

WARM AIR Dec 7 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 7 Dec	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	A Fletcher P Thorpe	(No flight Ops prior to 1400hrs)
Sunday 8 Dec	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace G Cabre B Gambaro	

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

Club News

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

Club News

A very busy wet weekend in contrast to the beautiful, hot, summer here weather for the working week.

Airfield Activities which will delay Gliding Ops

- **Saturday 7th December – No flying prior to 1400hrs** due to 6 Squadron flight ops and Base Christmas Party. Base Ops to be contacted to confirm the commencement of flight ops.

New Roster

Attached at the end of the Newsletter is the new Roster. Please note in your diaries.

Holiday Period Flying

As usual, if you wish to fly on any given day you must inform the duty instructor well before 1600 the previous day. Instructors are **REQUIRED** to call base ops before 1600 to let them know if there is flying on the following day. **As per last year, flying must be complete by 1800.**

Note that there is **No flying 1 Jan this year.**

Duty Pilot Swap 7th Dec – If anyone can swap with Phil Scarborough for this date, he would be grateful. Please contact Phil directly and let us know in Warm Air to publish an updated roster.

Working Bee – 23rd December it is proposed to have a working bee to tidy up a few areas. So more to come, but mowers and weed eaters needed. Should not take too long.

Latest System Changes.

There are few new changes to the system in the last few weeks:

- The bank account code and bank account NAME have been added to the payment screen. **If you are not already aware, banks will soon be insisting that bank transfers include the exact account NAME as well as the account number. Some trial flights pay on the day by bank transfer and therefore you will need to be able to tell the person the account name.**
- The club calendar is available by selected 'calendar' from the menu.
- There is a link to GNZ flight tracking system from the main menu
- There is a very rudimentary weather option on the main menu. It will access the weather forecast from the Metservice and show a variety of parameters. Note that we get billed if we go over a certain threshold so there are some brakes in the system to stop the service being hammered with refreshes.
- As mentioned at the AGM, there is a "members" function from the main menu which has everyone's contact details. They are hyperlinked so if you click on a phone number (on a mobile phone) then it will call the number.

This system is rapidly becoming the goto location for most club information. I notice there are one or two members that have not yet registered. If you have not done so yet go to <https://ascgliding.pythonanywhere.com/> and select the "click here" to register link. Your registration will take a little time for me to approve but I will email you when it's ready

Weekend Reports

Saturday report

It was raining and raining & raining

Sunday – Ivor reports

While it was wet all day Saturday, it was sunny Sunday morning when I first looked out, and the forecast was for any early showers to clear. I had spoken with the scouts on Saturday and we had agreed that, based on the clearing forecast, we would meet at 8.30 and see how things looked.

Unfortunately, by 8.30 things didn't look great, although the forecast was still showing the rain as clearing soon, so we opened up. There were 6 scouts keen to fly, together with a small number of family members, and they were all keen to check out our aircraft while we waited for the sun. From the club we had Peter, who was towing, duty pilot Marley, Alex and myself, and we set about showing off the aircraft and answering lots of questions.

Unfortunately, we could see from the radar that the rain had appeared to 'stall' just east of the airfield, and gradually got heavier and lower. Eventually the entire horizon vanished into the grey, and it started to become clear that, despite the forecasts mainly saying things would be clearing up, they never did. So by late morning, having answered all the questions, we packed everything back up and left. Lots of happy scouts but sadly no gliding.

Ashburton Aviation Museum – Issy go exploring

Shiv and I were in Christchurch over the weekend and went for a visit to the Ashburton aviation museum. We got chatting to the volunteers there and ended up getting a tour around the whole museum, with the guy giving us the tour staying an hour late so we could see everything. There's a few really cool aircraft including a meteor, harrier, F111 cockpit, trojan, DC3, Skyhawk etc, plus a few other interesting things like part of a russian spacecraft and a tyre from the USAF LC130 that was buried in snow in Antarctica then flown out 17 years later. What was particularly cool I thought was a Canberra and L29 cockpit which you could climb into. There were also a fair amount of gliders, some of which I took photos of. There was a Slingsby T31 and a Blanik up against the side of the hangar. They also had Doug Yarrell's glider which he broke the altitude world record with and the Stanton Sunbird which was a home built motor glider. I'm sure a lot of people here are aware of its existence, but for those who aren't, it is one of the best aircraft museums in the country and is well worth a visit.



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OPENING HOURS & PRICING

Monday 1pm – 3pm
 Tuesday 1pm – 3pm
 Wednesday 9.30am – 3pm
 Thursday 1pm – 3pm
 Friday 1pm – 3pm
 Saturday 9.30am – 3pm
 Sunday 1pm – 3pm

Price \$10 per person (children under 16 free)

Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
No OPS prior to 1400hrs	7		A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
Dec	8	B GAMBARO	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	14		L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	15	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R BURNS
	21	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	G CABRE
	22	T PRENTICE	I BURR	R HEYNIKE

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Dec	27		I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	28		R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	29		L PAGE	R BURNS
	30		P THORPE	G CABRE
	31		L PAGE	R BURNS
Jan	2		I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	3		P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	4	G STANFIELD	R BURNS	G CABRE
	5	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	11	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	12	A NEJATI	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	18	M KUYS	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	19	M WEYNA	P THORPE	G CABRE
Anniversary WE	25	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	26	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	P THORPE
	27	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
Feb	1	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	2	R SEMMENS	S WALLACE	P THORPE
Waitangi	6	A SHIPOV	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	8	B SLY	P THORPE	G CABRE
	9	C BEST	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	15	S CHAND	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	16	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	22	A MICHAEL	R BURNS	G CABRE
	23	G STANFIELD	I BURR	P THORPE

Mar	1	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	2	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	8	A NEJATI	L PAGE	R BURNS
	9	M KUYS	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	15	M WEYNA	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	16	D MCGOWAN	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	22	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	23	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	29	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE
	30	R SEMMENS	L PAGE	R CARSWELL