

WARM AIR 6 Oct 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Rex Carswell

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Towing: Craig Rook

Duty Pilot: Brendan Moore

Sunday

Instructing: No Flying

Towing: No Flying

Duty Pilot No Flying

NO FLYING SUNDAY - QUIET PERIOD ALL DAY FOR THE RETURN OF THE FALLEN MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

*Towie Graham Lake gets first dibs.....*What a nice day, the sky looked active and in a fairly short order we had stuff out of the hangar and set up on 26. We started with a quick "tool box" briefing on expected events and a safety message or two. We had Peter Thorpe teaching Ray Burns to fly the Grob motor Glider. The active sky lasted well into the afternoon. Towie Graham had organised a friend flight and got Instructor Lionel to take Ross up in the twin. There were great expectations of a decent flight that were dashed big time by the glider almost beating to towplane to the ground.....from 2500ft. I want my money back. 13 launches for the day.

Geoff Leyland as Duty Pilot, Roy Whitby, Tony Prentice, Rahul Bagchi, Ian O'Keefe, Lionel Page, Graham Lake, Andrew Fletcher, Kazic Jasica and Mark Hills all gave the gliders a nudge.

We were able to redeem the day for Ross when Ray decided to take the twin up to practice BFR stuff. Apparently he has one of them coming soon. Despite our best efforts Ross was only momentarily deterred by the news Ray intended to spin the twin. In the end he had a good flight including thermalling back up.

Many thanks to Geoff for handling the books and for filling the towplane fuel cans.....even if Derry was the beneficiary. A good spring day and 13 flights in all

*Instructor Lionel Page adds some details.....*Forecast to be a great day, and a great day it was. Arrived at the key pick up point only to find Ian already there. Tootled off back to the gliding gate only to find Ray there....with the key. Duly opened up and shortly got things underway. Requested



all airspace to be opened and it was, as normal, granted - access to 4,500ft. First up was a fairly "new" pilot having learnt to fly when young and now getting back into it.

Rahul, Andrew Fletcher and Tony took the single seaters for an airing. With Andrew getting the days honours with club planes - 2 hours 1 minute in GVF. Ian O'Keefe got overall honours with 2 hours 18 minutes in GHS - and he went well north for some cross country and sight seeing. He could be heard calling from all over the place.



I got to take Geoff up for some side-slipping, steep turns and spiral diving practice and recognition. Kazik got to polish his landings with 3 nice circuits.

I got plenty of ribbing by having the shortest flight (from 2,500) - 16 minutes - when I actually did the flying - all other flights the student did a brilliant job and managed longer than 30 minutes each. Even our CFI'ness - Ray, who went to 2,500ft and spun twice, had a longer flight. (Just caught the bad part of a cycle - I say!)

All packed up by 4pm - just before the controller was due to come on duty for some military movements. Another brilliant day in the office! Thanks everyone for everything and keeping it safe.

SUNDAY

Towie Derry Belcher starts us off.....Good to see summer on the way. Light northerly winds, sun, and a sprinkling of cumulus cloud served up some good flights. In the singles (Peter T will hopefully cover the flights in MW): Ian O'Keefe in his ASW 28 ventured up Puhoi way, Andrew Fletcher tried out the delights of Ka6ing in Ray's glider, Toni Thompson seemed pleased with her flight in MP, Isabelle Burr managed flights in MW and MP, Tony Prentice had another good flight in his PW5 BD, and according to my tow sheet, Rahul Bagchi flew solo as P2 in VF...(???) , plus he did a superb two point landing in MP. In fact, come to think of it, most landings I saw today were nicely executed, other than the odd shot duck landing I was doing.

Thanks for the help received refuelling and washing the towplane down at the end of the day.

Instructor Peter Thorpe has his version of events.....The first day of daylight saving and I was right on time at 0930 and I was the first to arrive. Soon followed by the usual team with tow pilot Derry Belcher, duty pilot

Joseph Dickson, Izzy Burr, Ian O'Keefe, Tony Prentice, Roy Whitby, Toni Thompson, Andrew Fletcher, Ray Burns and Steve Foreman all appearing in short order.



A westerly breeze more or less straight down the vector had us set up on 26 and first launch was at 1110 with Izzy who needed a dual check as she had been away flying power aircraft for a couple of months. Then it was BFR time for Ray and we briefed for a high flight followed by a low release but just to test his mettle I pulled the release at 300ft on the first take off - not a problem for our CFI who declared he was

surprised but not startled by my antics and we landed back downwind. Spinning and upper air work went well and then finished with a brakes jammed open approach which had us landing downwind again.

Soon after midday Ian O'Keefe launched into a sky that was looking promising and he was soon asking for the airspace to be opened to 4,500ft after which he stayed away for 3 hours 20 mins. Toni Thompson then took MP away for 79 minutes and Tony Prentice took his BD up for 2hrs 43mins. By now everyone realised there was lift everywhere, even in the blue. Andrew Fletcher took Ray's Ka6 BU away for 79 mins and Steve Foreman and I spent 45 mins learning how to be an instructor. Rahul Bagchi went off in VF while Ray Burns took a visiting retired Indian Navy Admiral for a 48 min scenic around our local area. Vinod was very pleased as most of his gliding in India was in short 10 min flights although he was a fighter pilot off an aircraft carrier in his day. Izzy then captured MP for 98 mins while Ray had a turn in his own glider.

Joseph Dickson and I spent a pleasant 31 mins chasing thermals while Rahul swapped steeds to try MP but by then the day was fading. Then Melody Anne and I spent a pleasant 14 mins looking for some now non existent thermals and the final flight of the day was with Mark Hills who is rapidly making progress with the A Cert syllabus. Last flight landed at 1725 just as the tower came on watch after a total of 16 flights for the day. How nice to have a soaring day where it was difficult to come down and there were lots of radio calls claiming in excess of 4,000ft. Let's hope for lots more this season.

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.

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.

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.

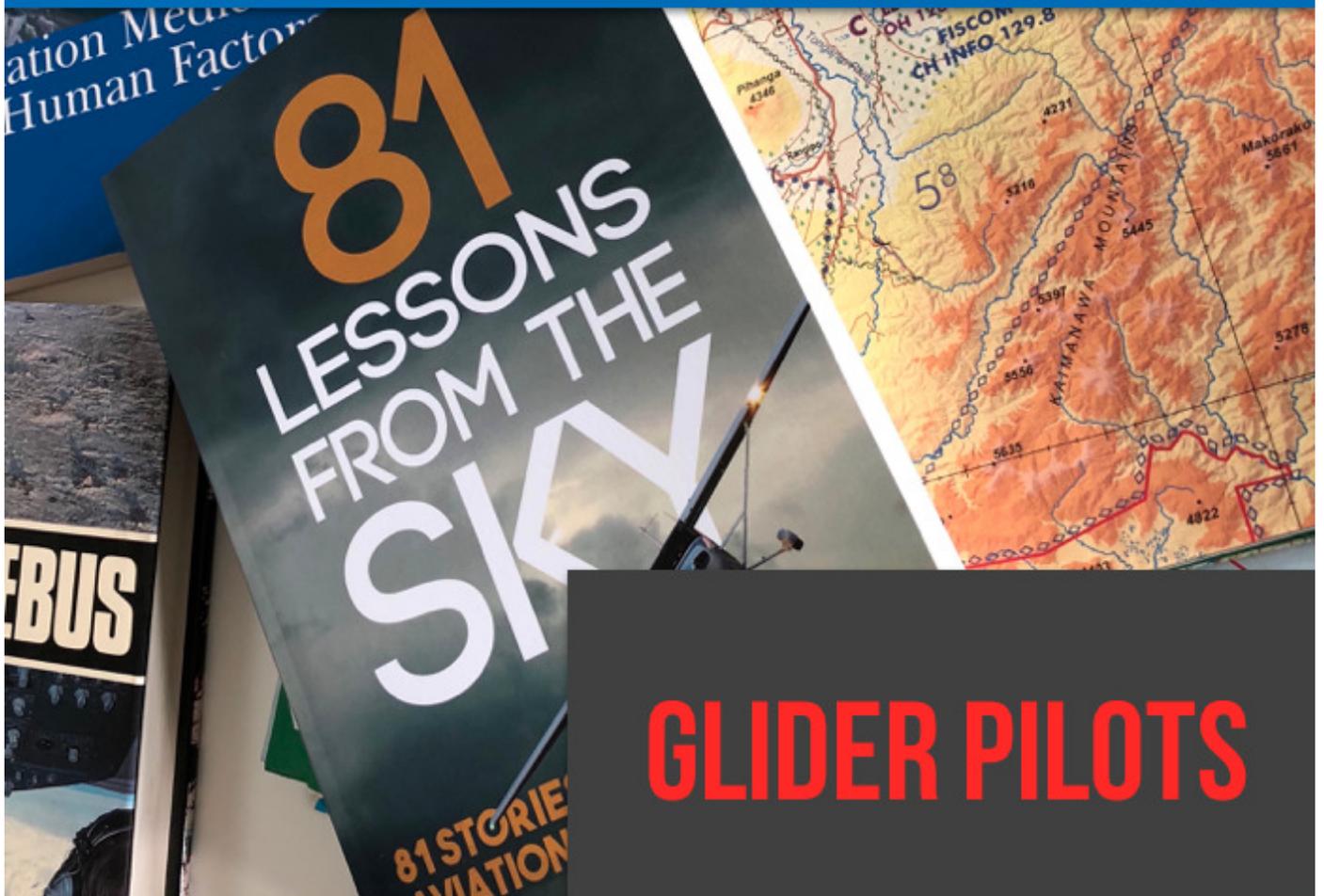
Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 2018

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	F MCKENZIE	
	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	R HEYNIKE	
	22	J POTE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	23	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	

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