

WARM AIR 12 December 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

Weekend Roster

Saturday 13th Dec - No Flying

Instructor:	P THORPE	R BURNS (G109)
Tow Pilot:	R CARSWELL	
Duty Pilot:	K JASICA	

Sunday 14th Dec

Instructor:	I WOODFIELD
Tow Pilot:	G CABRE
Duty Pilot:	COVER NEEDED

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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)

Lost Ray Ban Aviators

A black/silver pair of Ray-Ban Aviators might've been left at the airfield sometime over the last few weekends. If you've spotted them, let me know so we can get them back to their owner and reunite him with his sunnies!

No Flying on Saturday 13th December

A note will be sent out if this changes.

Duty Pilot cover needed for Sunday 14th December

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Weekend Reports

Saturday 6th Dec - No Report

Sunday 7th Nov - Steve Reports

A late start due to the ILS calibration flights which ended up even later as the flights took longer than expected so we didn't get underway until after 2pm. The day was forecast to be blue with the temperature and humidity lines on the tephigram being a long way apart. At odds with this a lovely sea breeze convergence was also forecast but with it being so blue this was always going to struggle to happen. It was however enough to generate great optimism amongst the single seat pilots so at 2pm, after much hiding in the shade, everybody was ready to launch into a very blue sky. In the end the best we got was some reasonable blue thermals up to around 3,000 feet and only one cloud in the sky late in the day way off in the distance around Kaipara Flats. Up around Kaikohe though they were reporting a cloud base of 8,000 feet although even up that way there wasn't a lot of cloud around. So four training flights in the twin and six single seats gave it a go with the last flight launching after 6pm.

CFI Corner

"Your biggest safety tool isn't on the panel. It's between your ears. A checklist can't save you if you ignore it..."

Ryan Farran, "Staying Alive" (available on kindle)

Fundraising update for the new training glider

We've climbed from \$5900 to \$6319 since last month.

Next Fundraising Goal

A reminder that our sales from chocolates, chips and drinks all go towards the new twin and that you can pay via bank transfer to the account below. So please indulge yourself and your friends!

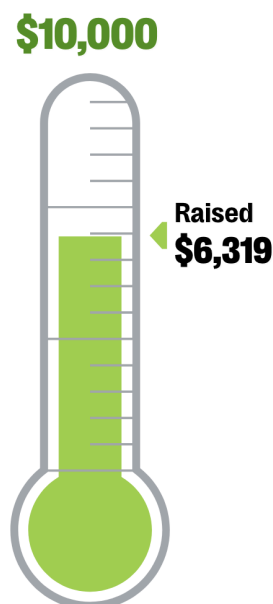
As always, Lionel's all ears for debenture pledges.

You can reach him at:

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Help us continue our tradition of training up excellent pilots by making a donation to

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Photos

Maria from Brazil who is currently staying with Jonathan's family, enjoyed a 41min flight with Steve!



Ray in BU behind RDW in action on a hot day at Matamata.
The curved object in the background is the refracted wing of a glider through the heat haze.



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Steve towing towards the lone cloud...



Said lone cloud even caught the attention of MetService - a seriously blue Sunday!



MetService New Zealand

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Cloud of the week ☁

Here is a picture of a lonely cloud spotted by David from St Heliers on Sunday.

The cloud was an immense cumulonimbus cloud over 120km away, casting its shadow over Whangārei.

The process that builds these clouds also creates localised showers and even thunderstorms.

Learn more about it here: <https://about.metservice.com/learning/convergence>



Tim Bromhead's 530KM flight as reported by StuffNZ

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/360912253/watch-stunning-glider-flight-across-raukumara-ranges>

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Duty Roster For Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
Dec	13	K JASICA	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	5 SQN RB
	14	COVER NEEDED	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE	
	20	A NEJATI	D TODD	T STRUGNELL	5 SQN RB
	21	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	