

WARM AIR 28 Dec 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing:

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Towing:

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Sunday

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Towing:

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MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield gives some words*

Saturday started early with an 8am instructor panel breakfast meeting in Windsor Park on the North Shore. Driving back well after 9 to open up the field, the sky was looking promising for some glider flying. I collected the key and arrived at the gate shortly after 9.30 to find Jonathan Pote waiting to start booking people in.

Following the incident with the twin during the previous weekend, there was only going to be single gliders available for solo pilots to go flying and soon Ian O'Keefe, Andrew Fletcher, Tony Prentice and Kishan Bhashyam had all arrived, attracted by the good looking sky as well as the promising RASP forecast. We had also been joined by Ray Burns, towie Rex Carswell and Derry Belcher, who was wanting to sort out some paperwork for GMP before it could fly.



The wind was 10 kts plus from the south, and we initially set up on 26. However, it became clear that the conditions were starting to favour the 08 strip, so we changed ends and made ready to do some flying. Andrew was first away in GMP, hoping to do some cross country flying. He was followed shortly by Ian in GHS. After scratching a bit initially, they both found some good lift and headed off downwind into a good looking line of clouds.

Next away was Tony in GBD, followed a little while later by Izzy Burr who had turned up hoping to add some more solo hours into her logbook. She climbed into GVF and launched, leaving no more gliders on the ground. After a while we got a progress report from Ian and Andrew, who were at a good height near Kaipara Flats, and looking to push on a bit further north while they had good lift available. Shortly after that, Rex took off with Kishan for a flight in RDW, hoping to get some good photos of the gliders in action while they were airborne. With no duty pilot available and everyone else flying, this left just the duty instructor manning the field.



Around 1500 we got a relayed call from Ian via Izzy to say that Andrew had landed out at Kaipara Flats. Rex and Kishan landed as the call came in, and Andrew spoke with Rex about arranging an aerotow retrieve. With Kishan now manning the field, Rex and Ivor headed off north in RDW to retrieve Andrew, and also check out Rex's Fury while we were there. The flight north went smoothly, as did the landing at Kaipara onto runway 25, where we found Andrew waiting at the end of the runway with GMP. After an update from Andrew and a quick check over Rex's Fury, we hooked up Andrew and the Astir, and set off along the runway. The launch was effortless, and we were soon at 2500' heading for Whenuapai. It was clear that the lift had gone, at least for the last half of the journey home, and we even encountered some rain along the way, so definitely a good call by Andrew to put down into a good airstrip when he did. By the time we landed back at Whenuapai all the other singles were safely down. Ian was de-rigging and Izzy had completed her required solo hours. All in all, some good flying, even though there were only 4 glider launches for the day. After a certain amount of story telling about the day's events, we were finally locking up around 18.30, making for a long and quite eventful day.

IZZY AND SIMON GO TO OMARAMA *Izzy Burr kindly wrote a couple of paragraphs*

A couple of weeks ago, Simon Hay and I were lucky enough to go down to Omarama for my second and his third youth soaring development camp. As usual the 10 days were full of flying from sunrise until sunset at 9:30, lectures on various topics and of course lots of great food.



I had a very busy camp, and managed to quickly convert to the nicest single I've ever flown, the Discus 2b GZS. Having heard another pilot talk about doing his 50km, I thought I should give it a shot and try finish off my silver badge. After looking at maps, putting the right information in a nano and asking Ray Burns to be my OO, I took off with the aim of flying to Glentanner airstrip and back. Once in the air I took my time flying to the bottom of the Ben Ohau range, staying well above 6000ft to hopefully give me enough height to fly up the edge of Lake Pukaki. An easterly wind had begun to push across from the coast and was starting to kill the lift, but I found a small thermal and managed to get enough height to safely fly along the range to Glentanner. When I got there, it became obvious that I would not be flying back, the wind had ripped apart all the thermals but wasn't providing any ridge lift either. After circling over the airfield and having a good look, I completed my first ever out landing (and first time landing on a seal runway). Luckily for me, another youth glide pilot had landed there earlier so his retrieve crew came to keep me company while I was waiting for ZS's trailer. Unfortunately, it also meant I ended up shouting a lot of people ice cream.

Landing there did remind me why I love this sport, the view was just amazing, a clear day with Mt Cook in the background covered in snow, Lake Pukaki to the right and more snow covered mountains to the left. Later that night I received a text from Ray telling me I'd done the 50km and my height loss was within the acceptable range, so hopefully a silver badge will be arriving soon (if all OKed by Eduoard).

The rest of the camp wasn't quite as eventful but full of a lot of awesome flying, including some aerobatics for me and an LS4 rating for Simon. Thanks to Peter Thorpe and Ray Burns for coming down to help, and Ray for giving us a ride back. Hopefully next year some of our new youth members will head down south, as it is an amazing camp full of young pilots ranging from pre solo to post QGP, with some of the best flying you'll find in the world.



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/>

TAILPIECE

This is the last Warm Air for a couple of weeks, Warm Air is taking a wee break (and working right through). Many thanks to all of my contributors without whom WA would not exist.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to everyone. Be safe out there and take care.

Forthcoming events

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 ???

Duty Roster, Dec 2019, Jan 2020

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Dec	28		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	29		A FLETCHER	G LAKE	
	30		R BURNS	P THORPE	
	31		L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
Jan	1		R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	2		P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	



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 1)

- **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 . . .

TAUPO GLIDING CLUB INC “CHRISTMAS CAMP”

Thursday 26th Dec 2019 to 11th Jan 2020

We invite you to join us at our Annual Camp to use the gliding facilities and enjoy
Taupo attractions. Taupo Township 6 km from the airfield.

Gliding tasks will be set for cross country pilots. We can also arrange boat trips on Lake Taupo.

We do have some accommodation or caravan and tent sites available.

Social events will take place with B.B.Qs. and refreshments after 4pm.

Come and enjoy the hospitality of the TAUPO GLIDING CLUB.

Call Tom Anderson for more details and accommodation needs 0274 939 272.

Taupo Committee
WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
