

WARM AIR 30 Nov 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| THIS WEEKEND: | Club Cellphone 022 357 6731 | www.ascgliding.org |
| Saturday | Instructing: Ivor Woodfiled | Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000 |
| | Towing: Graham Lake | |
| | Duty Pilot: Brendan Moore | |
| Sunday | Instructing: Peter Thorpe | |
| | Towing: Ruan Heynike | |
| | Duty Pilot: Simon Hay | |

SATURDAY WE HAVE 40 SQUADRON ATC CADETS

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

Unfortunately military activities precluded any gliding on this day. The sky did not look that good so it was unlikely we missed much.

SUNDAY



Baby instructor Andrew Fletcher gets us going..... I arrived at the field at 0930 to find Ray Burns and Lionel Page working on trailers, Kazik Jasica, Geoff Leyland, Matt Moran and Clare Dickson already at the hangar, not far behind came Tony Prentice, Roy Whitby and Brendan Moore. Aircraft were extracted and Neville Swan positioned the caravan at the 26 end of the field, soon the hangar was empty

First up was Matt Moran for a check ride we towed to the east of the field straight into convergence and had a solid 40 mins, Lionel Page and I took turns flying with our students and while Lionel was away with Geoff I briefed Troy Jefferies. We towed straight into convergence and had a good 47 mins which included Troy's first hands on spin and recovery (nice work Troy). Rebecca McMillan was next up for me, unfortunately our good conditions had packed up and gone so a fairly quick ride back to the runway followed by a circuit with Simon Hay and a cruise in the local vicinity with Melodyanne.

Great flights also from the single seaters including Graham Lake in the Libelle, but the coveted trophy went to Tony P for the longest flight of 2:39



Real instructor Lionel Page explains how he did sod all on the day.....Sunday was the first flying day after a long break due to Bonny Prince Charles' visit. Andrew Fletcher still needed some minor supervised instructor training - so he gratefully took over my duty while Ray and I sorted out the club trailers. Conditions looked awful first thing in the morning, with low cloud but this burnt off soon and the day looked much better. We soon discovered a well developed inversion at 2,500ft which prevented any climbs much about 2,300ft. A thin layer of murk existed at 2,500ft and this meant seeing gliders was very difficult. A good look out (as always) was essential. After a few flights, he kindly let me do a training sortie with Geoff before continuing with student training. Later in the day, I got to take Steve Foreman and Derry Belcher for their BFRs. All well done and signed off for another 2 years.

Andrew finished the day with Melodyanne Grant and we pack away around 5.30pm. A bit of story telling and refreshments ended what was a great, full on day. A huge thank you to Andrew for doing most of my duty - and well done - on your own from now on.....

Towie Peter Thorpe adds his thoughts.....At last we were able to fly again and the weather was not too bad at 0930 when we rocked up to the airfield. Plenty of keen members were on hand and soon the hangar was completely empty as we prepared to fly after a couple weeks of enforced abstinence. The wind was supposedly 200/10 both on the ground and at 2000ft although our local wind was straight down 26 to start with.

Matt Moran and Andrew Fletcher were first away at 1120 followed by Kazik Jasica in VF and then Lionel Page with Geoff Thompson. Tony Prentice launched in BD and Roy Whitby followed in MP while Lionel then went up with Rahul Bagchi who needed a quick reminder of the differences from flying a Tomahawk. Brendan Moore went up in VF while Graham Lake rigged his creepy little Libelle IV (*he means magnificent Libelle*) and took it for an airing (*Got a sweet 70 minutes sitting under the convergence between Te Atatu and Albany*).

By then it was nearly 1400 hrs so Andrew and Troy Jefferies went off for some A Cert refresher flying followed by Rahul Bagchi in VF and Matt Moran in MP. Lionel took Steve Foreman for a BFR while I did some circuits in RDW ready for my BFR next week. Andrew took a Rebekah for an early instructional flight and

then Simon Hay for a quick circuit to prepare him for Omarama next week. Lionel and Derry Belcher went for a BFR and the final flight of the day was Andrew and Melody-Ann Grant at about 1645. A good day for the tow pilot with 17 launches. 😊 (Amazing how good is his memory with the towplane log pages to remind him)

ATC CADETS SATURDAY

We have 40 Squadron ATC this Saturday. Early start 0930. It would have been earlier but one of the towpilots decided to book a BFR Saturday morning without bothering with minor details like reading the Roster to find out what was already scheduled. Helpers please.

FLY WITH PETER HARTMANN

And don't forget you have the opportunity to fly with Peter Hartmann at the Early Feb Nationals in Taupo (and before that too). After the success of the Sebastian Kawa visit last year, there is obvious demand to learn from the world's best pilots. Peter Hartmann has won world and continental championships, so a day or two flying with him is the ultimate opportunity to really improve your skills.

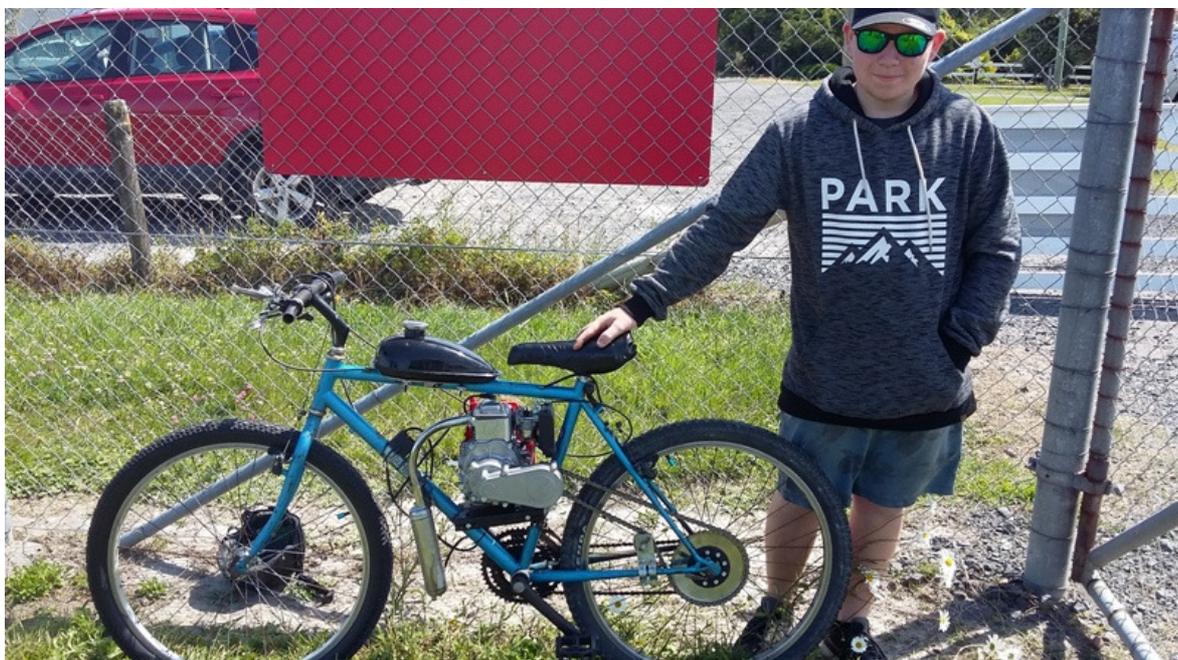
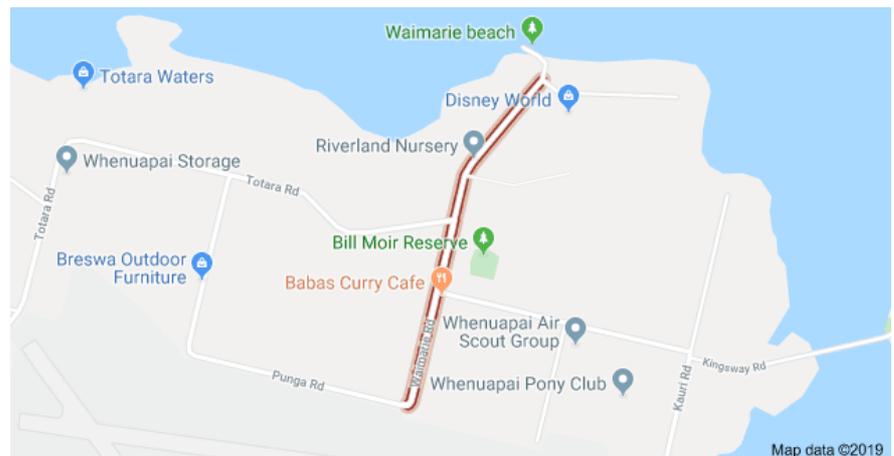
Spots to fly with Peter are filling up, so register your interest today. <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/fly-with-peter-hartmann-jan-2020-nationals/>

TOILETS Jonathan Pote reports...

Human Factors Update Members may not be aware (I was not) of a very convenient public toilet about 300m from our usual entrance.

Head down Waimarie Road, and a short distance past the Puriri Road turning on the right is a well concealed metal track to 'Bill Moir Reserve'. Facilities are maintained and very satisfactory.

As we apparently cannot now use the toilets at the western end, this is very useful to know.



Troy
Jefferies
and his
bike

Forthcoming events

5th to 14th Dec YouthGlide Development Camp at Omarama

9th to 13th Dec Air Cadet Camp at Matamata

26th Dec to 4th Jan Matamata Christmas Camp

27th to 31st Dec Grand Prix at Matamata

4th to 11th Jan Auckland Soaring Champs at Drury

15th Jan to 15th Feb 2020 Fly with Peter Hartmann (International Coach)

2nd to 15th Feb National Champs at Taupo

22nd to 29th Feb Central Districts Comp at ???



Matamata Airfield

December 27th - 30th (or 31st if required)

The first Grand Prix held in the North Island !

Planned to be fast and exciting racing !

Better visibility for supporters !

2 classes (to be confirmed on Day !)

- **18 meters** (with Duo's/Arcus's allowed)
- **15-ish meters**—handicapped- i.e. tasks will be slightly longer for high handicaps.
- **Limited to 12 gliders per class** - first in etc.

The event will be during the traditional Xmas camp held on the airfield which provides some synergies and collegiality.

Questions to: **David Jensen (0274 517757)** or **Rob Lyon (021 324232)**

Try out this contest format in a shortened
and relaxed setting - no pressure (well not much).

Enter at the new GNZ Contest Site - <http://gliding.net.nz/contests>

More info to follow . . .

Duty Roster For Nov, Dec 2019

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | Notes |
|-------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Nov | 9 | T PRENTICE | S WALLACE | P THORPE | - |
| | 10 | R WHITBY | L PAGE | D BELCHER | 30 Sqn ATC |
| | 16 | I BURR | R BURNS | F MCKENZIE | No Flying |
| | 17 | C DICKSON | I WOODFIELD | R HEYNIKE | No Flying |
| | 23 | K JASICA | R BURNS | G LAKE | No Flying |
| | 24 | J DICKSON | L PAGE | P THORPE | - |
| | 30 | B MOORE | I WOODFIELD | G LAKE | 40 SQN ATC |
| Dec | 1 | S HAY | P THORPE | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 7 | K BHASHYAM | R CARSWELL | F MCKENZIE | 5 SQN ATC |
| | 8 | G LEYLAND | S WALLACE | D BELCHER | |
| | 14 | I O'KEEFE | L PAGE | R CARSWELL | |
| | 15 | M MORAN | S WALLACE | D BELCHER | |
| | 21 | T O'ROURKE | I WOODFIELD | A WILLIAMS | |
| | 22 | R BAGCHI | R CARSWELL | F MCKENZIE | |