

# WARM AIR 5 December 2025

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

## Weekend Roster

### Saturday 6th Dec

Instructor:	L PAGE
Tow Pilot:	R BURNS
Duty Pilot:	B SLY

### Sunday 7th Dec - NO flying before 1300 due to ILS calibration

Instructor:	S WALLACE	R BURNS (G109)
Tow Pilot:	R HEYNIKE	
Duty Pilot:	G STANFIELD	

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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](mailto:cfi@ascgliding.org)) and Lionel ([treasurer@ascgliding.org](mailto:treasurer@ascgliding.org))

### Tractor fuel valves

For those that don't know, there is a touch more to the fuel tap that we open on the tractors than meets the eye. The taps are designed to have a "reserve" fuel function. The intention is that you should only open them 180 degrees or so. If you run out of fuel you then open the tap fully which will give you enough fuel to get back to the hangar and fill it up.

If you open it fully at the start of the day, then there is no reserve function. If you run out of fuel you're then jiggered. You will be pushing the tractor back to the hangar (and if you were the one that opened it, that push will probably be without sympathy.... or support....)

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### **Weekend Reports**

#### **Saturday 29th Nov - Ray Reports**

What a cracker day. The Wx was beautiful with light shifting winds. Unfortunately not light enough or steady enough to avoid changing ends twice, but other than that very pleasant indeed.

Izzy and Shiv met me at the café for just long enough to pick up the key and charge up to Kumeu with their trailer in order to get a warrant before it got busy. And it passed!! Yeah. Once the hangar was empty the mighty K6 was loaded and the spot it occupied was almost immediately taken by IV so that Ivor could start work on his trailer.

The fleet was woken from its slumbers, fed breakfast and marched out to the flight line with Emmerson being the first of 18 launches at 1045. That started a lot of great flying. Cassian, Ryan and Al all flew GVF. With Ryan doing 3 hours. MP Was flown by Phil (3:21 for line honours for the day), Ben reminded himself how it flew after being a ski bunny for the winter and Ryan did a type rating in it. Congrats Ryan.

NF was kept busy all day with Olivia, Wayne and Michel joining three trial flighters.

The last flight landed at 18:28 and I didn't leave the field to go home until 2000.

But the best news of the day was that Kazik fabricated the most AMAZING mirror for the tractor. It stretches right across the front of the tractor and has just enough "convex-ness" that you can easily see glider wing-tip to wing-tip and the wing walker. It is just perfect. Thank you so much Kazik.

#### **Craig Reports**

Congratulations Ryan Semmens  
Converted to Grob 102 (ZK-GMP)

After a brief we pushed the aircraft out on to the flight line, a well executed take off and landing.

Well done Ryan



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### Sunday 30th Nov - Izzy Reports

I woke up on Sunday to sun and blue skies, so despite the weather forecast telling me there was rain forecast from midday, I was optimistic we would get a couple of good flights in that morning. After arriving at the field I called my trial flight to advise that he comes a bit early to avoid any weather, and went about getting the aircraft ready. Ray was already flying some cadets in the motor glider by the time I finished my DI. About the time my trial flight arrived, some ominous dark clouds could be seen out west and the blue sky was disappearing overhead. I was still hopeful of a flight so went about briefing my trial flight while we waited for a Herc to depart. Following this, we towed the NF to the start of the runway, only to stop while NW landed in front of us after doing only a circuit instead of the planned 2500ft cadet flight. Upon talking to Ray, it was apparent the weather front was fast approaching so we left the gliders and ran to shelter in the hangar.

After about an hour of waiting around including a fuel run by Peter, it became apparent that the weather had set in for the day, over an hour earlier than forecast. So I suggested to my trial flight that he might be better off coming another day and we went about the business of drying and putting the aircraft back to bed. After we had done this, there was enough of a weather break for Peter to get RDW away to Parakai for some maintenance, while Uber driver Ray followed him in a car to give him a ride back. With nothing left for me to do, I left Craig doing some avionics magic in the hangar and retired for the day around 1pm.

### 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'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**





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**With the trailer WOF'd - GLS is (mostly) out of the hangar!**



**GNF on Tow behind new mirror**



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## **Duty Roster For Nov & Dec**

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	G109
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	