

WARM AIR 9 Jun 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Rex Carswell	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Ruan Heynike	
	Duty Pilot: Matt Moran	
Sunday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	
	Towing: Fletcher McKenzie	
	Duty Pilot: Thomas O'Rourke	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

It was kinda fine....and blowing about 25 knots. Despite the decent dollops of blue sky no one was keen to battle the conditions so no flying to be had

SUNDAY

Not blowing heaps this but a passing parade of rain squalls and downpours. Once again, not a day to encourage the punters to come out and play. *Warm Air* himself was duty pilot at the Power section facing a similar turnout.....no body and little likelihood of anyone either....perhaps I shall go to the gliding hangar and see what's happening. A big fat nothing and nobody there either.

However the passing rain squalls also provided passing sunny spells...or at least passing not raining spells. The cloud base was reasonably high and it seemed a good opportunity to get our beloved towplane to Parakai for it 100 hour maintenance. Time to rouse out the duty towpilot Craig Rook, persuade him to get out of bed and that he could easily get to Parakai by heading off after a rain shower had passed. I even offered to drive up and bring him back. He succumbed, came over, we got ready and he soon sent me on my way. I had barely made Waimauku before I got a text to say he was on the ground at Parakai.

He came wandering out as I arrived and we moseyed on back. to go home to our loved ones and chores.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

There is to be a significant parachute exercise at Whenuapai between the 1st and the 5th of June. This event is not compatible with our operations. As this period includes Queens birthday weekend we needed to look to do something else. Perhaps we could go to Drury.

However, this is the last long weekend for a while and folks had other stuff planned. We found we really did not have enough people to deploy especially as we would have to derig the twin. Our towplane was going for maintenance and might not be ready in time, there was a fair bit to do this time as the checks included a 100hr, 200hr and 500 hour. We were also mindful of how soft Drury gets after rain and the Auckland Club were going to Whitianga anyway. We gave it away deciding to do a long weekend with our families.

US SOARING WEBINARS PITCHED AT LOW TIME PILOTS. *Russell Thorn sent in this interesting notification of some upcoming webinars: Looks pretty useful.....*

As we ease on into winter and our cross country flying decreases, we turn to the theory side, we are aware of the many high quality videos presented as webinars such as this one which is the first of many featuring Eric Carden, a pilot from Huntsville, Alabama in the US who is presenting on the topic of Thermaling he calls the

series "How to stay up and go somewhere" or Thermaling 1-2-3 in this case , covering the following facets which are common around the world.

How to stay in a Thermal, How to get in the Thermal centre, How to re-find the thermal, Why a constant Bank Angle and Speed is important, Having "light hands" when approaching the Thermal to know which way to turn.

The introductions do take longer than they should (suggest skip to 9 mins) and this is the beginning of a year long commitment by Eric to present on every first Tuesday of the month (US Time), but there is a link to view a recording of this webinar.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/8679217525648376321/6957109637983547138/gerard.robertson@airnz.co.nz?registrantKey=2524282275521061899&type=ABSENTEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>

Eric's next webinar titled: FINDING "NEAR MISS" THERMALS is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 at 7 pm CENTRAL. This webinar teaches concepts (including vario settings, basic beginner-level observations, and a simple search pattern) that will help you find about twice as many thermals - than if you never turn (for a thermal) till your vario beeps (i.e., reports a climbing glider). It's especially helpful in blue skies but is also helpful when you fly to a cumulus cloud but miss the good part of the thermal on your first pass.

Also, be sure to register for our concurrent webinar series that are scheduled the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 pm CENTRAL. These 1st Tuesday webinars are presented by a different soaring expert each and every month and cover a WIDE range of soaring topics including SOARING SAFETY, HOW TO SET UP YOUR GLIDE COMPUTER, FINAL GLIDE LIKE AN EXPERT, INTRO TO RACING, GLIDER AND TRAILER MAINTENANCE and so, so , so much more!

If you want to attend a future webinar, please email the co-ordinator David Lessnick directly at

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TAILPIECE

With no flying this weekend Warm Air will take a break next week. This issue is intended to cover through to the weekend of 9 June. Enjoy the long weekend, see you out at the field 9 or 10 June and may the weather gods bring us some decent weather.

Duty Roster For May, Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comment
May	26	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P THORPE	-
	27	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	C ROOK	-
Queens Birthday	2	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	No Flying at WP
	3	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	No Flying at WP
	4	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	P THORPE	No Flying at WP
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	