

WARM AIR 8 Feb 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 8 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe G Cabre B Sly
Sunday 9 Feb	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Heynike

MEMBERS NEWS

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

It appears last weekend was hot, hot, hot, and some soaring was had. And some soaring today for Waitangi Day. And the forthcoming weekend is looking good.

Notices

RNZAF Parachute Activities (Potential Impact to Gliding)

Please note PTSU are planning some intensive Para training over the period 10 Feb – 21 Mar 25 which will affect WASC flying, especially on the weekends. This will include:

6 days a week (Mon-Saturday)
Sundays reserved for poor weather delays
Night jumps

We will endeavour to keep you updated on the flying program, please know that Para Ops will have the priority.

Duty Pilot Swap

Craig Best needs cover for 9th Feb. If someone is able to swap, both chaps would be grateful. Please contact, Craig directly or if need be me (Ian) and we can formalise.

Instructor Reports

Instructor Report Saturday 1 Feb – Andrew Fletcher

Saturday looked like it would be a reasonable day, the hangar was unpacked, aircraft inspected for the impending flying. A convergence had been forecast, however there was quite a solid layer of high cloud blocking the Sun's ability to heat the ground.

My first flight was with Noah Ballard, a new member. The tow was very smooth, that can only mean one thing, we looked at effects of controls and some turns before we arrived in the circuit 15 minutes later. Emerson was next for a check flight and then his second solo.

Lev Shipov was next for me we practiced stalls before returning to land after 20 minutes having managed to soar a little. Ben S had also launched in GMP and was managing to stay airborne, Ben managed 46 minutes, well done Ben.

A trial flight for me next, 32 minutes, the sky was starting to work. Anton Shipove climbed aboard GNF next for 19 minutes of scratching in a cycling sky. Ben S took me flying next to work on his back seat rating, 45 minutes in the convergence that was now working in places.

While I was busy with the two seater Craig had managed to scrape 1:57 minutes with a few low saves required to achieve it. Lionel also launched in GON for 57 minutes of local soaring. Ben G was airborne by this time for an hour in GMP, the convergence although patchy was easily able to provide enough energy to stay aloft.

AI was next on my list, we too connected with the lift, climbed and then proceeded North out of Whenuapai's control zone. The convergence was working well in places and really not well in others, we flew for 56 minutes before returning. Ben G then took a friend for a flight in GNF they returned after 52 minutes.

Not a bad day, see you next time 👍 😊

Instructor Report Sunday 2 Feb – Steve Wallace

Forecast was for 10 – 15kts SSW wind and cloudy at first but going blue later with the temp and humidity lines getting further apart. Sea breeze convergence out east. That's pretty much what we got. Challenge was the sea breeze convergence set up overhead and early on we had a direct southerly cross wind that would often back to a quartering easterly tail wind. This however did seem mostly confined to the 26 end with the wind being a head wind at the far end of the field. We kept a close eye on take-off performance but it remained unaffected. Later in the day the wind veered around to a direct into wind take-off for 26 which made life easier.

Cloud base quickly rose from 2,500' to 4,000' although it was difficult to work from low down but once you were up the lift was strongest and most consistent near cloud base. So, 10 flights for the day with Alex and Craig enjoying long flights in the singles MP and ON. In the twin we had two training flights for Khairul who is new to the club having solo'd at the ATC Camp in Matamata. One flight each for potential keen new members Marcos and Kris. Kris learnt to fly gliders 30 years ago in Poland. We had one pax flight, one training flight for Ryan who is getting very close to solo and two BFR flights for Tony.

Steve

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Feb	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	S WALLACE	P THORPE
Mar	1	K JASICA	I BURR	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		R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	22	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	23	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	29	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE
	30	R SEMMENS	L PAGE	R CARSWELL