

# WARM AIR 16 August 2025

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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Bank Acct: RNZAF BASE AUCKLAND AVIATION SPORTS CLUB 38-9014-0625483-000

### Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	I Burr
16 August	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	S Chand
Sunday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
17 August	Towing:	R Heynike
	Duty Pilot	A Michael

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### *In this edition of Warm Air*

*Club News*

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

### News / Events

## CFI Corner

### Base OPS Channel 7 Monitoring

I have noticed that Duty Pilots are forgetting to turn on and monitor the channel 12 radio in the caravan. This is the ground control radio that is used by base operations.

It is most important that this radio is switched on in the morning, monitored all day, and switched off again in the evening.

Radio monitoring has been getting a bit slack recently. If you are in the caravan you must monitor the radio. If you do not know how to answer or what to say, just say "standby" and then find someone who can answer the call... as a priority.

Ray

## Weekend Reports

### Saturday –

No Flying

### Sunday – Steve Wallace Reports (on a blustery why are we out here day)

We Tried

There was a keen group waiting at the gate when I arrived at 9.30am despite the fact that it was blowing a freezing cold southerly.

Everybody was dressed warm and ready to go so to the hangar we went and extracted the aircraft. Sophie and Lev got a good lesson on how to do a DI which was useful as the chances of flying lessons were already looking a bit shaky as base ops indicated a 16kt cross wind gusting 20kts. Before Tony could test the cross wind limits of the FK9 though a small problem that needed solving arose. RDW's oil dip-stick was missing. A bit of searching did not locate it so plan B was a piece of wire to confirm plenty of oil was present. With the small problem sorted it was back to the bigger problem of the strong cross wind. 26 was ruled out as an option and 21 was also ruled out as we needed the tower on watch to use this vector so the thought was perhaps an angled take-off from 08. We hauled the caravan and three gliders to this end to give it a go. By the time we got to the 08 end however the average wind had increased to 18kts and a no glider test flight was needed. Tony's test flight resulted in a take-off (on the second attempt) and while he gave the landing a good look, ultimately it was aborted and the eventual landing was made on 21. It was pretty obvious that the risk of breaking something if we persisted was rather high so giving it away for the day was an easy decision. Time to go home and warm up.



Steve

**If you can contribute, even a small amount, the Club is fundraising for a new two-seater. If you win lotto you may wish to contribute a slightly bigger amount.....**

We're looking to replace our training glider, Twin Astir GNF, for something newer and better that will last us many years into the future. To do this, we have recently set up an incorporated society, North Auckland Gliding Club, to make it easier for ASC Gliding to acquire new aircraft.

We're budgeting around 150k for a replacement glider. While we'll target funding from GNZ, the reality is that we'll still need to fundraise about \$75k ourselves.

Full details will be explained in due course at our Annual General Meeting in October.

For now, we just wanted to let you know that we finally have a bank account in place and that we've already raised \$4659!

Yes, we're accepting donations! You can donate via bank transfer to:

**North Auckland Gliding Club**  
**Account number: 38 9027 0013160 00**

The club would also like to hear from anybody interested in making a debenture pledge. Please contact Lionel for more information: ✉ [lionelpnz@gmail.com](mailto:lionelpnz@gmail.com) | 📞 021 534 103

Getting a replacement twin will be a big project for the club and the only way we'll get there is with your help. So let's make it happen!

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## Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Aug	16	S CHAND	I BURR	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	