

WARM AIR 7 Dec 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Lionel Page	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Fletcher Mckenzie	
	Duty Pilot: Kishan Bhashyam	
Sunday	Instructing: Steve Wallace	
	Towing: Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot: Geoff Leyland	

SUNDAY - WE HAVE 30 SQUADRON ATC CADETS early start please 0830

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield takes up the crayons*

Saturday we hosted 40 Sqn ATC cadets, and driving to the field before 9am it looked like it would be a good day for them. The field had already been opened up before I arrived as Peter Thorpe was doing an early morning BFR in RDW and as the cadets started arriving there were already a number of club members helping to get things ready. Derry Belcher had also arrived to fit a temporary replacement radio into GMP, as well as to do some more substantial work on the undercarriage of GVF. And at the other end of the field, Ray Burns was preparing the motor glider GNW with the help of some ATC members.



With a light easterly breeze forecast, as soon as we had the twin ready to go, we set off to the 08 end of the field to get set up for flying. Peter had successfully completed the flying part of his BFR and Graham

Lake took it over as tow pilot for the day. The first flight of the day for GNW launched shortly after 10, with the first ATC flight in GMW launching before 11. The warm weather meant that there was sufficient lift around to give each cadet a reasonable 30 minute flight, although it was not always easy to find that lift as the sky continued to change about throughout the day.



Andrew Fletcher had volunteered to help with some of the instructing, and we agreed to alternate throughout the day, meaning that one instructor could be flying while the other was briefing the next cadet. By midday we had both completed a flight with a cadet, and we continued the pattern into the afternoon, meaning faster turnaround and good flying experiences for the cadets. Ray and Peter also shared the flying in GNW which meant that aircraft was also able to flying several flights back to back throughout the day. *(which leaves the poor hardworking towpilot to struggle along by himself).*

There were also some flights in the singles. First up was Tony Prentice in his PW5, taking just one good flight around the middle of the day. Lionel Page also took a flight in GMW around the same time, during which the loan radio worked OK, although not well. A little later Kris Pillai took it up for a flight of around an hour, during which the radio was less than good, and it was agreed that there would need to be further checks made before it could be considered acceptable.

Throughout, the flights in GMW and GNW continued, with some great flying demonstrated by several of the cadets. Around mid-afternoon, with Derry having completed the work on GVF, Brendan Moore took it up for a good flight in the weakening conditions, only returning when it was discovered that he had the key to the gate in his pocket. The last flights for the day landed back shortly before 5pm, and the gliders were soon being returned to their respective hangars and packed away for the night. The final activity was then completed by Graham, who did an oil change in RDW before it too was packed away.

Overall a good day's flying, with a total of 21 flights for the day, of which 17 had been with ATC cadets. A big thank you to Neville Swan who kept things running smoothly in the caravan and managed all the logs for

the day, and to Andrew for covering some of the cadet flights. It was a pleasure to work with 40 Sqn, who were well organised and ensured that cadets were always where they needed to be, helping to keep the whole operation running smoothly.

Towie Graham Lake adds.....It's always a pleasure to be hosting ATC cadets especially one that is well organised. The cadets are always so polite and keen to help. While the day was decidedly average liftwise it was a good day to share with the cadets. They did well out of it, many getting flights in the glider and the towplane as well as the Pegasus trust motor glider. A good day's flying, got some help cleaning the towplane and got the oil and filter change done.

SUNDAY Instructor Peter Thorpe writes the story..



I arrived at the gate at 0930 to find a bunch of ATC cadets waiting. That was a surprise as I knew Saturday had been very busy with cadets however this group only wanted to fly in the motor glider so we were off the hook. At that stage I was the only club member present so getting everyone signed in was a bit of a mission. Fortunately Matt Moran and Ruan Heynike soon turned up and things got easier. Ray Burns arrived to fly the Grob 109 and Andrew Fletcher with son Ollie also appeared along with stalwarts Neville Swan, Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby.

The wind was northerly but slightly favoured 08 so we set up at the western end and Andrew and Ollie were first to launch just before midday for a father and son instructional flight. They managed 25 minutes in conditions that were very rough below 1500 ft with some very scrappy thermals. Matt Moran was only needing a simulated out landing and a flight test to complete his QGP so we set off to see if we could achieve that. Up to 2500 ft for the mandatory spin which we easily achieved (Matt is nice and light) so we also did a spiral dive, cos we could, then some stalls and steep turns followed by some thermalling to regain a bit of height. We had pre briefed a simulated out landing by approaching from the direction of the Power Section Clubhouse to land on the patch of grass to the west of the Pegasus hangar so that is what we did. Matt handled that well so another quick flight for a simulated launch failure at 300ft AGL, again well executed so

I declared Matt had completed his QGP and sent him off to find the paper work he needed to wave in front of CFI Ray Burns. Well done Matt.

Tony Prentice launched in his trusty PW5 BD and Steve Foreman rigged and flew his LS4 KP. Roy and Neville went off in MW but had a disappointingly short flight and Steve (Hawkeye) took a second flight in KP with a much better result of 51 mins for the longest flight of the day. Andrew and Ollie went off for some serious spinning exercises after which I took young Troy Jefferies for a training flight. He mostly needs to consolidate circuit work but I took the opportunity to show him some aerobatics before we returned for a hangar landing. The aerotow was very rough but Troy handled it very well and afterwards declared he had really enjoyed the challenge - I like his style. We will continue to work on his circuit work but he is progressing well. That was it for the day - no more club members wanting to fly so we had a chat and a drink around the caravan and headed for home by 1630. Nine club flights and another eight by Ray in the motor glider.

TIP OF THE DAY

The radio is much easier to hear when the volume is not turned right down, eh Hawkeye.

DERIG THE TWIN SUNDAY EVENING

Ivor is taking the twin to Matamata as part of an ATC Gliding camp next week. He will need some help to derig GMW and pack it into the trailer at the end of flying on Sunday, so it can be taken to the ATC camp.

ATC CADETS SUNDAY

We have 30 Squadron ATC this Sunday. First cadets at 0830 and aim for first flight 0900. We expect 11 cadets to fly. 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.



Forthcoming events

5th to 14th Dec Youth Glide 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	
	8	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	30 SQN ATC
	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	