

WARM AIR 30 Jan 21

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing: Lionel Page	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Fletcher Mckenzie	
	Duty Pilot: Thomas O'Rourke	
Sunday	Instructing: Rex Carswell	
	Towing: Peter Thorpe	
	Duty Pilot: Ian O'Keefe	
Monday	Instructing: Andrew Fletcher	
	Towing: Fletcher Mckenzie	
	Duty Pilot: Matt Moran	

Anniversary Weekend Flying all three days
MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Instructor Peter Thorpe writes

Saturday looked like a reasonable flying day with about 10 knots from the west and high cloud around 3000 ft. Emilio Leal Schwenke and his father were waiting at the gate when I arrived so with Ruan Heynike towing and Neville Swan manning the time sheets we set up on grass 26.

Rahul Bagchi, Geoff Leyland, Alex Michael, Roy Whitby, Kishan Bhashyam and Tony Prentice all soon appeared and we were ready by 1115. First up was Rahul who was looking for thermalling practise but it was probably a bit early in the day so a short flight. Next was Emilio who managed 22 minutes and showed some good developing flying skills. Geoff and I then did some lazy eights for fun and to practise not flying straight and level. Alex did much the same and then later in the afternoon took two 1000 ft tows to practise circuit work and also showed he is developing good skills.



"Tug 'o' War" ?
(27-12-20)

In the meantime Kishan went off in MP for 42 minutes showing there was indeed lift to be had and Rahul and I had another shot at thermalling. This time we were much more successful and reached 3,500ft without too much effort after sinking to 1300ft before finding a solid thermal. Once up high there was plenty of lift and we eventually resorted to a series of lazy eights to help lose height after 49 minutes and the longest flight of the day. All finished by 1600 and time for a reflective chat in the clubrooms before heading home to watch the delayed Americas Cup racing.

SUNDAY *Towie Derry Belcher gets all carried away*

No towing for Sunday due to weather.

Fortunately Instructor Ivor Woodfield is a little more forthcomingAs I collected the key on Sunday morning, the sun disappeared behind the clouds and a light rain started falling. I opened up the field, spoke to the tow pilot, Derry Belcher, and waited for things to hopefully clear.

The rain did ease after a while, and Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby joined me in the hangar. While we grabbed a coffee, a new ATC cadet arrived with membership forms and Tony gave him a guided tour of the fleet and the hangar.

However, after a while the rain became heavier, and Base Ops let me know they had a wind warning issued for early afternoon. Therefore, after filing the membership paperwork and informing Derry we would not be flying, we locked up and went home.



HOW TO BE A GREAT CLUB MEMBER

The wing wheel at the <Name Redacted> soaring club had been flat for quite some time. Members literally kept using it until it fell off the rim, then bending the rim and causing damage to the structure of the wing wheel. The one person in the club who takes care of most of the ancillary maintenance for the club was understandably furious. If people had taken the time to air up the tire in the first place, they would have avoided many, many dollars and many, many labor hours in repair. This article is about how to be a better member of your local club, and help to carry soaring on for many, many years.

Get out and Travel!

I have been an active member of four outstanding clubs over my life. I started in the Central Indiana Soaring Society, Albuquerque Soaring club, Soaring Society of Boulder, and finally Black Forrest Soaring Society. Each one allowed me to watch trends, observe the elements of human behavior, and see what worked and what didn't. Step one to improving yourself as a club member is to get out and see some of the awesome clubs around you. Go fly with them, stay for a weekend, and watch how they do things.

Some of the outstanding clubs that I have personally observed are Caesar Creek Soaring Club in Ohio, Texas Soaring Association in the DFW area, Kansas Soaring Association in...Well, Kansas. (Yoder, Kansas just south of Hutchison to be exact. Watch out for Amish on their horse and buggies), and Soaring Club of Houston. I would highly encourage a visit to any of the above-mentioned clubs if you are out and about. You won't regret it!

Fix the Little Things

Another thing you can do is to either fix problems no matter how small when you see them. From picking up a piece of trash to airing up a tire, a little bit of help goes a long way. Look around your local club. Any given club has maybe 2-4 people who do a majority of the physical leg work around the place. Anything you can take off of their plate prevents these people from getting burnt out and helps immensely. From sweeping the hangar to changing tires to ordering more supplies (From Wings and Wheels of course), anything helps. I try to make a point of dedicating at least a day a year to going out to my club, wandering around, and doing things that I see need to be done. If everyone just did this little extra on top of normal club duties, it would help immensely.

The Ultimate Sacrifice

For the ultimate sacrifice, volunteer to be on your club's Executive Committee for at least a year. You will get to see "Behind the curtain" and know how the sausage is made that keeps your club running. It might not be pretty, it might not be the most glamorous job in the world, but it is necessary, and I promise, you will learn a lot. Barring that, try to always be on a committee of some sort. Most clubs have these, and they provide important input into how the club is run. It will be a couple of years of a lot of extra work that you put into the club, but this is how clubs grow and prosper. Clubs do not do well when their Executive Committee membership sees little or no movement, and no new blood for many years, no matter how good those people are at their job. Fresh faces and new ideas are a must.

The Best Thing You Can do

By far, the most selfless thing a club member can do is to push through to getting their Instructor rating. This is one thing that I personally have not done yet, but I have a lot of respect for the people who do. This is the ultimate sacrifice to the club in my view. Sitting in the back of a trainer on a beautiful soaring day, and making sure there are pilots for the future. Without these folks, soaring would quickly die as a



sport. Look at your current Instructors. Many of them won't be around for much longer. What will your club look like even ten years down the road when these guys and gals can no longer fly? It's a scary prospect, and in my opinion, the rating that commands the most respect of any aviator. Take the plunge and go do it! I know I should...

See ya 'Round the Clubhouse!

In short, following the three simple steps I have outlined will make you a productive club member, and a valuable asset. Remember, without you, clubs would not be in existence and the sport we love would quickly die. Soaring is a unique activity in aviation in that it takes many people to run. You can be that helper who keeps your club going for another 10-20 years!



Mitch Hudson has been avidly flying gliders since he was 14 years old. He is a retired Air Force Navigator who also has hobbies of exercising his ATP rating to fly regional jets around the country and using his A&P rating to keep all matter of flying machines in the air. Mitch has flown more regional and national soaring contests than he cares to count and has crewed at two World Gliding Championships. He and his wife live in Colorado, keep a hangar in Moriarty, New Mexico, and flies happily with whichever club will put up with him.

RIP GORDON SCHOLES

Greetings Fellow Glider Pilots and Friends,

An informal function as a Memorial for Gordon Scholes will be held at Matamata Aerodrome on Friday 29 January 2021. The event will commence at the cessation of flying activities - so that will be about 5.30pm, give or take the vagaries of such things. Friday is the practice day of the NZ Club Class National Competition and MSC Competition.

Gordon was a great proponent of MSC and competition gliding, and while he may not be well known to newer members of our respective clubs, he will certainly be remembered by the more mature and ex-members.

Ralph Gore is master of ceremonies; Mark Tingey and John Griffin will pay tributes. Ross Scholes and Allie have indicated that they will be there as well.

The gathering will be informal and there will undoubtedly be some yarns told as well as the more formal tributes. Food will be provided (I am told that it will be more up-market than a BBQ but not a plated meal). The bar will be open with both the normal and non-alcoholic refreshments available on a pay as you go basis.

It is important that we get a good indication of numbers attending, so please go to the link [In Memory Of Gordon Scholes](#) (Ctrl click) and fill it in as soon as possible, so Marion Moody knows how much food to provision.

This email is going to movers and shakers in the MSC clubs - presidents, secretaries, club captains are therefore asked to distribute the message within their clubs and also consider ex-members who may be interested in attending.

It is this Friday, so prompt responses are requested.

See you there

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Membership Forms.

There are still a number of membership forms outstanding. If you have not yet done so please get one filled out and sent to either Lionel or me. The name and shame board is currently under construction.....

[Events](#) » **Auckland Gliding Club Smeg Task and Goal Week**

Starts in a month at Drury

NOTE the Auckland Enterprise Competition has been cancelled and replaced with this Task Week. Keep an eye out for the January 2022 Auckland Enterprise Competition!

Date: Sat 2nd Jan 2021 - Sat 9th Jan 2021

Start Time: 1000 **End Time** 1800

Practice Days: 1

Classes Enterprise and Novice Class

An opportunity exists for club pilots to enter on a daily basis or for the whole week.

GLIDING EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

[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

GLASFLUGEL LIBELLE 201B FOR SALE

Due to ill health, my half share in Libelle 201B ZK GIV is for sale. A 1974 model, she has done about 3100 hours since new. She has had the 3000 hour life extension program done and annuals were done in October. She has a Strong cushion parachute. She is also fitted with Oxygen but not in date.

The Libelle is easy to fly and has a good performance (Yves Gerster won the Nationals in her against much more modern ships). This is a chance to buy into a small syndicate for south of \$9K

Interested: contact Graham Lake on gclake@pl.net

TAILPIECE

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Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Jan	16	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	-
	17	S HAY	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	-
	23	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	-
	24	K PILLAI	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	-
Anniversary W/E	30	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	31	I O'KEEFE	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	1	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	F MCKENZIE	
Waitangi W/E	6	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	7	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	G CABRE	
	8	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
FEB	13	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	14	I BURR	A FLETCHER	G CABRE	
	20	C DICKSON	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	21	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	27	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	28	S HAY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	
Mar	6	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	7	K PILLAI	R BURNS	G CABRE	
	13	G LEYLAND	P THORPE	D BELCHER	

	14	I O'KEEFE	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	20	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	21	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	27	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	28	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G CABRE	