

WARM AIR 13 Sept 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
13 Sept	Towing:	R Carswell
	Duty Pilot	
Sunday	Instructing:	I Burr
14 Sept	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	K Bhashyan

MEMBERS NEWS

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

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Weekend Reports

Saturday – No Flying

Sunday — Mr Coast S Wallace reports

It was a coast day. The wind was averaging a nice 25kts and while there were a few big showers around they were few and far between so easy enough for everyone to avoid. Anton was the lucky student to get his first experience of the coast and NF was accompanied by Ben Sly in ON, Alex Michael in KT and Dave Todd in BZ. We were hoping to get away early due to a front sliding up the country that had the potential to make getting home difficult but in the end in never real came to anything and everybody got home no problems despite the start to the day being slightly delayed by an arriving C5 Galaxy.



Alex reports (he actually made it all the way)

Ripping down the coast in the Mozzie was simply an epic experience. You could do 100kts and not lose height. And this time I finally made it to Raglan—and back!

The most focusing part of the flight was waiting for a massive shower a few km north of Raglan to clear while a smaller, lighter shower was passing through Raglan harbour. I had sufficient dry coast to fly along and got a climb in just in case. Once that squall had passed through it was nice and sunny all the way down and I could really fly fast and low, following the profiles of the cliff like a little fighter jet. What a dream.

Another focusing part of the experience was the glide back. I left about 5km south of Muriwai at around 2200ft, following NF ahead of me, and got badly dumped on the other side of the hills. At one point, the Vario was pegged at -10kts for a few seconds despite flying along a cloud street. I got a good look at the paddocks along Waitakere road in Taupaki but still felt confident I would make the field. I was able to comfortably join left hand downwind for grass 26. It did make me wonder, however, how strongly those sphincter muscles would've activated had I been flying the PW5...

What an awesome way to get back into KT after a 5 month hiatus. Massive thanks to Ben S, Ray, Steve, Cassian, Tony, Dave, Luke and anyone else I've forgotten for all their help. I hope you all got to enjoy the banana bread!

Hopefully next time will be a 300km gold badge flight :-)

--Alex



More Wind coming by the looks. Well done everyone, always a great adventure.

OLC is closing -

The Online Competition OLC will be closed down from the 22 of September, this month.

You can read the full article on OLC at <https://www.onlinecontest.org/olc-3.0/segelflugszene/singlenews.html?news=3789>

Those who have used OLC to keep a log of all flights can transfer all your OLC flights to Weglide using this website. <https://olc2weglide.nl/>

You will need your OLC ID which is at the top of the settings page once you are logged in.

You will also need your Weglide ID which is at the bottom of the settings page in Weglide.

Once you have been able to download a season of flights you will be asked for your Weglide ID, your Date of birth, your OLC **USER** name (Not the ID number) and your OLC Password.

Check the top check box on the list to select all, then uncheck and select the files that didn't transfer correctly.

I've successfully done this for all my flights, it took a while, with several attempts, don't try and do more than one season at a time otherwise it times out. So do 2023, 2024 type of thing.

There will no doubt be lots of error messages that won't make much sense, but you should refresh the Weglide page to check what has actually been transferred.

Thanks to Anton CFI from the Auckland Club for highlighting and how to guide.

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 | ☎ 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
Sep	13		A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	14	K BHASHYAM	I BURR	P THORPE	
	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	