

WARM AIR 23 August 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday Instructing: _____ No Flying

23 August Towing: _____

Duty Pilot

Sunday Instructing: L Page

24 August Towing: R Carswell

Duty Pilot K Jasica

MEMBERS NEWS

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

News / Events

No Flying on Saturday due Air Force Operations. So, sleep in and do those chores.

Duty Pilot Swaps – Cassian is in need of a replacement duty pilot on Saturday the 30th August. If you can help out, please contact him or Warm Air.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Izzy Reports on a Blustery day

Shiv and I arrived at Whenuapai at 9:30 to find Ray waiting to get in and head down to look at the 109 which had just had its annuals. While he went up the other end we opened up the hangar and waited to see if any students would appear. After a short wait, Peter, Alex, Tony and Ben Sly appeared and Ray came back down to the hangar after discovering the paperwork for NW still required some work before it could go flying. After much chatting, we started getting the aircraft out so Alex could go do some instructing stuff and Ben could get some more practice flying ON. Finally a student appeared in the form of Sophie Howcroft so it was all go.

With a fairly strong easterly we pulled the fleet up to the 08 end and got underway. Sophie has been flying with us a couple of times before and done some power flying with the scouts, so after plenty of briefing we went up and went over some basic flying skills, all of which she managed very well. The lack of thermals unfortunately meant we were shortly back on the ground but I'm sure we'll be seeing plenty more of her. Alex then taught Ray all about spinning, and with that the twin had no more customers for the day. Between all this, Ben did several launches in ON, managing some very smooth looking landings in what weren't the best conditions. Not wanting to walk all the way back, I took the twin up solo for a circuit and a long landing, during which it started to rain. Ben followed for his final flight and we quickly got everything back in the hangar and dried. Everyone departed pretty quickly after this and we went home to enjoy our afternoons. Thanks to Peter for the tows and Shiv for managing the books for the day.

Sunday – Instructor reports looked out window, low cloud raining, went back to bed.

However, there was the **Mid-Winter Dinner** at the Riverhead Bar and Restaurant on Sunday evening. Big thanks to Kishan, Mr Club Captain / Event Manager for organising a cracker meal and catch up.

And also, it was lovely to acknowledge and congratulate Mr Neville Swan on 50 years of dedicated service to the ASC Gliding. Neville has contributed greatly to the club, operating in so many roles, Instructor, Gliding Engineer, Mechanic, Acquisitions Officer, entertainment manager and just a top notch bloke. In reality words are not enough to say thanks for what you have done to support this club and all the members past and present who have and continue to receive your calm and untiring support.



New Glider Fund

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](tel:021534103)

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!

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | G109 |
|-------|------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Aug | 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 | | 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) |

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| | 21 | T PRENTICE | L PAGE | T STRUGNELL | |
| | 27 | R SEMMENS | D TODD | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 28 | P SCARBOROUGH | R BURNS | P THORPE | |