

WARM AIR 18 Aug 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

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Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi

Sunday

Instructing: Steve Wallace

Towing: Craig Rook

Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote

SATURDAY - WE HAVE 40 SQN ATC - EARLY START 0830 PLEASE

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Instructor Lionel Page starts us off.....

Towie Rex Carswell kindly got the key for me - so it was a leisurely start. We opened the hangar to find KT squished in next to the tractor and positioned in such a way that only RDW and GMW could be extracted.



Luckily Derry Belcher, Mark Belcher and Steve Wallace duly arrived and began the process of extracting GKT to complete her annuals. Rahul bagchi took over (actually I had not even started) the DI of GMW. Roy Whitby, once he had had his coffee, gave me a push to get things on the road.

We dragged GMW and the caravan down to 08 end and then waited for the conditions to improve. Eventually the remainder of the fleet began appearing - GBD, GVF and GMP. The waiting got too much and I took Matt Moran for a quick circuit.

Rex very kindly dropped us in perfect lift and shortly we were almost at 2,000ft having release at 1,000ft. The lift then cycled and we joined the circuit. By base leg, we had gained 200ft rather than losing any height - so decided to return to the start of the circuit to try again. This time we successfully completed the circuit for a 20min flight. This spurred on the singles who all took tows to 2000ft..... and were all back in 12 mins.....



The conditions then improved and the singles were launched again - this time to remain airborne for much longer. GVF with Steve Wallace at the controls headed to Muriwai. Matt and I joined him on his return. (See the photo)



Other flights that I had were with John Restall and Geoff Leyland.

We finished the day with a solo by Geoff.

Great day and all packed away by about 4.30pm.

SUNDAY Towie Graham Lake gets first crack here.....

What a great day, the fog burned off, there was a light easterly breeze and blue sky. Towie Warm Air himself was somewhat delayed by the need to get his Dragon all set up for the day. You see, she had a hip replacement three weeks ago and needs to take things easy for a few more weeks. She is recovering well and Warm Air is learning a whole new range of concepts, like dust can be removed more than once a year....who

knew. Things are getting pretty slick now and Warm Air arrived for his towing duties a shade after 1000 with the Dragon all showered and dressed, fed, tea, breakfast and the newspaper, the laundry was done and out on the line and dinner was in the crockpot. I was going to vacuum..... but the glider pilots needed me. It was a tough choice.



The Tower was on for a C130 sortie as we set up on 08. On our first launch with Instructor Peter Thorpe and wannabe Steve Foreman coincided with the Herc coming back but we assured the tower we were ready to go immediately. Could we do an early left turn they asked. OK..... I suppose....woohoo.



By the time of this launch some nice looking clouds were starting to appear and, sure enough, there was lift. Foreman did another sortie with Peter and Tony Prentice launched in BD, both into lift with Tony staying up.

By this stage our first Trial flight had arrived, young Tom who turned out to be the Grandson of Wing Commander (retired) Noel Roger, an old colleague. Noel seemed to enjoy the opportunity to come up in the towplane on a PW5 launch and we then put Tom in the towplane intending one sortie. When we came back there was a PW5 waiting to launch and Tom could not be prised out. He followed that with his glider flight. A happy family all round.

Another family had a trial flight arranged and we soon got that out of the way too. Brendan Moore went up in VF and had to be called down after an hour. Rahul Bagchi replaced him in the seat and was soon launched. By this stage the sky was starting to blue out and to cycle out. His CFIness reappeared with Andrew Fletcher, a Dash 8 pilot who has about 180 hrs of gliding much in a Libelle. Cant be all bad.

Off they went for a refresher flight. Peter and Foreman took the last flight of the day to finish with a hangar landing. Nine flights for the day, not bad for winter. We finished the day having some refreshment with Andy McKay who called in.



Instructor Peter Thorpe continues: A light south easterly was apparent when we arrived at the field so it was definitely a 08 day. Tony Prentice was waiting and was soon joined by Roy Whitby, Neville Swan and Steve 'Hawkeye' Foreman who was keen to refresh his back seat flying in preparation for training as an instructor. Eventually the duty tow pilot, namely Warm Air himself, arrived

so we were ready to commit aviation. The clouds looked promising so Steve and I launched at 1130 into a sky that produced a 35 minute flight without any real effort. Tony launched in BD and disappeared for 2 hrs 52 mins while I took a trial flight for 32 mins. Brendan Moore took VF away for 72 minutes before he was called back as Rahul Bagshi wanted to use 'his' glider. Unfortunately Rahul was then only able to manage 20 minutes - such is the way of soaring. I then took Tom Rodger, the grandson of an old Air Force mate of mine for a blat but unfortunately my thermalling turns made him queasy so we had to return after only 18 minutes. Fortunately he had already had a couple of flights in RDW with Graham so his day was not spoiled. My next customer was a young Chinese lad who was also too light for the front seat but seemed to enjoy his fairly short flight. Ray Burns took an ex Libelle owner who now flies for Air NZ for a trial flight in the hope that he might like to join us in the future and we finished the day with another flight with Hawkeye where he tried some wing overs. All finished by 3-30 after nine flights for very pleasant day.



40 SQUADRON ATC ARE COMING

This Saturday we are hosting a dozen ATC cadets from 40 Sqn. Start flying is 0930 so can we have an early start please, 0830. We will need helpers.

GLIDING NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

Hello fellow GNZers,

Please see below a link to your August newsletter.

<https://kor.qwilr.com/GNZ-August-Newsletter-YCELZ7gMQnSj>

El presidente Wallace

CFI CORNER - AEROBATICS

For those of you not in the know, there has been some changes to the way aerobatic ratings are issued and maintained. I won't go into these here. Peter Thorpe has managed to get a suitable rating that will allow him to teach and issue aerobatic ratings. This is particularly exciting and adds another dimension to the flying we can do from NZWP.

Learning aerobatics is not just about learning how to perform loops and stall turns. Those who practice aerobatics become better, safer pilots and the skills you learn might save your life one day.

The first thing we must do is to organise a ground course. This is likely to be a half day session in which Peter will teach us the aerodynamics and will probably lead us through the rules and processes to obtaining an aerobatic rating. Note that you must have QGP to get the rating, however there is nothing to stop you from attending the course and doing some learning with an instructor.

To kick this off, I would like some indication of numbers. Can you please email me (at either ray@rayburns.nz or cfi@ascgliding.org) indicating your interest. Once I know who is interested I will organise a date and venue with Peter.

Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Aug	4	B MOORE	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	5	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	11	M MORAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	12	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	18	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	19	J POTE	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	25	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	26	R WHITBY	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
Sep	1	C DICKSON	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	2	I BURR	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	8	S HAY	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	9	T THOMPSON	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	15	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	16	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	22	K JASICA	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	23	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	29	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	30	J DICKSON	P THORPE	D BELCHER	