

WARM AIR 9 August 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	R Burns
9 August	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	B Sly
Sunday	Instructing:	P Thorpe
10 August	Towing:	T Strugnell
	Duty Pilot	A Shipov

MEMBERS NEWS

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

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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 – David Todd Reports (welcome back to the instructor fold David)

Saturday was my first day back instructing after a short hiatus of approximately 15 years... time really does fly!

Dillan was up first with a 1000 ft circuit and has most of his flying signed off. I expect he'll be going solo sometime this coming season.

I also took a trial flight, and that was the extent of my flying instruction for the day. However, there were other keen solo pilots: Logan with 47 minutes and Emerson with 46 minutes— both showing lovely take-offs and landings.

Ray and Craig continued with some further advanced training and GNF. Ben Sly was just three hours short of the 100 hours he needed for insurance purposes to fly the mighty Mosquito GON. Somehow, he managed 3 hours and 1 minute in GMP, which ended up being the longest flight of the day.

Sunday – Peter Thorpe Reports (on a busy day)

Sunday dawned clear bright and sunny with little wind but it developed into about 7 kts from the east. Duty pilot Phil S had opened up and tow pilot Rex was also there when I arrived at about 0935. In my defence I was waiting for the guard to return from a '5 minute break', not realising Phil had drawn the key. Others soon rocked up in the shape of Alex, Dilan Singh, Ben S, Kazik, Craig and Tony P. Later on Roy and Gaelle also made an appearance.



We did the usual DIs and prepared for the trek to the 08 end. Ben was rostered Duty Pilot but had swapped with Phil so that he could play with Mosquito ON. Craig and Lionel have kindly offered to let Ben fly ON to help him develop his flying skills so he and Craig spent some time rigging and going over all its tricks and foibles ready for his first flight.

First up at midday was Alex trying to teach me boxing the tow and straight and wing drop stalls. I chose not to be a difficult student, so the flight went well, and Alex did not have to take control. Still, plenty to talk about and some learnings to think about. Ben then launched in ON for a 19 minute flight and a very smooth landing in front of the caravan. Congratulations Ben! He then promptly made a second flight to show the first was not a fluke.

I then went up with Dilan to 2000ft for some turns before a rejoin and circuit. A bit of confusion about which vector we were using spoiled the approach and we ended up landing closer to the caravan than normal.

We then had a pause for a C130J departure which turned out to be the aircraft that made the medivac flight to Antarctica on Monday. [RNZAF Medical Evacuation Full Story](#) *Top Notch rescue by the RNZAF Personnel who made this a successful mission.*

Next was a trial flight for Phil Smith, a local resident from the Paremoremo/Riverhead area who had watched us flying over his house for many years and finally decided to see what it was like for himself. Smooth conditions and brilliant visibility gave him a great experience which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Kazik went off in MP and Tony in BD while Ben launched again in ON and this time for 1hr 13 mins being the longest flight for the day.



Lionel & Craig had great difficulty prying Ben out of ON.

I then made two flights with Gaelle. The first to 1500ft showed she was a little rusty so we ended up high on approach and landed a little heavily. We then did a 1000ft circuit and this time Gaelle talked her way around the circuit with confidence and good decisions. A little more flare and it would have been a perfect circuit.

Ray Burns had a go in MP while Craig tried to teach me turns, rejoins and circuits as part of his instructor training. As I did for Alex, I was a very kind student, and he was able to run through the exercises with minimal interference from me.

We finished the flying with two 1000ft circuits in MP for Phil, landing at 1605 so we had time for a social chat around the caravan before heading for home. A good day for mid-winter with 14 flights.

Cheers,
Peter

We understand Dillan is leaving in a week's time for the United States to commence study for an Aerospace Engineering Degree. So, we wish you all the success and wonderful learning experience with this line of study.

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 | ☎ 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!



Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Aug	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	