

WARM AIR Oct 12 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 12 Oct	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield P Thorpe P Scarborough	
Sunday 13 Oct	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace R Burns M Weyna	(ATC 5 SQD.... Early Start Please)

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

Well, its early in the season and we have a first solo achievement and another pilot achieved their Soaring Pilot Certificate. Read on to see who.....

Membership Forms

Yes, that time of the year again to complete the annual membership form for the forthcoming year and pay your fee's. Our treasurer gets very excited this time of the year, so don't tease him for too long.

You can download the form at this link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bUn3T567NYcakKw9upQBeivOOb85Dbs/view?usp=drive_link

Or you can take the one in the email attachment. If you have doctors writing, you can fill the form out with the text from your computer device.

So off you go, download, write up and cough up the dosh for fun, adventure and freedom.

Labour Weekend 26th – 28th October 2024

The club is intending to head down to Matamata for Labour Weekend. So, note this in your diaries and get planning. We will be needing to know numbers intending to go, who can take trailers and other gear. We will send more details out sooner to the time.

Also, there is the opportunity for a member to ferry via Aerotow the twin down to Matamata on the Saturday morning. So, if you are interested, please let the CFI know. The twin NF will remain down at Matamata following the long weekend to be derigged and taken to Derry's workshop down the road for her annuals. And she will be trailered home after that.

Annual General Meeting / Start of Season Safety Brief 19th Oct Saturday 10am

Another 12 months has rolled around for the AGM and Season Safety Brief. This will be held on **Saturday 19th Oct, 10am at the Skyline Shed**. The treasurer says we have enough dosh for a BBQ and a sausage or three as well. So, remember the Safety Brief is compulsory and if you are keen please put your hand up to be on the committee. Fresh ideas and involvement are greatly welcome.

The minutes from last year, a draft of which can be found on the Club website [Aviation Sports Club - Gliding - Home of the Auckland ASC Gliding Club](#) in the Member's Area.

To read it, people will need to step through to Members > Committee Minutes > AGM > 2023 and the document to check out is "Draft AGM October 14 2023 minutes.pdf"

Ivor (Secretary)

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Ray Burns reports

Peter called in sick on Friday evening so I took the reins for Saturday. The day started with the re-rig of GNF and GVF after the land-outs from last weekend. A number of (mainly young) hands arrived and with a bit of assistance from Ruan the beast finally went together.

Rain was predicted but Al and I managed to complete the last three minor exercises that were needed to get him solo and he finally launched at 12:47 sans instructor. 44 minutes later we had to call him down!

Ben Sly meanwhile had launched in GVF and he didn't return for another 2 and half hours which completed the 90 minute soaring flight he needed in for the Soaring pilot certificate. Another great effort.

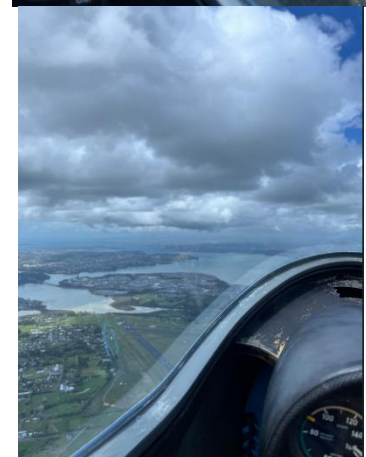
Tony managed a creditable hour in BD and Ben G through his hat in the ring and flew MP.

The day ended with a very interesting trial flight in good lift but sandwiched between two rain showers.

First Solo Flight - 5/10/2024, Al Goes it alone...woohoo

After a lot of team effort getting GNF rigged, Ray and I did some aerotow launch failure exercises, checking off the last items in my training sheet. I was then allowed to go for my first solo, for which Ray briefed me on some safety notes and what to expect.

I was blessed with soaring conditions that were an "absolute cracker", with lots of sunshine and tall Cu forming. I was at around 2000 ft in the tow when I saw some juicy looking clouds ahead -- I was just about to ask Ruan in RDW to release me there, but he read my mind, and came in on the radio saying he would do exactly that. I had lift almost immediately off tow, going more or less straight up



to 4000 ft. I was joined by Ben in GVF and, soon, Tony, in GBD, who'd also managed to find great lift.

As discussed during flight preparation, I did a slow flight regime exercise as required, and noted the reduced stall speed, as expected. After circling around for a little bit longer and enjoying the views, I decided to come back to land, as the rain wasn't far away, and others were waiting for the glider. Flight time: 44 minutes.

We brought the glider back to base, and sure enough, Ben, Cassian, and Alex were waiting there with a couple of buckets full of water (and a camera)! But the final laugh was to be had by the weather gods, as a torrent of rain soon came flooding down. And it wasn't long before everyone else also had a generous serving of the Auckland Spring Experience.



Ok someone wished they had brought a towel & spare clothing

All in all, a great day for flying (at least before the rain) and a very fun first solo. Special thanks to Ray, Andrew, Steve, Ivor, Lionel, Peter, and Izzy for giving me instruction and helping me prepare over the last few months! It's a great privilege to be part of this sport.



Well done Al, great effort and the sky is yours.....now the real learning begins....

Sunday – Ray Burns reports again

Well, that happens to be me again. Early start with cadets. The weather forecast showed a warm front on its way followed by a cold one immediately behind it with a north west wind predicted to get up to 15 kts Gusting 25 on the ground by mid afternoon. Absolutely spot on. The day started with low black stratus. Thankfully it was patchy enough that Rex and I managed to get all the cadets through with 2000 launches albeit with a couple of stops for a C130 and some halts for the odd shower.

During all the ATC flights Marley sat the Tech exam and passed with flying colours. Marley, Anton, Lev all flew and finally Ryan. The last flight was more than a little interesting with a King air arriving and deciding that 26 was a better option than 03 so the tower asked us to hang about on tow while he landed. In all cases the conditions were very turbulent especially on tow and the dumping air behind the hangar made the approach challenging. Last flight was called because I decided the conditions had got to a point where the risk was too high. Then, as is always the case, by the time we had everything put away the wind died away completely.

Upcoming Events

[Gliding Events Coming Up](#)

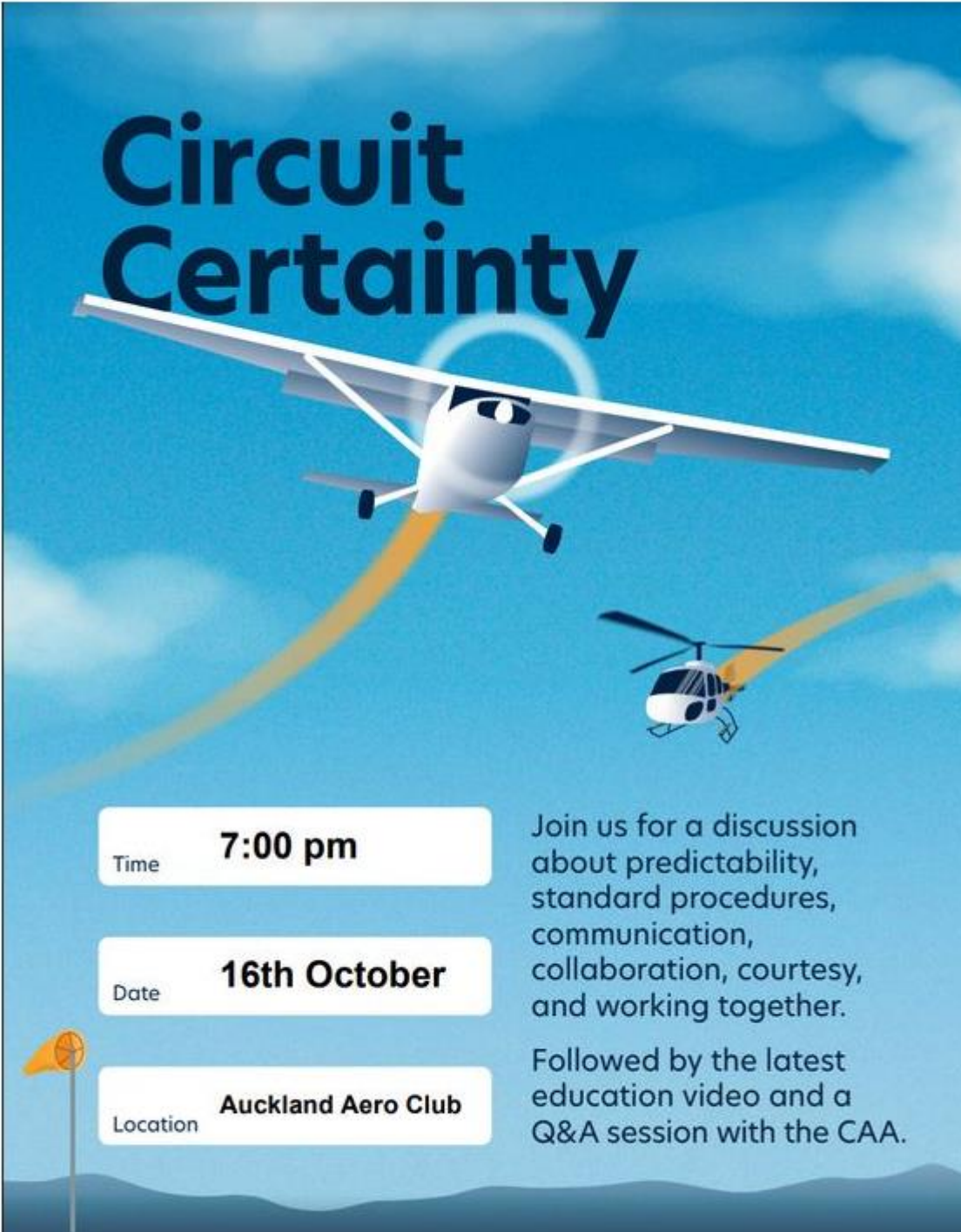
Matamata Soaring Centre Aircraft Members Tracking Waypoints Events Flying Days BFR & Medicals

Matamata Soaring Centre Events Summary List Calendar Fix Upcoming

- MSC cross country course**
Sat 26th Oct 2024 - Wed 30th Oct 2024
Course Gliding New Zealand Matamata
Saturday 28th - Wednesday 30th October
[Full Details >](#)
- Labour Day**
Mon 28th Oct 2024
Other Gliding New Zealand
[Full Details >](#)
- Central Plateau Soaring Contest 2024**
Sat 2nd Nov 2024 - Sat 9th Nov 2024
Competition Taupo Gliding Club Centennial Park - Taupo
[Full Details >](#)
- 2024/2025 SI Regionals**
Sat 16th Nov 2024 - Sat 23rd Nov 2024
Competition Gliding New Zealand Omarama
Day Entries available @ \$40.00 per day Aerotow Fees est @ \$150 to 2000 ft AGL
[Full Details >](#)
- 2024/2025 Northern Region Gliding Competition**
Sat 23rd Nov 2024 - Sat 30th Nov 2024
Competition Matamata Soaring Centre Matamata
[Full Details >](#)
- Springfield Enterprise Week**
Sat 30th Nov 2024 - Sat 7th Dec 2024
Competition Gliding New Zealand Springfield
A Enterprise Competition designed as Competitive Fun for all levels especially first-timers. We plan to build on the historical success of this event with another great week of soaring, learning, good company, food and great memories. This is also perfect for introducing aspiring pilots of the next step in their sport and evolving their capabilities.
[Full Details >](#)

Circuit Certainty

Note there is one at North Shore on Thursday 17th October 7pm



Circuit Certainty


Time **7:00 pm**


Date **16th October**


Location **Auckland Aero Club**

Join us for a discussion about predictability, standard procedures, communication, collaboration, courtesy, and working together.

Followed by the latest education video and a Q&A session with the CAA.

 **GAP**
Good Aviation Practice

 **CAA**
CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY
OF NEW ZEALAND

 **Work together**
Stay apart



Central Plateau Comp.

2024 – Centennial Park, TAUPO

It is almost time to kick off the soaring season! Come and join us at Centennial Park for the Central Plateau Soaring Competition. Whether you are a novice or an experienced competition pilot there will be tasks to suit everyone.

Saturday 2nd November – Saturday 9th November
Practice Day – Saturday 2nd
Start date – Sunday 3rd

Contest Director: Hugh de Lautour

Early Bird Entry Closes – 25th October 2024

Camping and Accommodation available.

For more information contact **Trace Austin** on
0220 289 842 or traceaustin@hotmail.com

Taupo – located in the heart of the North Island. It is a playground, not only for soaring pilots but the whole family.

Attractions:

Skydiving
Bungy Jumping
Golf
Fishing
Water Sports
Shopping
Tramping, plus lots more.....

Bring the whole family.

Early Bird – Get your entry in and paid for by the due date and enter the draw for Supercar Tickets.



Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Oct	12	P SCARBOROUGH	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	13	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	19	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	G CABRE
	20	K BHASHYAM	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
Labour Weekend	26	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R BURNS
	27	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	28	C BEST	L PAGE	P THORPE
Nov	2	S CHAND	I BURR	R CARSWELL
	3	S FOREMAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	9	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	10	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	16	G STANFIELD	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	17	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	23	I KHRIPUNOV	L PAGE	G CABRE
	24	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	30	A JAVAREMI	I BURR	R BURNS
Dec	1	M KUYS	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE

	7	P SCARBOROUGH	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	8	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	14	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	15	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R BURNS
	21	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	22	T PRENTICE	I BURR	G CABRE