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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	S Wallace
12 July	Towing:	R Burns
	Duty Pilot	
Sunday	Instructing:	I Burr
13 July	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	K Bhashyam

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

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Roster & New Roster

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

News / Events

CFI Corner

Some of you may have noticed that the Pegasus Trust have put a big container next to their hangar. In it is a Puchatek. The Auckland Gliding Club have donated their two Puchateks (GXO and GOX) to the trust. Their plan (and this is relatively long term) is to fly them from Whenuapai. Initially they are getting one airworthy and they have secured funding for ADSB. When that is all working their plan is to have it flying from NZWP. It will live in their hangar. The current plan is to suspend it above GNW.

When I first started flying with the club the ATC operated a Motor-Falke (GOD) and a Rohnlerche (GKE). Eventually the Rohnlerche was replaced with a Slingsby T53. The acquisition of Puchateks will bring them back to something similar to what they had 30 years ago.

In the same vein as we did all that time ago, the club will provide instructors and tows for them. We will get a little extra tow revenue which will be nice.

Keeping that in mind and looking ahead we have decided to train two new instructors; Craig and Alex. At the same time Dave Todd has decided to renew his C-Cat rating. You might have seen him doing some flying in the twin recently.

We are close to completing the ground school component for Alex and Craig and they will start doing some flying shortly. Don't be surprised if you suddenly find them taking a keen interest in your briefing or de-briefing with the duty instructor. This is an essential part of the instructor rating, and they will be keen to hear how other instructors do it

Aircraft Serviceability

MP is back from her annuals. Thanks Rex & Ben Sly for transport and Derry & Craig doing the inspections.

VF is now down getting a workover. Due to an AD, tow hook replacement is required. So, she may be out of action for at least one month while parts are ordered and the removal and installation task takes place.

Weekend Reports

Saturday –Andrew Reports

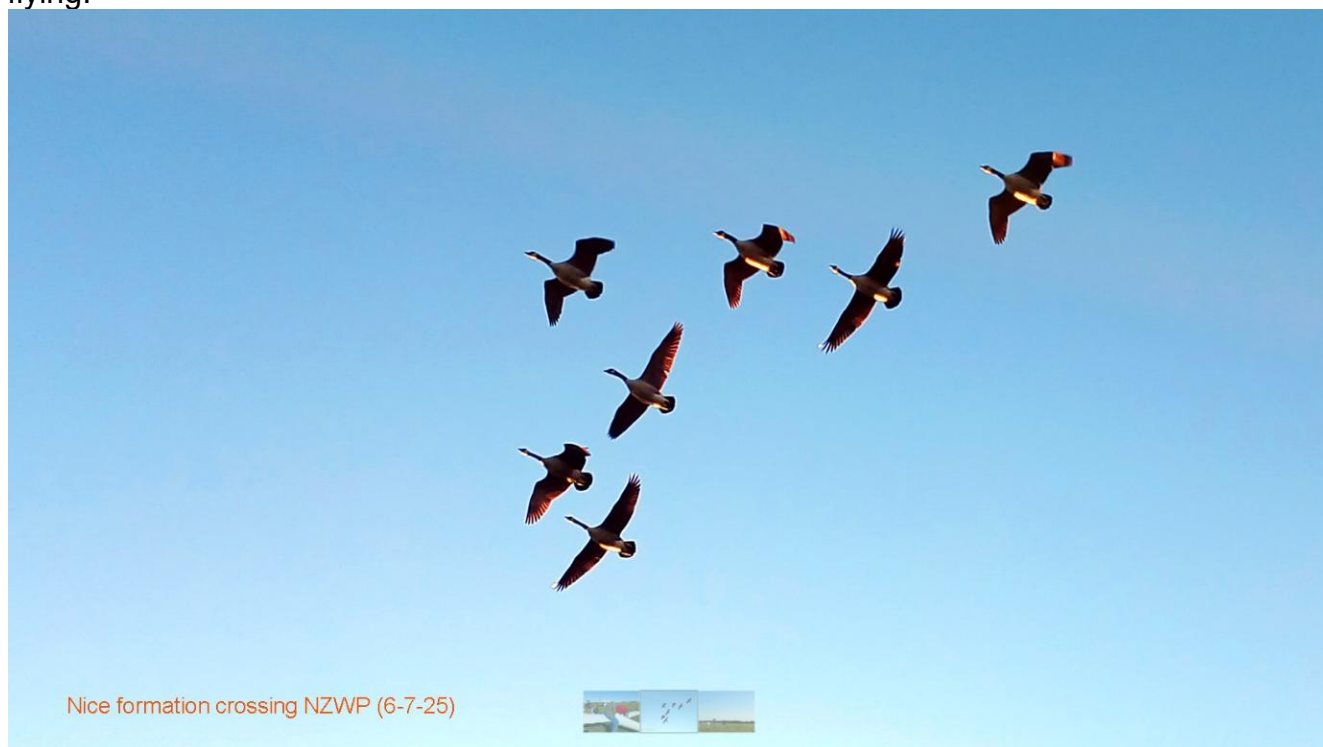
It was raining, no flying

Sunday – Ivor Reports

Unusually when compared with recent weekends, Sunday skies were totally blue and there was a light easterly breeze. I opened up the field and was quickly joined by tow pilot Rex, duty pilot Michal, Kazik and others, so we got the aircraft out and ready, then took everything to the 08 end of the field.

We had several people now wanting to fly. First up was Emerson, wanting to do a pre-solo check flight but also some upper air exercises. After quite a brief flight, which included a good sequence of lazy-eight turns, Emerson returned to the field and later went on to complete a good solo flight in the same glider. The air was very smooth, the visibility was amazing and it would stay that way throughout the day.

Next up was a new youth member, Stephanie, for just her second ever glider flight. However, she proved to be a keen and capable learner, and managed to control the aircraft well throughout most of the flight after release. A very promising start to becoming a pilot. Following her was another new youth pilot, Liam, also very early in his flying, although with some simulator experience. He too flew well throughout and seemed to really enjoy the flying.



While we were airborne Tony took GBD up for a short flight, and shortly after we landed, Emerson took his solo flight. Next it was Ryan's turn to take a pre-solo check and refresher, before he also took GNF away on a solo flight, which all went well.

While all this flying was occurring, Ben and his father Rex returned from Matamata with GMP, which had been with Derry having its annual checks done. We duly gathered round, and after a bit of a team effort, and some resistance on the part of the glider, the plane was readied for

flight and Ben took it up for an airing, which all went well.

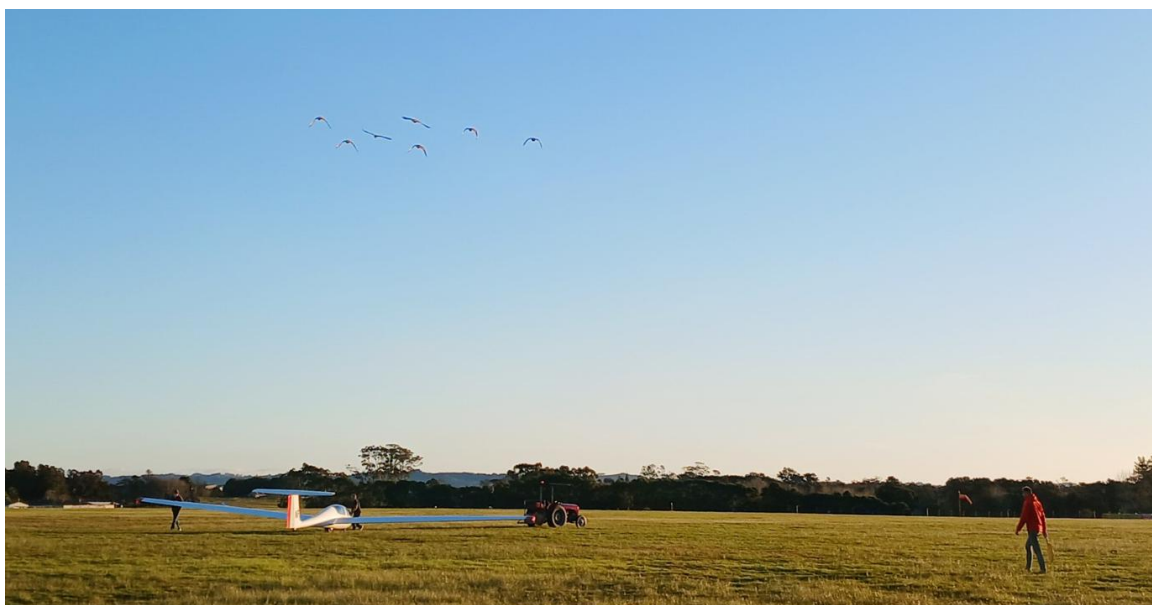


Next it was Dave's turn to fly in GNF, completing some valuable instructor training with Ray over a couple of flights. Although there was still no lift, they did manage to complete a number of valuable exercises.

The final pilot for the day was Dilan, who is another recently joined youth member. Dilan has completed a youth glide camp, and is keen to complete his solo pilot training. We did a couple of flights which allowed him to demonstrate his capabilities, and he generally managed both flights well. Within a few more flights he should be able to complete the outstanding requirements and potentially move on to solo flight.

It was now after 1700, and with the small band of people still available we packed everything away, and finished the day with the traditional storytelling around the caravan before heading home. Overall there had been a total of 12 glider launches, with an average flight time of just over 15 mins each in a clear and smooth sky. Some excellent winter flying. Thanks to Rex for some good tows, and to Michal for keeping things running smoothly throughout the day. And a special shout out to Rex S who, having started the day early with a trip to collect GMP, then stayed around helping out for the rest of the day and was there to help pack everything away at the end. Thank you :-)

The end of the day.



Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Jul	12		S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	13	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	P THORPE	
	19	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	20	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	26	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	6SQN (RB)
	27	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	R BURNS	
Aug	2	E YEOMAN	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	
	3	A SHIPOV	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	9	B SLY	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	10	C BEST	I BURR	T STRUGNELL	
	16	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	17	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	6SQN (LP)
	23	G STANFIELD	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS	
	24	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	30	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	D TODD	G CABRE	
	31	A NEJATI	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
Sep	6	M KUYS	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	7	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	R BURNS	
	13	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	R CARSWELL	
	20	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	6SQN (IB)
	21	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	T STRUGNELL	
	27	R SEMMENS	D TODD	R HEYNIKE	

	28	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	P THORPE	
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