

# WARM AIR 21 April 18

## 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	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Craig Rook	
	Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi	
<b>Sunday</b>	Instructing: Peter Thorpe	
	Towing: Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote	

### MEMBERS NEWS

**SATURDAY** *Wannabe towie Derry Belcher tells it like it was*

Don't know where you were on Saturday but even the ducks were floating past... Here endith my report for Saturday.

**SUNDAY** *Instructor Lionel Page*

Not much to say - Sunday arrived with rain on the North Shore and low cloud everywhere else. A call to Peter confirmed that flying was unlikely.

I popped out at midday to what I thought would be an empty airfield. Turns out that the keys had been drawn three times. (Once by Ray early on, then Jonathan and finally (I think) myself. While at the gate checking whether my hubs for my new trailer would fit my old wheels, Hapi turned up to the check the ATC hangar after the wind from earlier in the week - all good bar one clear panel that was gone AWOL.

An acquaintance turned up to check whether they could fit into a mosquito, as he was very tall and wanted to know he could buy a suitable glider (for not too much) if he got back into gliding. Good news - he fitted.



Then as I was about to lock up - Roy arrived to check on the trailers - but I think someone had beaten him to it and they were all nicely arranged.

*Towie Peter Thorpe when asked for a WA report.....Don't like your chances. Tow Pilot report for Sunday - woke up and looked at the rain. Replied to a text from Lionel to say the cloud was very low in rain and that I did not think it would be a flying day. He agreed and said he would stay home unless someone rang him. So I*

read the Sunday paper in bed.

**THE WEEKEND DOWN "SOUTH":** Jonathan Pote went to the Piako Club's 60th, his story with some additions from Genny Healey

Piako was Celebrating 60 yrs of flying from Matamata, our first flight in BO being April 1968. Genny says check out the videos on the club FB Page. Arthur's display was pure magic & David & Brett scorched through. It was fun, not as much fun as my ride in BFF on Sunday though.



Bad weather also hit Piako Gliding Clubs 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration but did nothing to dampen the Club's spirit. The weather did not prevent a great gathering of members past and present, and a few welcome friends, including those farmers who have 'suffered' the arrival of a glider in their prize paddock over the years.

Genny Healey, Joan Wine, Steven Care and 'the usual suspects' provided a BBQ for over one hundred, and a wonderful evening meal for nearly as many. Iggy Wood provided most of the words, but not too many. The Lady Mayoress also addressed the gathering. Lew Hale, who founded the Club via a newspaper advertisement in December 1955 (Piako Club seems to have the same problem calculating its age as does the Aviation Sports Club!) was present to see the fruits of his initiative.



There was the hope of towing behind ZK-BFF, the Club Tiger Moth tug from long ago, so I took 'LX. However the low ceiling prevented John Pleasant flying 'BFF 'across the hill' from Tauranga. I did however get to have four consecutive owners/pilots of Ka-6BR ZK-GLX photographed with the glider itself.

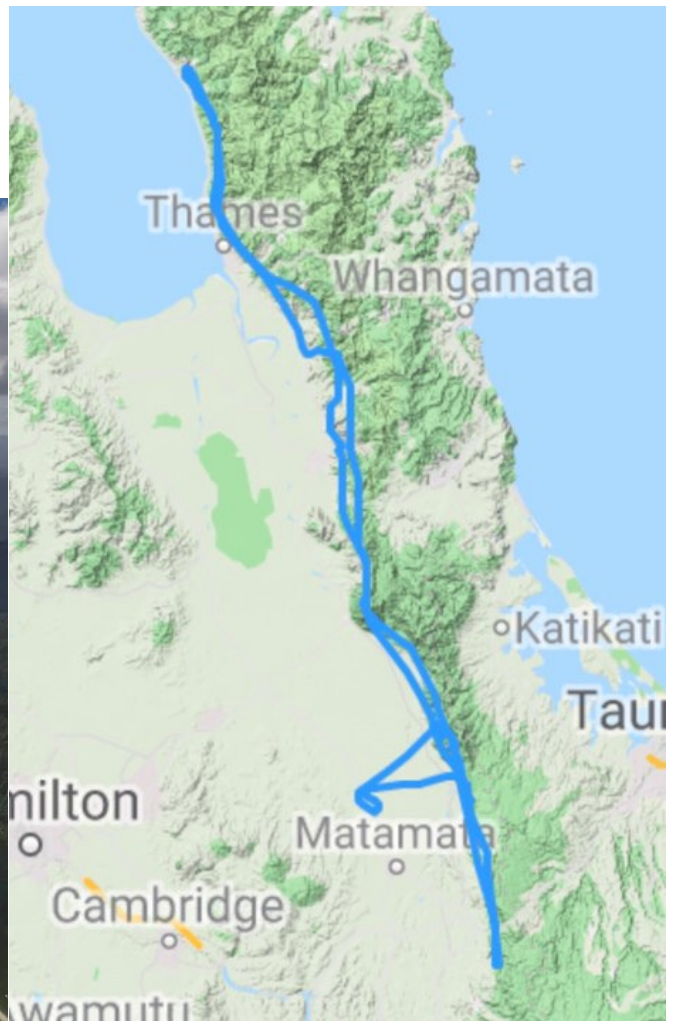
With the vintage gliders grounded for the day, the futuristic ones meant to contrast with the Classics had the sky to themselves - almost. Brett Hunter flew jet-powered JS3 'GXB in concert with David Jensen's jet JS1B 'GVR for a series of co-ordinated - and noisy - passes after a Pawnee tow, whilst Arthur Gatland in Piako's own Discus B 'GXP gave a memorable - and not entirely 'bad-weather flat' - display. Julian Elder self-launched in E1 (electric) Antares 'GDE2. Finally Rae Kerr was towed aloft in Brian Ruddell's Slingsby T51 Dart 'GDW to restore decent gliders to their proper place, in the air. Julian Mason did a self launch in his TeST TST 14 Bonus M GUL registered as a microlight.



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**HAWKEYE IS ALSO IN MATAMATA** he sent a couple of pictures apparently he was having a good time.



# Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comment
April	14	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	15	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	21	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	22	J POTE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Anzac Day	25	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	28	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	29	C DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
May	5	I BURR	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	6	S HAY	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	12	T THOMPSON	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	13	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	19	R STRUYCK	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	20	K JASICA	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	26	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	27	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	C ROOK	
Queens Birthday	2	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
	3	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	4	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
June	9	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	16	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	17	J POTE	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	23	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	24	R WHITBY	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	30	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
Jul	1	I BURR	R BURNS	C ROOK	