

WARM AIR 26 Sep 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing:

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Towing:

Duty Pilot

Sunday

Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Fletcher McKenzie

Duty Pilot Kishan Bhashyam

WE ARE AT COVID LEVEL 2- WE ARE ALLOWED TO FLY

NO FLYING SATURDAY: Our Power Section friends have their club competitions this weekend. Normally we can operate concurrently but this year is different. This year they have invited another club to come and join them and want the whole airfield. Unfortunately, this involved little by way of consultation with us and late notice. If it rains Saturday then Sunday is the reserve day.

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Rex Carswell grabs the crayons first*

As I looked out the window I could see it was pretty cloudy, but at least the gale force winds of Friday had mostly abated leaving a breezy sou'wester in its wake. Upon arrival at the hangar gate, car parks were filling up fast with Jonathon Pote, Roy Whitby, Andrew Fletcher and Peter Thorpe there ahead of me. Shortly after opening the hangar, arrivals included Neville Swan and student pilot Emilio Leal-Schwenk - accompanied by his father.



Base Fire Service Practicing

We set-up on grass 26 and got the first launch underway at 1125 hours. With Emilio on board, we climbed in blustery conditions to 2000 ft. Emilio was unfazed and managed the aerotow pretty well. But with little lift on offer, it wasn't long before we were back in the circuit. However, with about 30kts of sou'wester at 2000 feet, it was a great opportunity for Emilio to experience the magnitude of drift.

An hour later, the second and final launch of the day was with Jonathan in the front seat. The sky had cleared a bit and the cloud base was such that we could reach 2500ft. The wait was worth it - cloud streeting was evident and with it - good patches of thermal lift. The flight was great - Jonathan flew and I looked at the scenery. However, a P3 Orion was due to arrive and would be flying circuits for awhile, so we terminated our jaunt. None the less, a satisfying 30 minutes was easily achieved.

Other attendee's on the field at varying times were Clare Dickson, Ray Burns, Tony Prentice, Kazik Jasica and Gus Cabre. Gus flew with Peter in the tug on the final launch. All done and dusted - clear of the field by 1330 hours.

And Instructor Peter Thorpe adds:

The weather was not that promising with the ATIS reporting 220/16 on the ground and 220/30 at 2000ft. However, Jonathan was guarding the gate as usual and instructor Rex Carswell was getting things ready assisted by Roy Whitby, Tony Prentice and Neville Swan. Roy needed a BFR although he was not very enthusiastic about the weather but a young chap Emilio was keen to fly.



Peter Thorpe (19-9-20)

We launched just before 1130 with Rex and Emilio in NF and enjoyed a stiff cross wind take off and fairly boisterous tow to 2000ft. ATC was on watch with our old friend Adam Lawson at the microphone so no problems there. Roy decided against doing a BFR in the conditions and we nearly did not have any other customers but then Gus Cabre, our new budding tow pilot arrived and Jonathan kindly offered to do a flight so that we could at least start Gus training.

Unfortunately the intercom was not working in DSM so that made talking difficult then Adam complained that our transponder was not operating so there was much knob twiddling and switch flicking which seemed to restore its operation but was very distracting to both of us in the aircraft and did nothing to help Gus learn how to be a tow pilot. All finished by 1300 so off home early.

SUNDAY *Towie Derry Belcher starts off*

When I arrived at the field, Andrew Fletcher was already waiting at the gate, itching to get in and rig GKT, and Jonathan Pote was set up recording those turning up.

Instructor Lionel arrived shortly after, and quite a few regulars also started turning up and we proceeded to open the hangar and extract the merchandise. Roy Whitby was keen to do his BFR, Toni Thompson, Tony Prentice, Kazik Jasica, Neville Swan, Ray Burns and Kishan Bhashyam all helped get things moving and we moved everything to the 08 end of the runway.

DSM was preflighted, and with 70 litres of fuel on board, I hoped we had enough to last till Peter Thorpe came out later... Three tows were done in quick succession before we had to refuel. Luckily the ASC power section captain Ross MacPherson was visiting our side and kindly offered to supervise the refuel, saving Peter from having to come out earlier, so my thanks to Ross. We flew 12 flights for the day. I managed a lunchbreak about 14:15.

The day served up some good-looking streets. Cloudbase varied a bit but was around 3000 feet. We won't talk about 08 and the crosswind from the north.

Everyone seemed to have a good day, nicely rounded off with a wind-down in our clubroom. I much appreciated Roy's help at the end of the day with cleaning the towplane.

Instructor Lionel Page continues..... Sunday dawned a beautiful clear blue day. Headed out to the field, picked up a radio and the keys from Base Ops. Arrived at the gate to plenty of eager campers.

The fleet was shortly DI'd and GKT rigged. They were all dragged to 08 as it was a fairly brisk easterly. First up was Andrew Fletcher in KT followed by Kazik Jasica in VF.

Roy Whitby was next for the first flight of his BFR. A bit of spinning, thermalling, more attempted spinning, more thermalling while everyone else seem to be falling out of the sky - not sure why as we seem to stay up without too much issue. Completed the flight with a brakes lock open exercise. Nicely executed.

Roy got his obligatory low level release next to complete his BFR - all good to go for another 2 years.

Peter Thorpe took MP up for some aeros and managed the longest flight of the day with just over an hour. (As he said - he did tow to 3,000ft but his flight was still well over the next best at 41 minutes.)

I took a new pilot (Will) up for primary effects of controls and we even managed to get a few thermals in to boot.

Final flight with a long landing was Jonathan Pote. All packed away and we headed to the new club rooms for a refreshment and natter.

The saga of the day was yet to come: Derry kindly offered to take the keys back for me but in the process managed to inadvertently dismantle gate 61's key. Much anxiety ensued (mainly by a friendly base security guy who called me to say that I needed to get it sorted - really not sure how I was going to "sort it".) Long story short, after a first call to his CFIness to see if he had any clever ideas, I then call Bill, our CEO - who very smartly had it all "sorted". Thanks Bill.

CFI CORNERHis CFIness Ray Burns writes some more stuff

No Fly 26 Sept.

The power section has commandeered the grass strip next Saturday with a rain day of Sunday (27th). So, no flying next Saturday (and possibly Sunday if Saturday is not flyable).

MBZ

Please do not forget that when the tower is off watch we fly in an MBZ (Mandatory Broadcast Zone). Positions reports should be made as published on the charts.

Standard Operating Procedures

As per our rules, the SOP's have been reviewed and updated and are now published on the website (Members area / SOP). A summary of all changes is on page 2 and each change is marked in the text with a vertical on the left-hand margin. This should make it easy for you to identify each change.

There are a few changes that are related to changes of positions (ROO/NOO/OIC) and a change to the nomenclature related to A Cert / B Cert and QGP.

However, there are a number of other changes that are important that you need to know. There are a number of changes that relate to towing operations. These changes affect ALL Members.

Covid has made it difficult to produce hard copies of both the MOAP and the SOP and the copies in the caravan are now out of date. The latest MOAP can be found on the GNZ web site. I endeavour to make hard copies available in the caravan as soon as I can get into my office (without a four hour transit time!!)

Membership Forms and Subs

Membership forms and subs are due 1 October. It is important that we receive membership forms from EVERY member. There is a PDF "Fillable" form available on the web site (Members/Documents/2020-21 Membership Form.pdf). Please download it, fill it in and email to either Lionel or myself asap. Once again, access to a decent printer has made it difficult for me to produce hard copies.

To avoid frustration, I suggest you open the PDF and complete the first field. Save it and re-open it a second time to ensure it saves correctly.

If you insist on printing it and using a pen, please try to avoid the use of Egyptian hieroglyphics that have made it difficult to interpret the contents in previous years.

Note that completion of the form confirms you have read and understood the SOP (see previous paragraph!)

AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday the 17th of October in the club rooms at 10:00 am. This is election day so you won't forget. A formal notice will be emailed to everyone by the Secretary

(Ivor Woodfield). Formal remits must be made in writing and received by Ivor Woodfield no later than 26 September.

SOSB (Start of season Briefing)

Covid Gathering limits are making this a headache to schedule so we have decided to abandon this for this year. I will let you know if this changes. We will organise the Matamata trip after the AGM.

New GNZ Training Program

The presentation of the new training programme will now be done electronically.

A video of the presentation can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xoy6cR8-wm1Z8_9A_6Zf38Ts3CYwKuNU/view?ts=5f56d2c6

There will be a Zoom meeting on 29 September at 1900. The link for the meeting is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87958656170?pwd=Z1RZV3NoYU5CaHYzRTlPb00zQUtBUT09>

LABOUR WEEKEND

As usual, we are deploying to Matamata over Labour weekend.

There is a Cross Country course at Matamata over the same weekend so on field accommodation may be somewhat pressed. If you plan to go, and stay in the cabins then you need to book those now <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/>

Camping on the airfield is OK.

We will need folks to tow gliders and glider trailers down and back as well as take and bring back to stuff we also need. If you can help let Ray know.

But wait...there is more.....We will aerotow the twin down and back so this is an opportunity to get your cross country tow signed off. Interested.....let Ray Burns know.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

This is normally a great course that gets you flying cross country in a controlled and benign environment with plenty of mentors on hand. If you are interested have a chat to Ray Burns as you will need his endorsement.

YOUTH GLIDE NZ AGM AND SOCIAL

Thank you for your continued interest and support of YGNZ and our activities.

Please find attached information about the upcoming Annual General Meeting to be held on **Saturday 3rd of October 2020** at 4pm in Tauranga. These include:

- [A Preliminary Agenda](#)

- [A Nomination for Executive Committee Form](#)
- [A copy of our Constitution](#)
- [A preliminary timetable for the weekend](#)
- [2019 YGNZ AGM Minutes](#)

Further remits and nominations are required by 5pm Sunday 20th September 2020 and proxy votes are required prior to the Annual General Meeting getting underway.

A reminder that the Annual General Meeting is occurring amidst our Annual Social Gathering. The YGNZ AGM & Social Gathering will be held on the 3rd - 4th of October 2020 in Tauranga. Please register your interest as soon as possible if you are keen to join us.

[Register your interest](#)

All the best and I look forward to seeing you there,

Safe and happy soaring.

Tim Austen & Tim Tarbotton

Youth Glide New Zealand

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/?gnz=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

Vintage Kiwi Rally @ Te Kuiti Camp Gliding New Zealand Te Kuiti

Sat 6th Feb 2021 - Sat 13th Feb 2021 Tow plane = Fox Bat LSA

(Waipukarau) Central Districts Regionals Competition Gliding Hawkes Bay & Waipukarau Inc Waipukarau

Sat 20th Feb 2021 - Sat 27th Feb 2021

Printing Conventions: Any contribution will have the author's byline; Anything in Italics is either a byline or an editor comment; Tailpiece is the editorial.



Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 20

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Oct	3	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	4	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	10	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	11	M MORAN	R BURNS	R CARSWELL / G CABRE	
	17	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	18	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	P THORPE / G CABRE	
Labour Weekend	24	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	25	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	26	I BURR	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	31	C DICKSON	P THORPE	R CARSWELL / G CABRE	
Nov	1	K JASICA	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	7	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	F MCKENZIE	
	8	S HAY	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	P THORPE / G CABRE	
	15	K PILLAI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	21	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	22	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	28	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	29	T O'ROURKE	R CARSWELL	P THORPE / G CABRE	
Dec	5	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	6	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	12	R WHITBY	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	13	I BURR	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	19	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	G CABRE	
	20	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	