

WARM AIR 2 August 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

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| Saturday | Instructing: | D Todd |
| 2 August | Towing: | R Heynike |
| | Duty Pilot | E Yeoman |
| Sunday | Instructing: | P Thorpe |
| 3 August | Towing: | R Carswell |
| | Duty Pilot | A Shipov |

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

Some exciting club news...

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 | ☎ 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!

Twin Replacement

\$150,000



And Also Big News

A promotional poster for the ASC Gliding Club's Mid-Winter Dinner 2025. The poster has a light blue background with a white snowflake border. At the top left is a small circular logo with a white glider silhouette on a dark blue background. Below it, the text 'ASC GLIDING CLUB PRESENTS' is displayed in dark blue, with a larger circular logo featuring a stylized white glider on a dark blue background to the left. The main title 'MID-WINTER DINNER 2025' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title, the text 'Warm up this winter with an evening of great food and even better company!' is in a smaller dark blue font. The event details are listed with icons: a calendar icon for 'Date: Sunday, August 17, 2025', a location pin icon for 'The Landing Restaurant' and '33 York Terrace, Riverhead, Auckland', and a clock icon for '6:15 PM'. A paragraph follows: 'Join fellow glider pilots and friends for a cozy night out as we share stories, laughter, and a delicious dinner in a stunning riverside setting'. The bottom line reads '★ All members and partners welcome! ★' in dark blue. At the very bottom, in bold dark blue, is 'Please RSVP to Kishan: 021 064 5648'.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Ivor Reports on a busy but turbulent day.....

Saturday looked like it could be an OK gliding day. Flying was scheduled for both the 103 Twin and the 109 ATC motor glider, so following breakfast in the local cafe, Ray and I opened up the field at around 9, and started getting things ready.

As I was sorting things out, I was joined by tow pilot Tony and duty pilot Ryan, as well as Logan, who was taking a short break from his studies. We were also joined by Rex and Ben S, as well as Kazik, who all helped out considerably throughout the day.

The wind was a gusty north-easterly, so once the aircraft were ready, we transported things to the 08 end, joining the ATC group who had already had their first flight, with several more scheduled for the day.

First up in the 103 was Logan, wanting more accurate landing practice. The conditions made things particularly tricky, however Logan was more than up to the task, and had two good circuits, with successful short landings.

Then it was a trial flight with Sophia. Despite the less than ideal conditions, she was a very enthusiastic trainee who loved the whole experience and managed some good hands on flying. She is sure she will be taking up the sport in the very near future.

Her flight was followed by two circuits by Ryan, who is working on perfecting his short field landings. We laid out an aiming point marker before launching, to provide good measurable feedback. The wind by now was fairly unpredictable, swinging from north to east with a very variable strength, leading to challenges making both accurate circuits as well as short, well controlled landings. On his first circuit Ryan found precision challenging, but managed a respectable approach and landing. His second attempt was much better. He was able to explain his planning throughout the circuit and approach, and his landing was a good one that he was very happy with.

The last flight for the day in the 103 was a circuit with Ben S, who was wanting to experience the conditions, and practice accuracy in the unpredictable cross-wind. His flying was very accurate throughout, and his landing would have successfully got him safely into a short paddock.

While we moved everything back to the hangar and packed up the aircraft, the 109 was completing the last of its flights for the day. Tony went off to fill the fuel tanks ready for flying the next day while the ATC packed the 109 back into its hangar.

That all done, people headed home. We were all locked up by 1600, following 15 glider flights for the day.

Sunday Lionel Reports - Another Challenging Weather Day for Students

Despite the testing conditions, students made fantastic progress today.

Anton started strong, practicing aerotow out-of-position techniques along with crosswind take offs and landings. Lev followed, getting the full rodeo experience thanks to some gusty crosswinds during his flight. Logan took to the skies next, flying with confidence and polish and successfully completing his BFR.

Michael Weyna tackled the bumpy air, responded to an (planned) aerotow wave-off, and executed a splendidly flown circuit.

To finish, Anton returned for a bounce recovery exercise, rounding out the day with style.

It was a challenging day, no doubt—but full of valuable training and great achievements. Well done to all involved, and a big thank-you to the support team for making it happen!

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

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