

AGC Weekly News

Important Notice **Revised AGM date and the reasons**

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With apologies to members, being prompted to read the Club Rules more thoroughly leads me to conclude that insufficient notice of the requirement for nominations has been provided to members. To comply with the Rules, the AGM will be deferred to the end of September, on Sunday 25th at 1400, in the clubhouse.

The Rules state the following:

- Rule 31 notice of the AGM is 7 weeks before the AGM
- Rule 32 nominations must be received no later than 4 weeks before the AGM
- Rule 23 Not less than twenty-one (21) clear days before the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary shall post, or email, where such address was provided to every member of the Club:
 - (a) A notice of the time and place of such meeting.
 - (b) A report of the work done by the Club during the preceding year.
 - (c) Details of business to be discussed at the meeting.
 - (d) Nominations for election of officers.
- Rule 33 requires office holders to retire after 2 years, though they are eligible for re-election (office holders are listed as The President, Vice President, Club Captain, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Committee members)

Taking each of these in turn:

- adequate notice of the AGM has been given (it was mentioned in the newsletter of 25th - 26th June)
- insufficient time for nominations has been allowed, nor have the positions been identified, hence the delay.
- such nominations must then be advised to members
- the only office holder whom the Rules say should retire is the club captain.

The nominations needed for this AGM are:

- **President**; as I was co-opted to this position after Murray's resignation. I'm happy to stay in the role, unless members prefer someone else by vote, in which case I'll support that person.
- Vice-President, as Jon Ash was similarly co-opted to this position
- **Secretary**, as the committee has been functioning without this position filled since Diane also resigned at the same time as Murray. Diane has left a big gap, which we need to fill
- **Club Captain**, as Ross Gaddes has been in the role for 2 years (Rule 33 requirement). I hope that Ross doesn't see this as a get out of jail card, as he does an excellent job and I'd like him to continue
- **Two committee positions**, as Paul and Georgia Schofield joined the committee only last year. For members' info, Georgia has - notwithstanding being overseas - remained an active committee member (to her credit).

Nominations must be received by the Secretary by 28th August (secretary@glidingauckland.co.nz)

I'm sorry to have not read the Rules properly; I thought I knew what they were. It's a bit like reading the Flight Manual (except that my natural conservatism means that I do read it).

Additionally, please go to the "Members only" section of the website and look at "Committee and who does what". You'll note that there are several sections "Vacant", while some of the others are covered by committee members. I've been taking care of the trailers (rego, WOF & cleaning), but would happily yield this to one or more members, who might take on one, two or all trailers either on their own or as a group. These are all positions I'd like to have filled - preferably before the AGM, please. So, if you don't have a defined role already, please consider either the committee or one of the vacant roles.

Thank you,

Gerard Robertson, President

PS: Complacency

Having just demonstrated complacency by not reading the Club's Rules properly, here's an interesting article on the topic which has wider application.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2022/aug/17/a-moment-that-changed-me-a-near-death-experience-at-sea>

Winter Lecture Series

The series has now concluded and I'm sure all the participants will agree with me that Russell and his co-presenters did a superb job. Thank

you all, for your generous contribution of time and knowledge.

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Thanks Guys!



Paul Schofield clearing important drainage ditches using his specialist skills with an excavator.

Pictures by Gerard

The DX trailer receiving a thorough clean. Surely it would pay the club to preserve its trailers in a specially designed open lean-to structure?

Windy Day Thermals

Adam Woolley, courtesy Wings & Wheels

We all like a light to moderate wind day because it's beneficial for the generation of thermals and it's relatively predictable. On strong wind days though, we tend to leave the hangar doors closed because they break the thermals up and can be harder to find, especially near the ground! The good thing is that even on these days, the hot air still sticks to the ground as they move downwind during the growing process. Finally, an obstacle is encountered, and the thermal separates from the surface. What is this obstacle? It can be a group of trees or tree line, a farmhouse, a cool dam, vegetation change, neighbouring scrub, a car driving down a country road, or even a

change in slope. (Editors note: I recall my grandfather telling a story of his imminent outlanding in a new Ka-6 when flying over a field with a tractor plowing it. The moving tractor helped separate the warm air from the ground allowing a thermal to take him away.)

Thermal Genesis

The warm air is continually being pooled and continues to be pushed along the ground, drawing it in, feeding the thermal, even after the thermal has fully established itself. Under the centre of the thermal, a lower pressure is developing with a positive side effect. It causes

more warm air to be sucked off the ground along the thermals path of the ever so gradually shrinking hot air reservoir, prolonging the life of the thermal on windy days. What does this mean? Simply, we may be wasting our time looking for thermals overhead the trigger source as we would normally do on light wind or calm days. Basically, we must look downwind of the trigger point!

Leaning Thermals

For sure there's no disputing that thermals drift over the ground in relatively flat terrain. In mountainous terrain, well, that's another story and not my specialty, but the trigger source and thermal will remain relatively stationary. What happens over the flatlands though? As you've probably seen, clouds drift, always in the direction of the upper wind! So do thermals lean over or do they drift downwind in a vertical column?

Drifting Thermals

Personally, from my experience, thermals drift downwind in a vertical column of air, rather than lean. Thermals also seem to generate from the same position on a semi-regular basis too in this situation. But older clouds downwind don't

dissipate? This is usually because they are drawing in air from nearby decaying clouds or still have warm air feeding them in general. To support the vertical column of air theory rather than a leaning thermal is that when you join a gaggle of gliders, you'll often join them from immediately below or above them, even on moderate to strong wind days and thousands of feet apart from the already established glider.

On windy days, it takes some practice to find thermals quickly without wasting too much time. It's useful to always look down to try to find the trigger source when low, from around 2-3000' AGL, as there's less ambiguity around where the thermal came from, the higher up the more imagination you need! Once you are able to identify where the thermals are coming from, you're able to fly from one thermal source to another, greatly increasing your chances of finding lift, then centering quickly to stay in it. Soon this process or thermal finding ability will become subconscious, and our success rate in finding thermals on windy days will increase, resulting in more motivation and enjoyment for our wonderful sport - life's good!



Weekend Weather




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18 August 2022

⚠ Severe Weather Warning Orange

⚠ Severe Weather Watch

Friday 19 AUG		Rain with heavy falls, becoming light in the morning. Northeasterlies, strong in exposed places.	▲ 18°C ▼ 15°C
Saturday 20 AUG		Occasional rain, easing to isolated showers by afternoon. Fresh northerlies, turning lighter westerly by afternoon.	▲ 19°C ▼ 10°C
Sunday 21 AUG		Mainly fine, late shower. Northwesterlies.	▲ 19°C ▼ 8°C

Christian Derold Celebration of Life Video Link

<https://vimeo.com/729397143/98d01bea6b>

Members' Small Ads



PW5 KF for sale. Current Annual until Dec 2022. Ready to fly. Approx 800 hours flying. Radio, altimeter, airspeed indicator, electric and mechanicals varios. Includes open trailer. Also Includes free use of hangar space at Drury until 31 Oct, 2022, if required. Priced to sell at \$8,000. Ideal for single ownership or cheap syndicate. Reason for sale is that glider is surplus to requirements. Phone Murray on 0275 875 438

Available for rent. Hangar space with dedicated sliding doors. Very easy ingress and egress. Available for one year lease. Contact Patrick Driessen 0274866441



(file photo only)

One share for sale in Grob G109 (ZK-GOC). Touring type motor glider in excellent condition. Upgraded with Limbach L 2400, so has much better take off performance than the standard G109. Contact Russell Jones on 021 180 5544 or email russell.jones@orcon.net.nz

Drury hangar space wanted. Contact Peter Himmel on 0210768805 or himlp@xtra.co.nz

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