duty Instructor Ray Burns Reports for Saturday 11 May

Winter seems to have arrived with a blast and quite suddenly. The trees over Coatsville look very nice in their autumn colours, but the temperature feels like winter to me.

TAF reported the wind as being 260. Not sure how because it was pretty much 180 degrees out when we got to the airfield. We got setup on 08 and we did a few flights. Ben Sly, Catherine and Serena Yang the only students to brave the cold. Ryan Semmens came out for a trial flight and really seemed to enjoy the experience. Say hello to him when you see him at the field. Kazik was the only person to fly a single.

The day stayed pretty cold and the wind gradually veered and increased to 180/10 by the end of the day.







Until Next Time, Keep Warm and make the most of that Winter Soaring

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
May	18	I KHRIPUNOV	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	19	F FOX	L PAGE	P EICHLER
	25	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	26	C Best	I BURR	R CARSWELL
Kings Birthday June	1	M KUYS	R BURNS	G CABRE
	2	P SCARBOROUGH	I BURR	P THORPE
	3	M Weyna	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	8	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R BURNS
	9	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	15	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R BURNS

	16	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	22	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	23	C BEST	L PAGE	G CABRE
Matariki	28	S CHAND	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	29	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	30	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER