

WARM AIR 1 November 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday	Instructing:	A Fletcher
1 Nov	Towing:	R Carswell
	Duty Pilot	B Gambaro
Sunday	Instructing:	R Burns
2 Nov	Towing:	G Cabre
	Duty Pilot	S Chand

MEMBERS NEWS

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

News / Events

Membership Form

The new membership form is now available on the google drive. It is in the "Documents" Folder. <https://www.ascgliding.org/>

It is a requirement that ALL members complete a membership form each year.

Please download the pdf. It is "fillable". So please complete online with a pdf viewer and then save and forward to either Ray (cfi@ascgliding.org) or Lionel (treasurer@ascgliding.org).

Warm Air changes

A change with the writing crayons. This is my final edition, and the wonderful Shiv will be taking over as the new Warm Air Editor. So, please give him a moment to get everything in order, and when you see a new email contact for Warm Air this will be the reason.

From me, thank you to you, the contributors, who share this brilliant and amazing activity to fellow club members, past and present and many others.

Have a brilliant soaring season.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Peter T Reports And Alex reports

On Saturday morning I met with tow pilot Tony and glider pilots Alex and Mikel to prep the aircraft and brief them on the cross country tow. I then departed with the open trailer before they took off. I was able to monitor their progress using Flightradar 24 while I was driving (hands free of course). Lots of activity at Matamata when we arrived and I was soon asked to help retrieve A young AGC pilot who had landed out near Te Aroha. Luke was a student on the cross country course who made an excellent job of landing his PW5 in a good paddock. He is 15 and only started gliding in January this year. I needed 4WD to get to him but otherwise a simple retrieve until clouds of smoke issued from the trailer on the way home. It transpired that the LH spring had broken so the mudguard was rubbing on the tyre. Fortunately, we were close to Waharoa so a jury rig got us back to the airfield.



On Sat evening we enjoyed our now traditional dinner in town at the Redoubt Bar where we gave Derry a small presentation for his many years of support to our club. On Sunday morning I flew two tows for Ray to conduct an ICR for John Tullock from Taranaki who was keen to have his instructors rating renewed. Apparently he was the last instructor standing at his club. Then in the afternoon I enjoyed a good ridge flight in MP before also enjoying a fine roast pork dinner from Marion Moody in the evening. Sunday was not nice for flying so we packed up early and came home before the rain arrived. We left NF with Derry for its Annuals so Tony and Alex enjoyed a non towing flight home.



Nice one Derry well deserved. The huge amount of effort and diligence you put into maintaining the club gliders over the years is phenomenal.



Alex's version from the Glider and he found his namesakes as well

On Saturday morning, Michal and I set off on a XC aerotow to Matamata which was a first for both of us and a first for Tony in RDW. Conditions were a bit turbulent so I elected to fly the portion 1500ft and below to remain clear of Auckland Approach while Michal could enjoy the view as we flew over the harbour bridge and past the CBD.



Upon reaching Kawakawa bay Michal climbed us up at 2500ft and had a couple of goes flying level in low tow, a first for him. A valiant effort for a pre-solo pilot in challenging conditions as it did not take much disruption for the rope to slack. We tried experimenting with yawing the nose but found that just cracking a little bit of airbrake made it easier to nip it in the bud given the conditions. Upon positively identifying NZMA, Michal released us from the towplane and joined for runway 28. We were happy to be safely on the ground and to stretch our legs!



Next up was Kishan for a back seat currency flight. We got a 2000ft sled ride...until we hit sustained lift on the downwind leg. In any case, that was more rust shaken off for Kish and his ticket back into MP.

Al took VF up for a circuit, then up again for a longer flight in the local area which he seemed to enjoy a lot. And Tony was also happy chappy after having an enjoyable flight in BD.

My final instructional flight of the day was with Anton. He took us to the ridge and did an excellent job figuring out the energy lines. He had good awareness of traffic and made exemplary radio calls. We had a great time zooming along between Te Aroha and the Golf ball. As we headed back to the field, he demonstrated a spiral dive and how to handle being too close in/high in the circuit. Nice one!



Then the day concluded with our traditional gathering at the Redoubt bar and eatery where I could finally enjoy some good food. I was particularly excited to eat as I had only been operating off of 1 date I had in the morning :-)



P.S. I found out there was a Michael Alexander on the cross country course who I promptly found and shook his hand. And then on Sunday, Michal told me his full name is actually Michal Alexander Weyna. Mind blown.

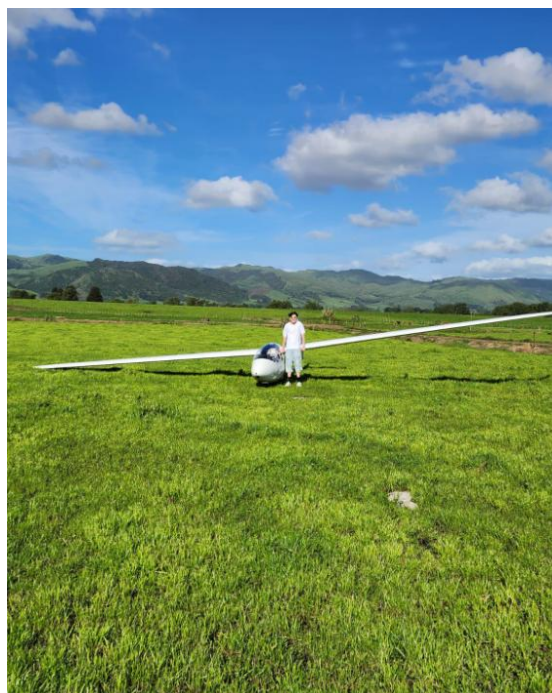
Sunday –Steve Wallace Reports

Sunday was another classic Matamata ridge day with a few more showers around than the day before to keep life interesting for those on the ridge. GNF had three flights, all over an hour, on the ridge with students Michal Weyna, Wayne Mears and Al Nehati. Lots of flying done by other club members in the singles including, Dave Todd with two flights in BZ after a non-closing undercarriage door caused a return from the first flight, Ray Burns with two flights in BU (must of needed a lunch break), Craig Best in the mighty mozzie ON, Derry Belcher in the 'wood shed' MR, Tony Prentice in BD, Emmerson Yeoman with over three hours in VF and Ivor Woodfield and Peter Thorpe taking MP for a burst on the ridge.



Ben Sly after completing his 5hrs. He flew for 5hrs 49 mins just to make sure after missing out by 4 minutes last time And today he completed his height gain to complete the Silver C Badge. Congratulations Ben.....Outstanding Effort.

Emerson - leading the world in gliding fashion wear. But also successfully completing his first out landing. Way to go Emerson.



Monday – Ivor Reports

No flying happened on Monday. However, we did derig GMP and GNF, and then took NF to Derry's for its annual inspection.

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.

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 Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
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	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	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		A FLETCHER	P THORPE	