

# WARM AIR June 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

## THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 22 June	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield R Heynike T Prentice
Sunday 23 June	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page G Cabre

## MEMBERS NEWS

### *In this edition of Warm Air*

Club News

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Roster

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

## Club News

Hi folks, well another Month has passed, and we are just about at the shortest day. Which means the next soaring season is not too far away...However the club has had a lot of activity and achievements in the mean time. In summary

1. An impressive number of West Coast runs, and for several members their first time in single seaters doing the run. Well done to all pilots and their support crews.
2. Annuals completed for GMP, a big thanks to Derry and Craig.
3. Two new solo pilots, congrats to Ben Sly and Karl Stol. Woohoo chaps.
4. Kazik, Roy & Alex painting the PW5 trailer.

And although it is winter, we have a good number of soaring flights, yes in-between some inclement weather. So great stuff to those making their achievements come true, and for those supporting those members to reach them.

**New Roster** – A new roster is at the end of the newsletter covering the period July – Sept. So please check and book into your diaries.

**Mid-Winter Dinner** – Club captain Kishan is finalising a date for the mid-winter dinner. The Riverhead Pub has been popular in the past and so heading back to this wonderful venue. Tentative dates are the 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> July. Will be confirmed shortly.

**Annuals** – MP has her annuals completed and is all serviceable. Thanks to Craig and Derry for completing this. We understand GMP also received a good wash and polish from Alex and team. So, she sparkly.



**GVF PW5** is due for **annuals** and Craig will kindly take this down to Derry at his new abode in Matamata. So, **she will be out of town for the next two weekends** being checked.

### Trailer Preventative Maintenance

A big thanks to Kazik, Roy and Alex for doing some repair and painting work on the PW5 Trailer. Awesome work chaps.



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## Weekend Reports

### Duty Instructor Ray Burns reports for **Sat 15 June 2024**

Not the most promising of days but at least cloud base was above 1000 feet! Peter and I breakfasted at Puriri before I headed off for the yellow beast and he for the 109 beast. Just the five launches three for Ben Sly including his first solo (well done Ben) and two for Ryan.

### Duty Instructor Ray Burns reports **Sun 17 June 2024**

Craig and I met at the café before trundling down to the field to get the show on the road. Karl arrived early along with Alex and Ben and before not too long the other Ben, Marley, Kazik, Roy, Gus and Ivor. The wind was forecast for 040 but the day started with something more like 300 so we setup on 26. Temperature was sufficiently cold that it was likely the thermals were going to be few and far between (if at all) and the day played out exactly like that.

A couple of flights to start the day with Karl were enough to get him off on his first glider solo. Quick check flights with Ben Sly and Marley were enough to get both of them flying solo. Ben G and Marley then both tried out the singles while I flew with Ryan and Craig and Alex took NF for a peek about. The day ended with solo number 3 for Ben. Very light rain started to fall just as we were packing up. 11 Launches for the day (Thanks Gus!).





## Karl Stol shares with us his first solo glider flight – but not his first solo.

Hi ASC members!

As you can tell from the photo, I was thrilled to achieve my first major milestone in a glider last Sunday. Memories of my first, first solo 32 years ago in a C152 came flooding back at the moment that Ray abandoned ship on me. Light winds, a smooth tow by Gus, and clear airspace made me feel comfortable in the air again.

How did it take so long for me to try gliding? My first RC aircraft as a teen growing up on a farm was a 2m glider and both my parents had enjoyed trial glider flights, so you'd think I would have tried it too much sooner. Instead, I got the bug for powered flight: getting a flying scholarship to solo at the Waikato Aero Club, finishing my PPL after uni in Christchurch, and flying whenever I could in Colorado while completing my PhD in Aerospace Engineering. I've been flying with the ASC (powered section) for 13 years with nearly 600 hrs, and teach/research UAV technology at Auckland uni (hi Izzy!). Ivor had offered to take me gliding when we worked together, and I've obviously taxied past your operation many times in a noisy tricycle. I think it was the article by Ray in the powered club's newsletter that made me feel that the other side of 08/26 wasn't really that far away.



Thank you Ray, Lionel, and Ivor, for instructing me thus far and putting up with my powered-pilot habits. I'm looking forward to gliding out the kinks and meeting more members. In the near future, I would love to combine my aviation interests. Perhaps a FES glider? Anyone keen to join me? *(Indeed we are and well done)*

Karl Stol



Ben and proud Dad Rex post solo success.

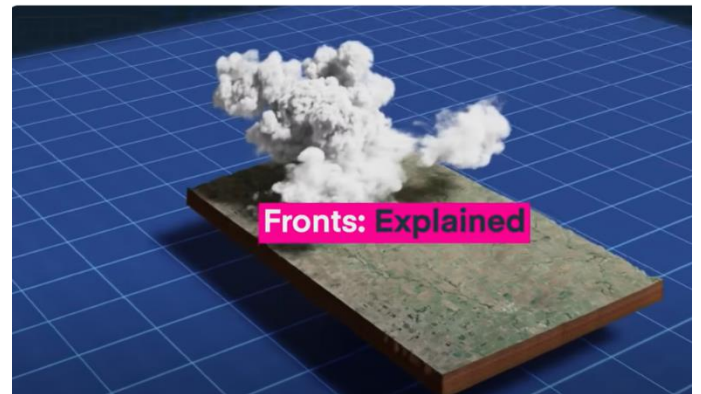


Ben greasing it in for his first solo landing.

## Video Corner

# The Four Types of Fronts Explained

[The Four Types of Fronts Explained \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)



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

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## Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
	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

# New Roster

## Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jul	6	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	7	G STANFIELD	L PAGE	R BURNS
	13	B HINDS	I BURR	G CABRE
	14	K JASICA	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	20	I KHRIPUNOV	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	21	F FOX	R BURNS	P THORPE
	27	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	28	A JAVAREMI	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
Aug	3	M KUYS	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	4	P SCARBOROUGH	I BURR	R CARSWELL
	10	M Weyna	P THORPE	G CABRE
	11	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	17	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	R CARSWELL

	18	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	24	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	25	C BEST	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	31	S CHAND	I BURR	G CABRE
Sep	1	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R BURNS
	7	B GAMBARO	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	8	A MICHAEL	R BURNS	G CABRE
	14	G STANFIELD	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	15	B HINDS	A FLETCHER	R BURNS
	21	K JASICA	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
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