

WARM AIR 27 Sept 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	D Todd
27 Sept	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	R Semmens
Sunday	Instructing:	R Burns
28 Sept	Towing:	P Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	P Scarborough

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

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Roster

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

News / Events

A new roster is available below

And no Coast flying last weekend, but still some challenging soaring and training completed.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Ivor Reports (it was not a Coast Day)

Looking out on Saturday morning, the blue sky was everywhere, although the wind was already gusty. I arrived at the field at 9.30 to find Ray already well progressed getting out the motor glider and starting to brief the ATC cadets that would be flying with him. At the other end of the field, keen people were arriving and pulling out aircraft, some to go flying and some to work with avionics.

While we got the club fleet out and prepared for the day, the clouds were gathering, and the wind gusts were developing. We moved down to the 08 end of the field just as the first of many launches in the Grob 109 was occurring. The wind was generally from the north east, although quite variable, both in strength and direction, meaning we were in for some interesting flying.

First flight of the day was with Luke, a student pilot with Auckland Gliding Club, who was keen for some flights with us while the waterlogged field he was used to was drying out. Following his initial flight to 1500', which confirmed the gustiness of the conditions, it was Al's turn to test out the conditions in preparation for a solo flight in GVF, and around the same time Tony went up for the first of two flights in GBD.

The next training flight in the twin was with young Harvey, who was looking for some consolidation following a few weeks of not flying. The weather was not getting any easier, and unfortunately there was no lift encountered during Harvey's flight, leading to it being a short one.

While Ben took off in GON, the next flight in the twin was a trial flight for Dave Mowat. We had discussed the weather, and the conditions we could be facing, and he was nonetheless keen to go check it out. The flight was indeed most enjoyable, and Dave was able to try his

hand at the controls for some of the flight, which left him wanting to do more. Hopefully we will see him back for more flying as the weather improves.

During this time, Tony, Ben and Al were all up trying out the weather in the single seaters. While most people agreed that it was challenging to find good lift, Ben managed by far the longest flight of that day at just over 2 hours, during which he managed to fit in a coast to coast leg from Murawai to North Shore, an excellent achievement.

Next student in the twin was Lev, who is making steady progress, although aware that he had not flown in a while and was keen to test himself in the conditions. He flew the majority of the aerotow well, releasing at 2000' and looking for some thermals to extend his time in the air.

Unfortunately no lift could be found, and after some good basic flying around the area he joined the circuit and made a good approach and landing back onto the field. A good short flight. Then it was the turn of father Anton, who, despite the somewhat challenging conditions, was keen to try out no-instrument flying as part of his development. Throughout he was able to judge his altitude and manage his speed well, releasing close to his designated height. After trying to work a weak thermal and then setting himself up well to join, he flew a well judged and managed circuit and ended with a good landing. Well done.

By now it was 1600, and the conditions were settling somewhat, although there was a very cold wind blowing. Luke took a second flight to 1000', which he managed to fly Ok.

Conditions were not really suitable for a subsequent solo flight, but I am sure he will be ready as we get better weather. The final flight in the 103 was for Noah, who had already been flying in the motor glider, and was keen for a pure gliding flight. We took off through some quite significant crosswind conditions, although as we climbed it felt a little smoother.

However, the clouds had been gathering, and together with the colder air, no thermals could be found. Noah did manage a little flying, and made a good job of flying us around and then returning into the base leg. As we turned onto finals I took over and demonstrated the effect of the airbrakes while returning the glider to the hangar end of the field. We then landed and started closing down. There was still work being done by the crew on the ground who had been working on gliders, so it was a while before things could be packed back into the hangar, during which time we got things done such as the airspace returned to ATC and various devices put back on charge. Together there had been 10 motor glider flights, 8 flights in the twin trainer and 4 flights in single seaters.

Overall a good day of flying, and before too long we were able to pack all the aircraft away and head for home.

Sunday –

Only one Flight and that was it by the looks of it....

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
Sept	27	R SEMMENS	D TODD	G CABRE	
	28	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	P THORPE	

Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Oct	4	E YEOMAN	P THORPE	G CABRE	5 SQN RB
	5	A SHIPOV	S WALLACE	R BURNS	5 SQN LP
	11	B SLY	I BURR	R HEYNIKE	
	12	G STANFIELD	I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	6 SQN IB
	18	K JASICA	L PAGE	P THORPE	5 Sqn RB
	19	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	D TODD	R BURNS	40 SQN LP
Labour Weekend	25	A NEJATI	P THORPE	T STRUGNELL	
	26	M KUYS	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	27		I WOODFIELD	T STRUGNELL	
Nov	1	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	5 Sqn IB
	2	S CHAND	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	8	M WEYNA	I BURR	P THORPE	6 SQN LP
	9	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	R BURNS	
	15		P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	5 SQN RB
	16	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	T STRUGNELL	6 SQN IB
	22	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	23	P SCARBOROUGH	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	
	29	E YEOMAN	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	

	30	A SHIPOV	I BURR	P THORPE	40SQN RB
Dec	6	B SLY	L PAGE	R BURNS	
	7	G STANFIELD	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	40 SQN LP
	13	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	5 SQN LP
	14	C HAYWARD- SLATTERY	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	20	A NEJATI	D TODD	T STRUGNELL	5 SQN RB
	21	M KUYS	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	