

# WARM AIR 12 Aug 17

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Jamie Wagner Duty Pilot: Roy Whitby	
Sunday	Instructing: Rex Carswell Towing: Graham Lake Duty Pilot: Gary Patten	

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### **SATURDAY** *Instructor Steve Wallace*

Saturday was again one of those days that could have been average but actually lived up to the nicer end of the forecasted conditions. 5 - 15kt NE winds meaning not too cold and a nearby trough line meaning sufficient instability for the thermals to be working and lining up in streets. We were a little bit slow to get underway with the first launch at 11:40 but once we started it was all go until the last landing at 5pm with 17 flights totalling 5hrs and 6mins of glider time.

Good training flights were had by Jeff Leyland, Joseph & Clare Dickson, Simon Hay, Rahul Bagchi and Raphael Russell. Solo and single flights were enjoyed by Izzy Burr, Brendan Moore, Tony Prentice, Graham Lake and Kishan Bhashyam. Congratulations go out to Simon Hay for completing his 3<sup>rd</sup> solo and to Izzy Burr for



converting into the mighty Libelle.

One of the interesting features of the day was great clouds of pine pollen rising out of the Riverhead Forest and drifting off down wind. I've never seen pollen in visible quantities like that before. Every section of the forest was generating clouds of the stuff. Must have been interesting for those downwind in Kumeu.

Thanks to all the pilots and helpers that kept things ticking along smoothly all day.

*Izzy's Story.....For me this started at the mid winter dinner, when Graham sat next to me, and offered for me to fly the Libelle at some point. Naturally, I said yes, and GIV's flight manual quickly appeared in my inbox, along with an invitation to learn how to rig it on Saturday. After a short PW5 flight on Saturday, in which I didn't find much lift, Graham turned up with a glider trailer in tow. A bit of time was spent learning how to rig the Libelle (which I*



*discovered was much easier than rigging MW). (Everything is easier to rig than MW)*

*After a flight and a chat with Steve, Graham asked if I wanted to go for a flight. I strapped in and for once was happy I'm short, as the cockpit is not very roomy. A short tow later, and I was flying IV. The first thing I noticed was how it didn't seem to want to descend, and I could actually fly over 60kts without my height rapidly decreasing as it does in VF. Once I remembered to put the wheel up it was even better. The Libelle was fantastic to fly, and made me realize what soaring actually is. I did remember to put the wheel down in my checks thankfully, but ended up landing rather long, as I didn't think about how much air brake I would need compared to a PW5. It was a great flight, so a huge thanks to Graham and Ivor for letting me fly your glider (and paying for the flight). You forgot the bit about keeping your mum waiting while you went off flying IV.....*

**SUNDAY** CFI Ray Burns had the duty....and the crayon...

A busy day on Saturday and a strong crosswind from the north was enough to put off all but the hardy. The usual mainstay had arrived by 10:00. Rex was towing, Rudolf Duty pilot and Tony, Roy and Neville to help. We didn't bother extracting the a/c as no one was keen to fly. Just as we started debating how long we would wait before going home, Rahul arrived keen to do some work on paddock landings. I decided today was not the best day, any attempt to land into wind would involve a circuit that would encroach on the power circuit and be heading for the fence with little safety margin. I'm either getting old and soft.... Or old and wise....!

We trundled down to 08 and did two circuits preceded with some accelerated stalls at altitude. Melodyanne came out and we both braved the conditions. That was it for the day. Three flights and then home.

## UPCOMING DATES

7 October - Start of Season briefing

17 October - AGM - Here we are looking for resolutions/Notices of Motion, and volunteers for the committee.

## LANDING COMPETITION

This less than reliable weather makes it a good time to host the annual landing competition. The rules will be published prior to the day, or possibly on the day, or possibly kept hidden and subject to change at the whim of the CFI, right up to the last moment, probably involving palms being crossed with silver.... 1000 foot circuits to get in as many as possible in the day. This also means an early. Let's aim to have the first launch by 10:00. Open to everyone including ALL students. Handicapping will be involved.

The date for this will be 20 August with weather days being 3,17 and 24 Sept. (The observant might notice that these dates neatly coincide with the CFI's duty roster!).



# An Evening with **Glide Omarama** and Gavin Wills, Owner, Instructor, Chief Story Teller.

Saturday 12 August 6pm, Auckland Gliding Club

## "Omarama: the World's Best Mountain Soaring and Yours To Fly"

*Why is Omarama widely recognised as the best mountain soaring site in the world?*

*Who developed the site and when did it become a centre of gliding excellence?*

*How is Omarama accessible to the average NI pilot?*

*What you need to know to fly there safely and successfully.*

*Why you should bring your wife, family and/or friends.*

An evening of brights, lights and out there flights.

"I first went to Omarama an average pilot with a handful of soaring hours - mostly achieved over the green Waikato landscape. I was just starting and that learning curve got much steeper, but the huge achievements and amazing flights I have had the privilege to experience are something very special. We can all do this!"

Ross Gaddes

How can we access this amazing place to soar sailplanes?

This Saturday night is an opportunity for you to find out how and to have some fun and soak in some great soaring adventures.



There will be finger food after Gavin's presentation

## **SOUTH ISLAND REGIONAL GLIDER RACES - OMARAMA 18 TO 25 November 2017**

Below is an invitation to participate in the 2017 South Island Regional Glider Races. It's an A4 poster so, if appropriate, please print it and post it in your club rooms.

This year there will be a special emphasis on introducing new contestants to glider racing. Tasks in the "Racing" class will be set to suit less experienced pilots. First-time participants will be encouraged to fly in high performance two seaters together with an experienced instructor. A coaching programme will also be run with pre and post task briefings.

An extensive social programme of non flying activities is planned to ensure the competition is enjoyable for families, crew and pilots.

The contest is organised this year by the Omarama Gliding Club.

Entry forms and more details from the GNZ website <http://gliding.co.nz/event/south-island-regionals-2017/>

Facebook site <http://www.facebook.com/events/1602073429843302/>

or [clivegeddes@extra.co.nz](mailto:clivegeddes@extra.co.nz)



**The South Island Regional Glider Races Omarama 2017**  
"Encouraging first-timers to become champions"  
**18 to 25 November**

- Open Class (handicapped) for the real experts
- Racing Class (handicapped) for not so experts
- Two seat and single seat coaching
- Social schedule for pilots, crew and families
- Cook Strait Ferry subsidies
- Youth Glide Scholarships
- Aussie's welcome!

Omarama Gliding Club, CD:Clive Geddes, Tasks:Gavin Wills  
Details: Facebook, GNZ website or [clivegeddes@extra.co.nz](mailto:clivegeddes@extra.co.nz)

## Duty Roster For Jul, Aug, Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Jul	1	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	2	V BRIJACEK	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	8	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	9	B MOORE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	15	I O'KEEFE	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	16	M MORAN	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	22	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	23	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	29	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	30	K PILLAI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
Aug	5	J POTE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	6	R STRUYCK	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
	12	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	13	G PATTEN	R CARSWELL	G LAKE	
	19	T THOMPSON	L PAGE	C ROOK	
	20	N GRAVES	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	26	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	27	R STRUYCK	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	3	G LEYLAND	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	9	V BRIJACEK	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	10	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	16	B MOORE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	17	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	23	M MORAN	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	24	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	30	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Oct	1	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	