

WARM AIR 9 Sept 17

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe Towing: Craig Rook Duty Pilot: Vladimir Brijacek	
Sunday	Instructing: Steve Wallace Towing: Jamie Wagner Duty Pilot: Joseph Dickson	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

It rained.....again. Nobody Flew.

SUNDAY *Instructor Ray Burns starts the tale*

The day started early with some FRT0 work with Geoff Leyland at Lombardi's.

By the time we got to the field, Roy Whitby and Jonathan Pote were waiting for us. We got fleet out, Simon Hay performed a superb DI and got that all signed off.

The wind was pretty much straight across the runway from the south but definitely favouring 08. We trundled down the other end and started the day with a cross wind landing from Simon. By the time we had landed Clare Dickson had returned from a coffee run with a bunch of toi toi in hand and we setup a paddock across the strip just past the remains of the Andover.



Simon Hay, Izzy Burr, Matt Moran, Geoff Leyland, Rahul Bagchi, Joe Dickson and Clare Dickson all had some great fun trying their hand at the paddock. Izzy had a go at it on her own in VF. It was good fun and most found a new circuit that involved a base leg along the ridge and finals across the river somewhat unusual.

The wind swung around and we reset our operation from 26 and did another three flights before an 1800hrs C130 arrival along with what was now very low sun on finals made us decide to call it a day.

Thanks to the usual team of helpers; Roy, Neville Swan, Jonathan, Tony Prentice and Steve Foreman. And also to Towie Graham Lake for 14 launches for the day.



We turned some less than exciting weather conditions into quite a fun day.

Towie Graham Lake adds a detail or two.....CFI Ray Burns scheme to run practice paddock landings turned a decidedly average day into a great training day that proved to be fun for everyone. The 08 end is most useful as it gave us options to land across the strip and to take everyone out

of their comfort zone of trundling around the familiar landmarks. Suddenly a circuit had to be planned the glider positioned and the circuit flown to get into the space marked. A sudden need to go back to basics helped by Ray's briefing sharpened minds. By flight 11 the wind had backed enough to give a noticeable tail wind that was starting to make the takeoff roll much longer than usual and we swapped ends for real. We brought the Toi Toi with us and set up on 26 only for Geoff to wipe it out,..... Dunno why we bothered. An arriving C130 and the sun nudging the horizon suggested we call it a day. 14 launches for a good productive day.





UPCOMING DATES

26 September Online Competition starts for new year (OLC)

7 October - ASC Start of Season briefing - everyone required to attend

17 October - ASC Annual General Meeting. Notice is given of the Annual General Meeting of the RNZAF Base Auckland Aviation Sports Club Gliding Section to be held on

Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 1900. The venue is likely to be the Walker Lounge. Notices of Motion are sought to the Secretary Ivor Woodfield not later than 10 October - Nominations are also sought for the committee.

21st to 23rd October (Labour Weekend) ASC at Matamata and also Taupo 50th anniversary

6th to 11th November Central Plateau Competition—Taupo

25th November to 2nd December Northern Regional Competition - Matamata

26th December to 5th January Christmas Camp - Matamata

1st to 5th January MSC Cross Country Course

6th to 13th January Audi Competition - Drury—Possibly includes NZ Club Class Nationals

27th January to 10th February NZ Multiclass Nationals at Matamata

17th to 24th February Central Districts Competition at Waipukurau

LANDING COMPETITION

This less than reliable weather makes it a good time to host the annual landing competition. The rules will be published prior to the day, or possibly on the day, or possibly kept hidden and subject to change at the whim of the CFI, right up to the last moment, probably involving palms being crossed with silver.... 1000 foot circuits to get in as many as possible in the day. This also means an early. Let's aim to have the first launch by 10:00. Open to everyone including ALL students. Handicapping will be involved.

The date for this will 17 Sept with weather days being 24 Sept. (The observant might notice that these dates neatly coincide with the CFI's duty roster!

MATAMATA - LABOUR WEEKEND -- 22 - 24 OCTOBER

As is our custom the club will deploy to Matamata for Labour Weekend 22 to 24 October. Naturally there are a few minor details that need to be pre arranged, getting yourselves and the gliders there and back, where are you going to sleep and how to prevent starving to death in three days. There is also some gliding to be done, (with luck the ridge will be working at least one day, one will be a great thermal day and the other a wave day), *good luck with that wishful thinking although we often get two out of three.* The social side is usually pretty good too.

So let's start with important stuff, where are you going to sleep. There are a range of handy motels and hotels in Matamata and Morrinsville that are not too expensive. The most cost effective is to remember Matamata Airfield has a camping ground within the fenceline, good kitchen and ablution facilities, good cabins and plenty of space for a tent, caravan or camper. The layout of the cabins is on the Matamata Soaring Centre web site <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/> and bookings are done by emailing Ralph Gore Gore.Family@xtra.co.nz Camp kitchens mean taking your own food for some or all meals and/or eating out for some or all.

The club and private gliders need to get down and back. The owners usually tow down their own but we will need three (or six) volunteers to road tow down MP and VF as well as MW empty trailer. MW is usually Aerotowed down and back and this is a good opportunity to get cross country towing signed off. Talk to Ray Burns if you are keen (or even a little bit keen) to help out in these areas. Those without cars can usually cadge a ride with someone who is driving down.

Please give all this thought and talk to Ray Burns on how you can help.

YOUTH GLIDE DEVELOPMENT CAMP Roger Read mentioned this snippet:

We have 24 coming to the Youth Soaring Development Camp in Omarama in December...of this number, four are from Aviation Sports Club and ten are young ladies...how cool is that?!

SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL GLIDER RACES - OMARAMA 18 TO 25 November 2017

Below is an invitation to participate in the 2017 South Island Regional Glider Races. It's an A4 poster so, if appropriate, please print it and post it in your club rooms.

This year there will be a special emphasis on introducing new contestants to glider racing. Tasks in the "Racing" class will be set to suit less experienced pilots. First-time participants will be encouraged to fly in high performance two seaters together with an experienced instructor. A coaching programme will also be run with pre and post task briefings.

An extensive social program of non flying activities is planned to ensure the competition is enjoyable for families, crew and pilots.

The contest is organised this year by the Omarama Gliding Club.

Entry forms and more details from the GNZ website <http://gliding.co.nz/event/south-island-regionals-2017/>

Facebook site

<http://www.facebook.com/events/1602073429843302/>

or

clivegeddes@xtara.co.nz

The South Island Regional Glider Races Omarama 2017
18 to 25 November

"Encouraging first-timers to become champions"

Open Class (handicapped) for the real experts
Racing Class (handicapped) for not so experts
Two seat and single seat coaching
Social schedule for pilots, crew and families
Cook Strait Ferry subsidies
Youth Glide Scholarships
Aussie's welcome!

Omarama Gliding Club, CD:Clive Geddes, Tasks:Gavin Wills
Details: Facebook, GNZ website or clivegeddes@xtara.co.nz

Duty Roster For Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	3	G LEYLAND	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	9	V BRIJACEK	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	10	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	J WAGNER	
	16	B MOORE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	17	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	23	M MORAN	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	24	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	30	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Oct	1	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	