

WARM AIR 25 October 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Weekend Roster

Saturday 25 Oct	Instructing:	P Thorpe
	Towing:	T Strugnell
	Duty Pilot	A Neati
Sunday 26 Oct	Instructing:	S Wallace
	Towing:	R Heynike
	Duty Pilot	
Monday 27 Oct	Instructing:	I Woodfield
	Towing:	T Strugnell
	Duty Pilot	

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

Club News

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Roster

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).

Matamata Camp Labour Weekend

If you are planning to head to Matamata over Labour Weekend, please get in touch with Kishan (0210 645 648) if you intend to purchase breakfast, lunch, and/or dinner at the gliding club during your time there.

Additionally, ASC Club Dinner will be held on Saturday 25 October, at the usual Redoubt Bar & Eatery in Matamata town. Come along for great food, good laughs, and even better company! All members and guests are welcome to join.

See you there!! Clear skies and full plates!

Kishan

With that in mind, anyone who is intending to fly at NZMA should make sure they are familiar with the local Club's standard operating procedures. These can be found at these two locations:

https://glidingmatamata.co.nz/members/procedures/standard_operating_procedures/

https://glidingmatamata.co.nz/members/procedures/gridding_priorities/

Please make sure you have read and understood both of these!

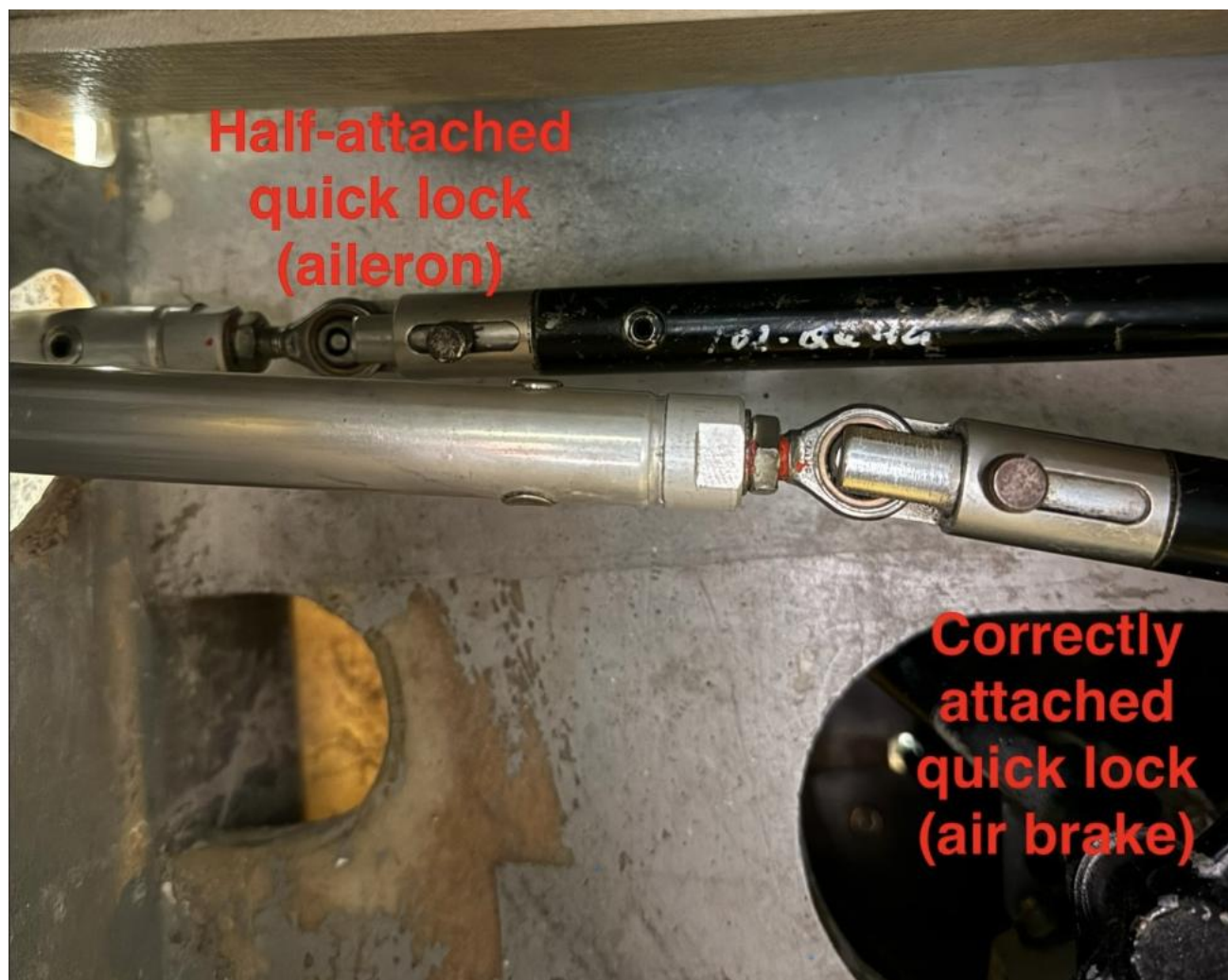
CFI Corner (just in case you did not read last weeks)

GROB Rigging

Please have a good look at the picture and story below... This issue was found on another clubs Grob and a handy second inspection picked this up. It had already passed a duplicate.

The glider had been landed out and derigged for a trailer retrieve. It had been re-rigged and the duplicate control checks signed off, but not taped up or flown. A few days later the prospective pilot noted that, "As it was yet to be taped and I was first to fly this glider, I double checked the rigging. I found the left aileron's 'quick lock' was incorrectly attached in a half-closed position. It passed a positive control check, but the latch was not fulling covering the pin and could have come undone in-flight."

This is a great photo that shows how easy it is to get the GROB rigging wrong (you may need to zoom in). Although the aileron is connected the snap lock is not all the way home. We have a few riggings coming up over the next few weeks to take the time to check that these connections are properly made.



So look carefully, feel and use a torch to shed some light to confirm everything is located in it correct position.

NOTAMS

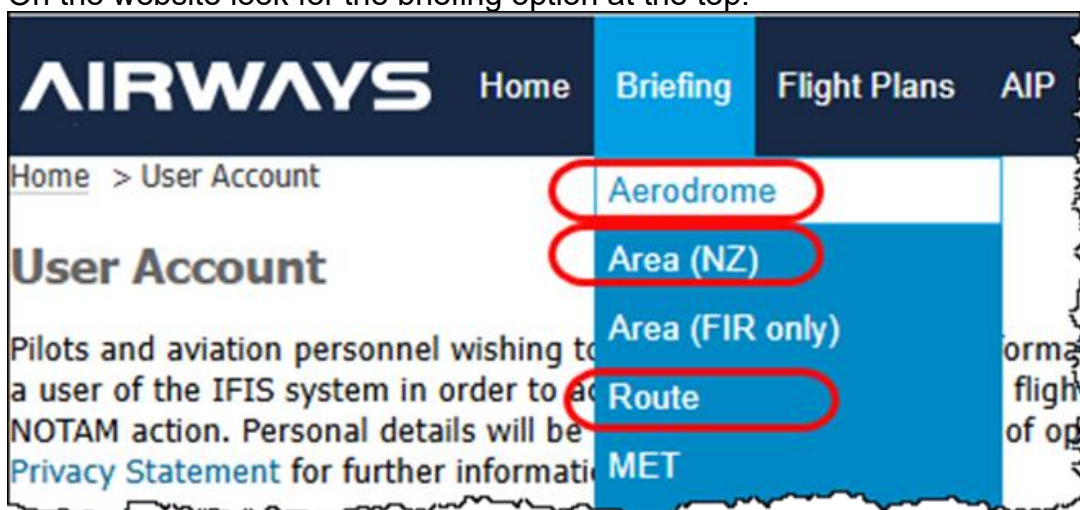
A couple of people have asked me for the links for notams since the AGM. There are two places you can get them.

Go Preflight is the newest function. It is probably the easiest one to use. You can find it here: <https://gopreflight.co.nz/>

There is no phone app but if you read down the page it tells you how to use it like an app on your phone.

It will display a map and you can click on any aerodrome and it will show you the NOTAMS for that airfield. However, NOTAMS are not just issued for aerodromes. They could apply to areas you might fly through. For example a couple of years ago there were rocket launches over the Kaipara Harbour. That's a really good thing to know about – you don't want one of those whizzing past your ears.... Look for the "Area" briefing which will list all the NOTAM for the airfields and "EnRoute" NOTAMS.

The second option is IFIS. This has been around a LONG time. Go to ifis.airways.co.nz. You will need to register (as with go-preflight). Look for the "user account" button on the ribbon at the bottom of the screen. On the website look for the briefing option at the top:



The Aerodrome option will allow you to enter a range of airfields. You can save favourites so it is easy to go back to something you might have setup in advance. When you press submit you will get a page that has a format useful for printing. You can get NOTAMS, ATIS, MET and Met reports on a single report.

If you are not a paper person then there is also a phone function for IFIS that works very similarly to Go Preflight. You go to the website and then pin the site to your home screen. As with Go-Preflight make sure you review en-route notams for the area in which you plan to fly.

I tend to use IFIS because I've used it forever. And I'm an old dog and Go-Preflight is a new trick.....

If you have any questions or problems, just ask.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Lione; Reports

I was a bit late to the party on Saturday. Ray, Peter, Craig and Steve had opened up. Enough Instructors to sink a battleship.

Steve kindly did the briefing of the first student and then took her for a flight. He did a couple more flights before Craig took over. In the mean time Ray was kind enough to let me do some flying with the cadets in the 109.

Full on day with plenty of 109'ing and supervising while Craig and Ray did all the heavy lifting.

A good day's flying and we managed to finish by about 4pm when I left and Craig kindly close open while I dash off to gain some brownie points.

Thanks to all the instructors for their help.

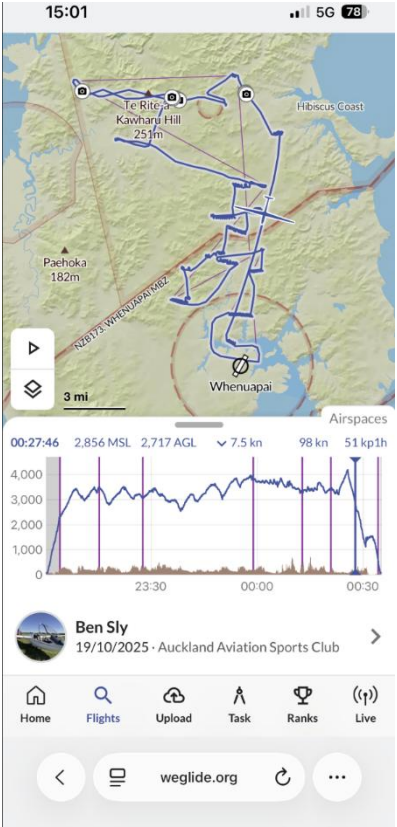
Sunday –David Todd Reports

There were 12 flights in total on Sunday (not counting the Cadets in GNW). The solo pilots were the usual crew — Ben in GON, Alex in GKT, and Kazik in GMP — but most of the action was in GVF with Ali, Ryan, and Emerson keeping the peewee busy.

It was a classic day with plenty of lift on tow. A few pilots released early expecting an easy climb, only to find the lift had vanished, so they ended up landing back without getting properly established. Sometimes that last 500 feet of tow really is the best money spent! We also had two introductory flights with Hugo and Jasmin Smith — hopefully we'll see them back again soon.

To wrap things up, VF and MP were de-rigged and packed up, ready for Matamata. The weather's looking decent, so see you down there!

Ben Sly does some soaring North of the field....and some artistic shots as well





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 Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Labour Weekend	25	A NEJATI	P THORPE	T STRUGNELL	
	26		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	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	