

# WARM AIR 21 Oct 17

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
<b>Saturday</b>	Instructing: Steve Wallace Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Toni Thompson	
<b>Sunday</b>	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Derry Belcher Duty Pilot Gary Patten	
<b>Monday</b>	Instructing: Lionel Page Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot Nathan Graves	

### LABOUR WEEKEND - WE ARE GOING TO MATAMATA MEMBERS NEWS

#### SATURDAY

Saturday morning started all murky and drizzly that gradually improved, the sun came out and it became quite warm. No hurry to get to the airfield as Derry had conned Amiria Wallace from the power section to come and do his BFR in the towplane. He was just finishing as I arrived and after their debrief he handed back RDW with three quarter fuel on board and a couple of full cans in the shed. You are almost too kind. Almost as he did not bother to clean off all the bugs from our wee yellow beastie.

Pretty soon we headed down to the 08 end although swinging wind socks suggested the forecast was correct and we would soon be back at 26. And we were, shifting while we waited for an USAF C17 to arrive, a couple of NH90 helicopters and an Orion.



Blue skies, heat in the sun and some unusual cloud formations but absolutely zero lift anywhere. Nice flying for the tow pilot, sled rides for everyone else. It was so still that, later in the day a propjet airliner climbing out of Auckland International left a wake turbulence line in the cloud it climbed through. This stayed visible for some considerable time.

Derry stayed on to complete the annuals and compass swing on Steve Foreman's KP. Steve was planning on doing a BFR as soon as Derry had finished but...tomorrow is also a day. Flights for Instructor Peter Thorpe reminding himself how to fly a glider, Trial flights with a friend of Rudolf Struyck's, with Kirsten, a friend of Kishan Bhashyam, and duals with Brendan Moore, Clare and Joseph Dickson, Melody-Anne and Phil Scarborough. Tony Prentice took VF up for a spin.

*Duty Instructor Peter Thorpe has this version of events.....Derry Belcher was away doing a BFR in RDW when we arrived so preparation and set up was leisurely. Not a lot of wind but what there was favoured 08 so that's where we set up and just after midday I took a solo flight in MW just to renew my currency since I had not flown a glider for 4 months (winter weather!!!)*

Then we had to wait for a visiting USAF C-17 to arrive so we admired the ex Monterey hangar now firmly located on post piles and then moved back to 26 because the wind had finally settled on a light sou'wester. I took Brendan Moore for a dual check where we tried a no brake approach but started a bit too high so will need to try that again another day. I then took a trial flight with Geoff Parker who seemed to enjoy the experience and might be persuaded to come back for more. Other members of his family also promised to return. Kishan Bhashyam took a friend for a flight while I had some lunch and then the Dickson family of Clare and Joseph continued with their A Cert work, both doing some stalling. Tony Prentice gave VF an airing but only managed 15 minutes which was par for the day ie there was no lift. Melody Anne and I spent a pleasant 14 minutes looking for non existing lift and then Phil Scarborough came for a dual check as he has not flown for a while. Roy Whitby and Neville Swan were present as was Rudolf Struyck who brought the trial flight customer, Ray Burns and Ian O'Keefe were present for a while and Derry was busy completing annuals on KP for Hawkeye. The last flight landed at 4-45 so we packed up and had a wee chat around the caravan before heading home. Nine flights for the day which at least kept the tow pilot happy since the longest glider flight was 19 minutes after a 2500ft tow

## SUNDAY

Arrived at 9.30 am to a very desolate airfield. Not a mouse was moving, or so it seemed. Wind was blowing 15kts gusting 25kts - so it would be an interesting day. I was decidedly not excited by the prospect of flying, however eventually Roy Whitby arrived and informed me that Hawkeye had to do his BFR TODAY! When we had enough bodies, we extracted GMW and I set Steve Foreman to work DI'ing it as part of his BFR.

The tower was on duty but informed me that he was leaving in 20 minutes after the C17 left. Hawkeye and I climbed to 2,500 and attempted a stall and spin, however as normal with two larger pilots, she was reluctant. On the way up Steve F demonstrated good boxing the tow until the last section when Craig Rook, the tow pilot decide to help him and completed the box, by turning towards us and completing the exercise. We tried thermalling at 1700ft and managed to maintain height to the consternation of the tower that was expecting us to join. But as we were about to inform him that we could maintain height, we lost it and had to really join downwind.

A brakes lock closed exercise highlighted the winter "rust" that had set in - a bit of practise required to get fully current again.

Next flight was a low level rope break which was expertly carried out. The strong gusty crosswind made it challenging and interesting.

Matt Moran then went off solo to demonstrate to the rest of the assembled crew how good the day really was. An hour later he had to be called back or he would have stayed the whole day.

Joseph Dickson and I then had a good soaring flight, ending with some spin demonstrations that those on the ground appeared to enjoy from the comments on landing. Joseph also executed a brilliant landing in VERY challenging conditions.

Next up Ian O'Keefe and Hawkeye who took GMW up to test the conditions but returned relatively soon. Not sure what happened.

Last flight was Tony Prentice and I to get his back seat passenger rating current again. Needless to say - no hassles there.

While I was out enjoying myself, the rest of the crew managed to derig the GMP and GVF and put them in the their boxes ready for the trip to Matamata. Thank you to all that assisted.

We left at 4pm to Ivor cleaning GIV's trailer and Derry and Hawkeye fixing something on GKP's trailer. Much maintenance going on. Thanks to all for a great day.

*Towie Craig Rook's version.....*With so much rain about recently, the only thing I was concerned about was the rain forecast when I checked Saturday evening. With none expected, I thought great we will be flying tomorrow.

When I arrived at the field, all the usual suspects, Roy, Steve, Ian, Tony & Joseph, Neville were gathered around in a huddle wondering about the wind strength (200/18 G25). I did feel rather gusty, but after a brief discussion with Lionel we decided to get going.

The wind must have been hitting the small ridge to the north west of the field square on, the lift there was amazing. With Matt solo in the twin, we shot up to 2000ft in no time at all going up at 1300ft/min. We did the same for Lionel & Joseph and Steve & Ian, it was lots of fun.

Tony finished off the day with a 1000ft circuit at about 1500. 6 flights for the day

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We had our AGM last night. Your new committee looks remarkably like your old committee, OK exactly like your old committee. Awards were made as well

VF Cup	-	Isabel Burr
Best Student	-	Matt Moran
Achievement Cup	-	Steve Wallace
Landing Cup	-	Rudolf Struyck

Don't mistake that last one with the Landout Cup otherwise known as The Pugsy. Hawkeye Foreman still has that one.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

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

4/5 Nov. Titirangi Air Scouts flying with us

6th to 11th November Central Plateau Competition—Taupo <http://www.taupoaglidingclub.co.nz/central-plateau-contest-2017.html>

25th November to 2nd December Northern Regional Competition - Matamata  
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/msc-northern-regionals-matamata/>

26th December to 5th January Christmas Camp - Matamata

1st to 5th January MSC Cross Country Course <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/xcountry-course-jan-2018/>

The Cross Country Course is a great way to get into X country. You get to fly alternate days Dual with experienced instructors and solo with great lessons and a certain chance to get your confidence up. Well worth doing and highly recommended.

5th to 13th January Club Class Nationals and Audi Enterprise Competition - Drury  
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/club-class-champs-audi-enterprise-contest-2018-drury/>

17th to 24th February Central Districts Competition at Waipukurau

## **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 some pre arranging, stuff like 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 promises to be 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](mailto: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. Genny Healey (Piako Co-Club Captain)

Genny Healey (Co Club Captain at Piako) tells me there will be a Dinner in the Matamata club rooms on Saturday Night \$25 per head and children up to age 12 at a rate of \$1 per year of age. Sunday is a dress up day for the ladies and high tea at the Tea Plantation.

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 will be aerotowed down (Rahul) and back (Izzy). Those without transport 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.

### **LABOUR WEEKEND UPDATE FROM GENNY:**

Eldonwood B&B is no longer available as an option. The Art House & Chestnut Lane are also good B&B's.

Re the dinner I do need to know the numbers by Wednesday 18th for catering please. Also any dietary requirements I need to be aware of? Drop her an Email [Ian O'Keefe](mailto:Ian O'Keefe) is coordinating.

Re the Ladies Tea Party at Zealong Plantation on Sunday 22/10. I've a tentative booking for 2pm. This is a time to put the glad rags on relax & enjoy. It is \$45/head but 2 can share for \$50. Diana Wood says it's better than Claridges in London. The ladies can google [www.zealong.com](http://www.zealong.com).

I have been speaking to the weather gods & have ordered good thermals & a moderately strong Sou Wester for the ridge.

We have short tasks within glide of the field for anyone new to x-country & we can set tasks each day for the more experienced if you would like? Otherwise just come & enjoy the best place in the North Island to fly.

A winch launch is only \$15 & aerotows only \$12/500ft.

Piako has 6 Instructor Trainers, 3 A Cats & the others are all B. The Puchaz are great spinners for anyone wanting to get this signed off. I remember how difficult it was to get MW into a spin. The Club House is well equipped to give lectures if anybody wants a briefing on anything.

Anyone wanting to do their 50km for their Silver Badge flying North to Thames is safe with good paddock landing options all the way.

We want everyone to come have fun, learn & take home happy memories.

My email is [Genny.healey@gmail.com](mailto:Genny.healey@gmail.com) for anyone wishing further information (and to confirm dinner numbers)



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## Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Labour W/E	21	T THOMPSON	S WALLACE	P THORPE	Matamata
	22	G PATTEN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	Matamata
	23	N GRAVES	L PAGE	P THORPE	Matamata
	28	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	J WAGNER	
	29	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	G LAKE	
Nov	4	S FOREMAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	5	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	11	V BRIJACEK	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	12	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	18	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	19	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	25	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	C ROOK	
	26	T O'ROURKE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Dec	2	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3	K PILLAI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	9	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	J WAGNER	
	10	J POTE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	16	T PRENTICE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	17	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	