

WARM AIR 21 November 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

Weekend Roster

Saturday 22nd Nov

Instructor:	I WOODFIELD	I BURR (G109)
Tow Pilot:	R CARSWELL	
Duty Pilot:	R SEMMENS	

Sunday 23rd Nov

Instructor:	A FLETCHER	L PAGE (G109)
Tow Pilot:	G CABRE	
Duty Pilot:	P SCARBOROUGH	

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Club News

Membership Forms - **OVERDUE**

The new membership form is now available on 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 Ray (cfi@ascgliding.org) and Lionel (treasurer@ascgliding.org)

General Upkeep

The hanger/grounds around the club require regular upkeep; As such whenever you have a bit of free time, please take a moment to help with any general upkeep or maintenance you notice. I.e. tidying up, getting the lawn mower out for a quick wizz....or just picking up any stray rubbish. Thank you for doing your part!

Changes to caravan set up

Instead of the current 2 cones please place 4 cones about 2–3 meters from the yellow tractor to clearly show where the active airfield starts. For safety, no one should go past the cones unless they're heading to or from an aircraft. Please also make sure visitors are reminded of this when they arrive and they are to be escorted at all times.

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Weekend Reports

Saturday 15th Nov - Peter Reports

The RNZAF had a no fly before 1100 limitation for Sat morning so we agreed an early start would not be necessary. Ray was rostered to fly the G109 but decided instead to help Izzy replace the wheel bearings in her trailer. I was on time for once, but Ray still beat me to collect the key and open up.

The weather was not particularly nice with a strong westerly and low cloud, so tow pilot Ruan stayed at home unless I called him and the only other person was Craig. He was busy trying to figure how he could fit ON into the space by the caravan so I got the mower out and trimmed the grass in front of the hangar doors. Ray moved the MP and VF trailers back to the proper trailer park so I also trimmed the grass where they had been standing. About this time the mower got a bit sluggish and I then realised it is a 2 stroke and I had put straight petrol into it - woops. A trip to the BP station to buy some 2 stroke oil and then back to mix up a brew that hopefully the mower will like. By then the rain had set in so no more mowing but for those who might be tempted to do some mowing in the future, a 5 litre can of mixed 2 stroke fuel is in the fuel locker bottom right. The mower handle was broken on one side, and the other was cracked so I persuaded Ray to take both bits home to see if he could weld them together. Later he proudly sent me a photo of his efforts which look pretty good to me.

Ali joined us for a while as did Annie, a new controller, who was hoping for a flight but realised today was not really suitable so she will return another day. By 1400 only Craig and I were left and although the weather had improved, I decided to leave him to it and headed for home.

Sunday 16th Nov - Steve Reports

Sunday was a slow start for the gliding club with an initial lack of members meaning we had only three people to drag three gliders to the 08 end. Izzy however was underway just after 10am flying ATC cadets in the 109. First club flight was just before midday with Al getting over an hour in the twin to get a few more exercises signed off. Ryan Semmens launched shortly after us in VF and with cloud base and thermals going to 4,500' we had lots of fun flying with Ryan and taking a few air to air shots of him in the PW5. With the arrival of a German Air Bus however we were all told to be on the ground by 1.55pm hence ending the fun. With just a single touch and go however we were soon back in the air. Jake was a trial flight and all went well for 40 minutes or so but the last 5 minutes involved the use of a sick bag and a quick return to terra firma. Izzy took the next trial flight with Amir and an ATC cadet Noah who she had flown earlier in the day in the 109. Emerson converted into MP, well done Emerson! The nice convergence however had moved too far west by the time of his flight so it was a short but fun 14 minutes. Ryan de-rigged the PW5 as he was taking it down to Matamata to join Alex at the Matamata task week. We finished the day with a flight in the twin with Emerson and Ryan. So, a slow start but a strong finish to what turned out to be a busy afternoon.

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Fundraising update for the new training glider

We're now up to \$5900 in the bank, with many thanks to members for their contributions!

Chipping in as little as \$10-\$20 a week goes a long way when everyone does it.

Our next goal is \$10,000, which will be a huge milestone. The club would like to hear from anybody interested in making a debenture pledge.

Please contact Lionel for more information: 

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Help us continue our tradition of training up excellent pilots by donating to:

North Auckland Gliding Club

Account number: 38-9027-0013160-000

Next fundraising goal

\$10,000



Emerson with his G102 rating just in time for summer soaring!



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Alex achieving his sliver hight gain down in Matamata



OOPS..... Andrew in GBU



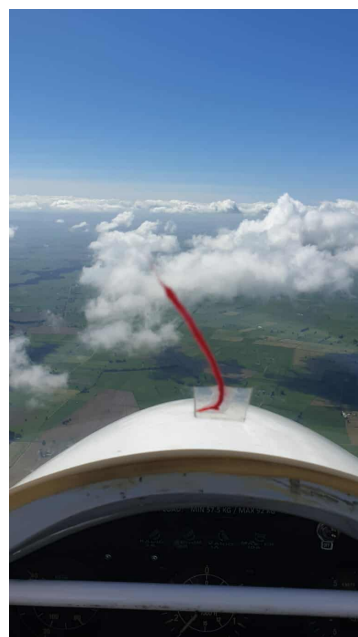
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When the Matamata weather doesn't co-operate and you're Alex; you walk up to the Te Aroha high point....



Wave flying - GKT & GBU



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Duty Roster For Nov & Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Nov	22	R SEMMENS	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	3 SQN IB
	23	P SCARBOROUGH	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	3 SQN LP
	29	E YEOMAN	R BURNS	T STRUGNELL	
	30	A SHIPOV	I BURR	P THORPE	40 SQN RB
Dec	6	B SLY	L PAGE	R BURNS	
	7	G STANFIELD	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	40 SQN RB
	13	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	5 SQN RB
	14	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	20	A NEJATI	D TODD	T STRUGNELL	5 SQN RB
	21	Cover Needed	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	