

# WARM AIR 13 Oct 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>
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Rex Carswell	
	Duty Pilot: Ian O'Keefe	
Sunday	Instructing: Steve Wallace	
	Towing: Peter Thorpe	
	Duty Pilot: Matt Moran	

**SATURDAY MORNING - AGM, SOSB AND BBQ FROM 1000  
MEMBERS NEWS**

### **SATURDAY** Towie Craig Rook gives the story

The day started off with blue skies and a 13 knot south easterly wind, the first flight with Rex Carswell & Mark took-off at midday. Everyone else was playing the waiting game to see if there was any lift. There was very little to report but on the 2nd flight with the first of two trial flights, the lift kicked in very nicely, but with plenty of patches of sink too. Andrew Fletcher asked me how good is it up there, I replied how good are you? He laughed, took off in VF and disappeared for about 2 hours, although Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby did lead the way up before him.

The 2nd trial flight went up next, he sounded very keen and looks like he will be back for more, a natural I heard Rex say. Kazic Jasica waited patiently for a couple of 1000ft circuits and Rahul Bagchi, who was seen buzzing around in MBZ earlier in the day, took MP up for a spin. Mark did a 2nd flight with Rex while Ian O'Keefe and Jonathan Pote finished the day just after 1700.

11 flights for the day.



*Instructor Rex Carswell adds some details.....Having been away for several weeks in fine weather, it was lovely waking to a lovely sunny day here for my first day back on the airfield. The morning was blue with just a*

gentle nor'east breeze. The relative humidity was fairly low for Auckland - wondered if the day might remain blue throughout the day ...

With four gliders and tug extracted from the hangar, I took time with new member Mark Hills carrying out MW's daily inspection. With aircraft all checked out, and approval received from Base Operations, we trundled everything down to 08 end.

First launch got underway just before midday with a dual flight for Mark. The sky was still very blue, but the air was beginning to stir - not enough to maintain us there - but a good training flight none the less. The second launch was a trial flight with visitor John O'Brien. The release at 2500 feet gave me more time to hunt out the meagre lift. John was loving it - wondered why it took a significant birthday for it to happen. A street of nice cumulus was now developing, enabling us to reach near its base of just over 3000 feet. A flurry of activity saw Tony Prentice launch in his PW5 (GBD), Roy Whitby in GMP, and Andrew Fletcher in GVF.

Upon returning with the twin, another trial flighter was waiting. Upon release at 2500 feet we were soon established in reliable lift. Being Mitchell Tyler's first flight in a glider - and first 'hands on' experience - he demonstrated a natural sense of balance and control over the glider. His satisfying foray into the world of engineless flight hopefully will result with a return to our club.

Kazik Jasiga was waiting patiently, then had to wait some more while a C130 Hercules made its departure before we could do a couple of 1000ft circuits. Good progress being made.

Rahul Bagchi was also waiting. He launched in GMP but didn't make good contact with the lift, which I suspect had moved a bit too far westward for him. However, still early days with his type rating in the G102 Astir. Following his relatively short flight earlier, Mark and I launched into good lift with him doing all the flying. It was an excellent sortie - a time to get all the basics working together.

Final flight of the day was Club Captain Ian O'Keefe and Jonathan Pote taking the twin and disappearing westward for nearly an hour. Yep, waiting to get the last aircraft put away at the end of day is never an issue. It is a privilege taking a lengthier sortie at days end - a privilege afforded to us all when the opportunity is there.

In all, 11 flights for the day - 7 hours 33 minutes gliding time amassed. Our thanks to towie Craig Rook and time keeper Neville Swan.

## **SUNDAY**

We did not fly on Sunday. Base requested a quiet period for the afternoon so as not to disturb the repatriation ceremony for the return of our fallen military.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM of your Gliding Club will be held on Saturday 13 October at 1000 in the Parachute Club Shed. BYO chair. Any nominations for committee or any remits to the Secretary, Ivor Woodfield. Those of you who have trophies, please bring them back. BYO Chair. This will be followed immediately by:

## **START OF SEASON BRIEFING**

The Start of Season briefing will follow on from the AGM and is required attendance by all of our flying members. This will be followed by a BBQ lunch.

## **LX NAV LX 8000/9000 TRAINING SESSION**

Pat Driessen wrote: The Auckland Gliding Club is hosting a training session on the LX NAV LX8000/LX9000 gliding computers. Martyn Cook will give the presentation. All welcome.

For LX Nav, LX 8000/9000 users and others.  
Seminar on its use and operation by Martyn Cook.  
Sunday evening 28th October at 1800  
Auckland Gliding Club.

## **LABOUR WEEKEND - MATAMATA**

As is our custom we plan to deploy the club to Matamata over labour weekend, that's about a month away. We will take all three club gliders and the towplane plus any privately owned gliders the owners wish to take. Matamata offers great flying, lots of flat land and paddocks everywhere, the Kaimais for when the ridge is working, sometimes wave in an easterly, opportunities for great cross country flying and an easy chance to do some badge flying towards your silver C or better. Thames is 50km away, hint, hint.

There are some good choices for accommodation. The local motels and hotels of the surrounding towns offer good options as does staying in the cabins on the airfield. Details of the cabins are shown on the Matamata Soaring Centre website and can be booked by emailing Ralph Gore <mailto:Ralph & Pam Gore <Gore.Family@xtra.co.nz>> The camp ground has a good kitchen and facilities .

Getting the twin there and back is always interesting. We will aerotow the twin and this is an opportunity for someone to fly with the instructor down and/or back. This gets cross country towing signed off.

We will need people to tow down the Astir and the PW5 and to bring them back. We also need someone to tow down and back MW empty trailer (just in case someone lands out). We will also need someone to transport and look after our club gear like tow tickets, daily flying sheets, pickets, covers and the host of other stuff we will need.

*Genny Healy wrote to us saying they are looking forward to seeing again. Will try & have the winch going Labour Weekend for those who want a rating or just a cheap launch. Winch is \$17 & aerotows \$26 per thousand feet.*

*Need to talk to the Weather Gods more sternly this year. Piako has been using Caterers since our 60th they do a fabulous meal for \$35 & will do one on the Saturday night if Aviation Sports are interested. We can do a dinner speaker too & would combine it with the end of Piako's Precision Flying Tournament. Because we are using Caterers I would need numbers & money the week prior as we pay them upfront per head. Let me know your thoughts. So far we have 16 for dinner.*

We need a few things: Please let Warm Air know if:

If you intend to go for all or part of the weekend

If you can tow down and back one of the club gliders or MW trailer

If you want to fly the twin down and/or back.

If you want to partake of the Saturday evening dinner and numbers

If you plan to attend the dinner please put \$35 per head into the club bank account annotated with your name and "Matamata Dinner ?? people"

**Have you sent your answers to these questions to Warm Air himself? If not then get a wriggle on.**

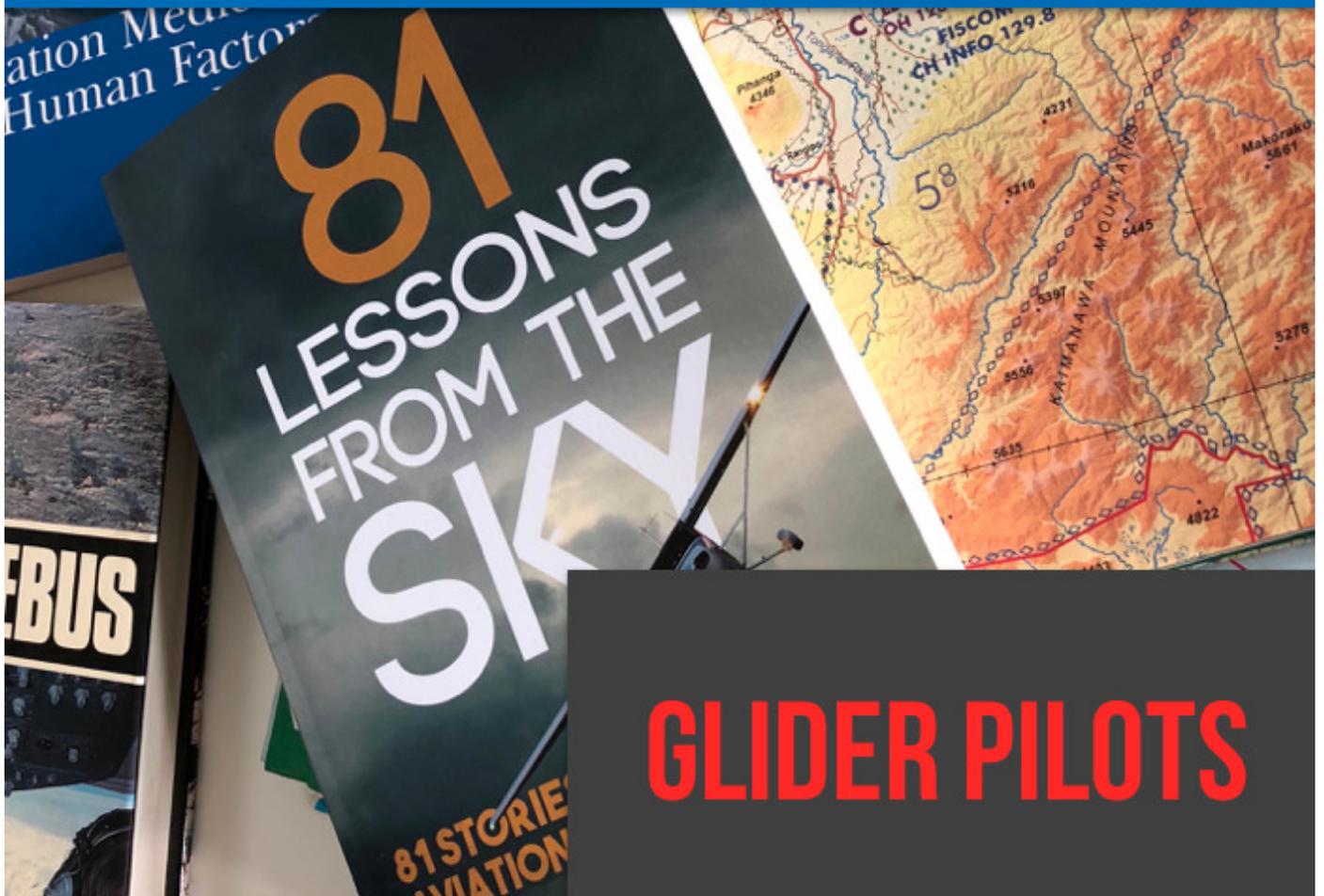
## Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 2018

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Oct	6	B MOORE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	7	No Flying on Base			
	13	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	14	M MORAN	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
Labour W/E	20	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	D BELCHER	Matamata
	21	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	Matamata
	22	J POTE	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	Matamata
	27	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	28	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
Nov	3	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	4	I BURR	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	10	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	40 Sqn ATC
	11	T THOMPSON	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	17	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	18	R STRUYCK	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	24	K JASICA	L PAGE	C ROOK	
	25	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Dec	1	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	2	B MOORE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	8	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	9	M MORAN	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	15	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	16	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	22	J POTE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	23	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	

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