

WARM AIR 1 Aug 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Andrew Fletcher

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Towing: Andrew Williams

Duty Pilot Joseph Dickson

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot Brendan Moore

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Duty Instructor Rex Carswell*

Saturday was looking quite nice - for a winters day, that is. I duly arrived at the gate with key in hand - on time! (been getting better at this lately). Just minutes later, Jonathan Pote arrived to take responsibility for gate security. He deserves a medal for this unenviable, and unrostered, task that he volunteers to do on a pretty regular basis. The flood gates then opened led by towie Peter Thorpe, then his CFI'ness Ray Burns, Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, duty pilot Clare Dickson, Kishan Bhashyam, Tony Prentice - then a late apology from Craig Best.



First flight got away before midday with Kishan in the front seat of GNF for a currency renewal check. There were a few bumps in the atmosphere as we towed to 2000ft, but upon release

there was very little of the 'up' stuff to prolong the inevitable sled ride to earth. However, the flight was long enough to check Kishan was sound with his procedures and judgement.



At long last we now have approval, and a procedure in place, to recommence Trial Flights. Our first visitor in a long while was escorted and introduced to our recreational sport. Stephen Wood and I launched into a leaden looking sky. The lack of lift was over ridden by the sheer beauty and pleasure of engineless flight amongst a contrasting vista of sunshine, rain, violet clouds and a rainbow. However, the 2500ft release still gave time for Stephen to experience the

'hands on' feel of our glider, dispersed with taking a few photos. Stephen says he will be back.

The third and final flight of the day was Tony taking GVF for a 'tonic' flight while his own PW5 is grounded while a radio problem gets sorted.

With the fleet all tucked away by 1400 hours, we enjoyed some fellowship as Kishan enlightend us with his lengthened visit to his homeland in India - and the ensuing adventure of returning to Auckland. Good to have you back Kishan.

Towie Peter Thorpe grabs the crayon A typical winter's day with a light SW wind and a high overcast. Rex Carswell was instructing and Clare Dickson was duty pilot plus Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, Jonathan Pote and Tony Prentice were present to look after the punters.

A welcome sight was Kishan Bashyam who had finally escaped from India and completed his 14 days quarantine in Christchurch.

He was keen to fly and was first to launch at 1145. Not much life in the air and they were on the ground in 15 minutes. Next was a trial flight and even from 2500ft Rex was only able to



manage 17 minutes. Tony tried VF for size since his radio in BD was not working but I won't embarrass him by saying his flight time.

Nobody else wanted to waste money on an aero tow in those conditions so we packed up and sat around the caravan to celebrate Neville's 84th birthday. Happy Birthday Neville. Just three launches and off home by 1430.

SUNDAY



Sunshine & Showers - GNF (25-7-20)

I arrived at the field with a blue sky and a light southerly cross wind. An approaching band of cloud brought with it a very light shower of rain, which soon moved away. Slowly people started arriving, although there was no one wanting to fly. Duty Pilot Kazik Jasica, together with Roy Whitby, Neville Swan, Tony Prentice and Kris Pillai were soon making coffee and looking at the weather. Kris and Kazik decided they might take a flight, so the tractor and twin were brought out of the hangar and got ready. About this time a call came in from Derry Belcher to say he needed to take the twin fuselage away to Drury for some repair work, and he would be arriving about 1500. Daisy Hagon called to say she would be over shortly and would like a couple of circuits if possible, so we had pilots. I confirmed with tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie that we would be flying, and he was soon preparing the plane.

First up at around midday was Kris. There was no buoyancy in the air, leading to a long takeoff roll and a slow climb out. Running into sink just after takeoff kept things even lower for a while. Once released from the tow, Kris went looking for lift. While we did find some small amounts, he was not able to find enough to hold the twin up for long, and we were soon back joining the circuit. With a light southerly crosswind there was little to slow us down on approach, leading to an extended landing, a pattern that was to be repeated in subsequent flights.

Next up was Kazik for an uneventful circuit. He was ready for the conditions on landing,

managing a reasonably accurate landing although still a little surprised by the distance needed to land.



Finally, a few circuits with Daisy, who is managing her launches well, and was wanting to focus on her landings. Not the best of conditions with the crosswind and almost total lack of headwind. However, she worked at improving her control as well as sorting out height assessment on approach, and overall made good progress.

We landed after her final flight to find a team standing by to derig the twin. I had called up a few people for help, and many thanks to Ian O'Keefe, Kishan Bhashyam and Peter Thorpe for taking time out of their busy day to come out and lend muscle to the task. Having had clear skies for most of the day, we of course got a long spell of showers about then, which lasted until we had the wings off and stored away. However, with the keen band of people, the



fuselage was soon loaded onto the trailer and made ready for the journey south. Once ready, Derry headed off while many remained for a while to discuss the flying, and other issues of the day. Finally we were locking up and heading home around 1540. *Word on the street has rain arriving in the midst of the derigging, the stalwarts carried on, those of less sound constitution, retired to the hangar.*

WORKING BEE

We would like a working bee on the 1st August (or 2nd if you think it is better/rain day) to clean windows and vacuum the parachute club's garage - so that we can use it as a club room. We may also do a clean up of the green hangar at the same time and get things ready to take to the tip.

We are also wondering if any club members have fan heaters for the parachute garage/club rooms. -

AUCKLAND GLIDING CLUB QGP LECTURE SCHEDULE

QGP Exams Meteorology and Glider Tech

-1st August 2020 @ 9am @ Drury

QGP Radio Procedures Lecture

-8th August 2020 @ 9am @ Drury

QGP Exams Human Factors and Radio Procedures Theory

-Sat 15th August 2020 @ 9am @ Drury

GLIDING EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

Matamata Cross Country Course

-Sat 24th Oct 2020 - Wed 28th Oct 2020

Taupo Central Plateau (practice 31 Oct + 7 comp days 1 to 7 Nov)

-Sat 31st Oct 2020 - Sat 7th Nov 2020

Omarama South Island Regionals (TBC)

-Sat 14th Nov 2020 - Sat 21st Nov 2020

Matamata Northern Regionals

practice 28 Nov + 7 comp days 29 Nov to 5 Dec)

Springfield Soaring Championships

-Sat 28th Nov 2020 - Sat 5th Dec 2020

For further info see

<https://gliding.net.nz/events/?qnz=true&other=true&type=all&timerange=future&pageView=summary>

Matamata Air Cadet Camp

- 7th - 11th December 2020

Omarama YouthGlideNZ camp

-Thu 10th Dec 2020 - Sat 19th Dec 2020

Matamata Sailplane Grand Prix (4 comp days 27 to 30 Dec)

-Sun 27th Dec 2020 - Wed 30th Dec 2020

Omarama Nationals (practice day 01 Jan + 9 comp days 02 to 10 Jan inclusive)

-Fri 1st Jan 2021 - Sun 10th Jan 2021

Auckland Enterprise (practice day 16 Jan + 7 comp days 17 to 23 Jan inclusive)

-Sat 16th Jan 2021 - Sat 23rd Jan 2021 @ Drury

Matamata Club Class and MSC (practice day Fri 29 Jan + 9 comp days 30 Jan to 7 Feb)

-Fri 29th Jan 2021 - Sun 7th Feb 2021

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Duty Roster Jul, Aug, Sep 20

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | Notes |
|-------|------|------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Aug | 1 | J DICKSON | A FLETCHER | A WILLIAMS | |
| | 2 | B MOORE | L PAGE | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 8 | S HAY | S WALLACE | R CARSWELL | |
| | 9 | K BHASHYAM | P THORPE | D BELCHER | |
| | 15 | G LEYLAND | R BURNS | P THORPE | |
| | 16 | I O'KEEFE | I WOODFIELD | F MCKENZIE | |
| | 22 | M MORAN | A FLETCHER | A WILLIAMS | |
| | 23 | T O'ROURKE | R CARSWELL | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 29 | R BAGCHI | L PAGE | R CARSWELL | |
| | 30 | T PRENTICE | S WALLACE | P THORPE | |
| Sep | 5 | R WHITBY | P THORPE | D BELCHER | |
| | 6 | I BURR | R BURNS | F MCKENZIE | |
| | 12 | C DICKSON | I WOODFIELD | A WILLIAMS | |
| | 13 | K JASICA | A FLETCHER | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 19 | J DICKSON | R CARSWELL | P THORPE | |
| | 20 | B MOORE | L PAGE | D BELCHER | |
| | 26 | S HAY | S WALLACE | R CARSWELL | |
| | 27 | K BHASHYAM | R BURNS | F MCKENZIE | |