

WARM AIR 14 Oct 17

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Peter Thorpe

Towing: Graham Lake

Duty Pilot: Tony Prentice

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Craig Rook

Duty Pilot Roy Whitby

**DONT FORGET - TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER AGM - 1900 - WALKER LOUNGE
MEMBERS NEWS**

SATURDAY *Boss Hog CFI Ray Burns tells of the day.*

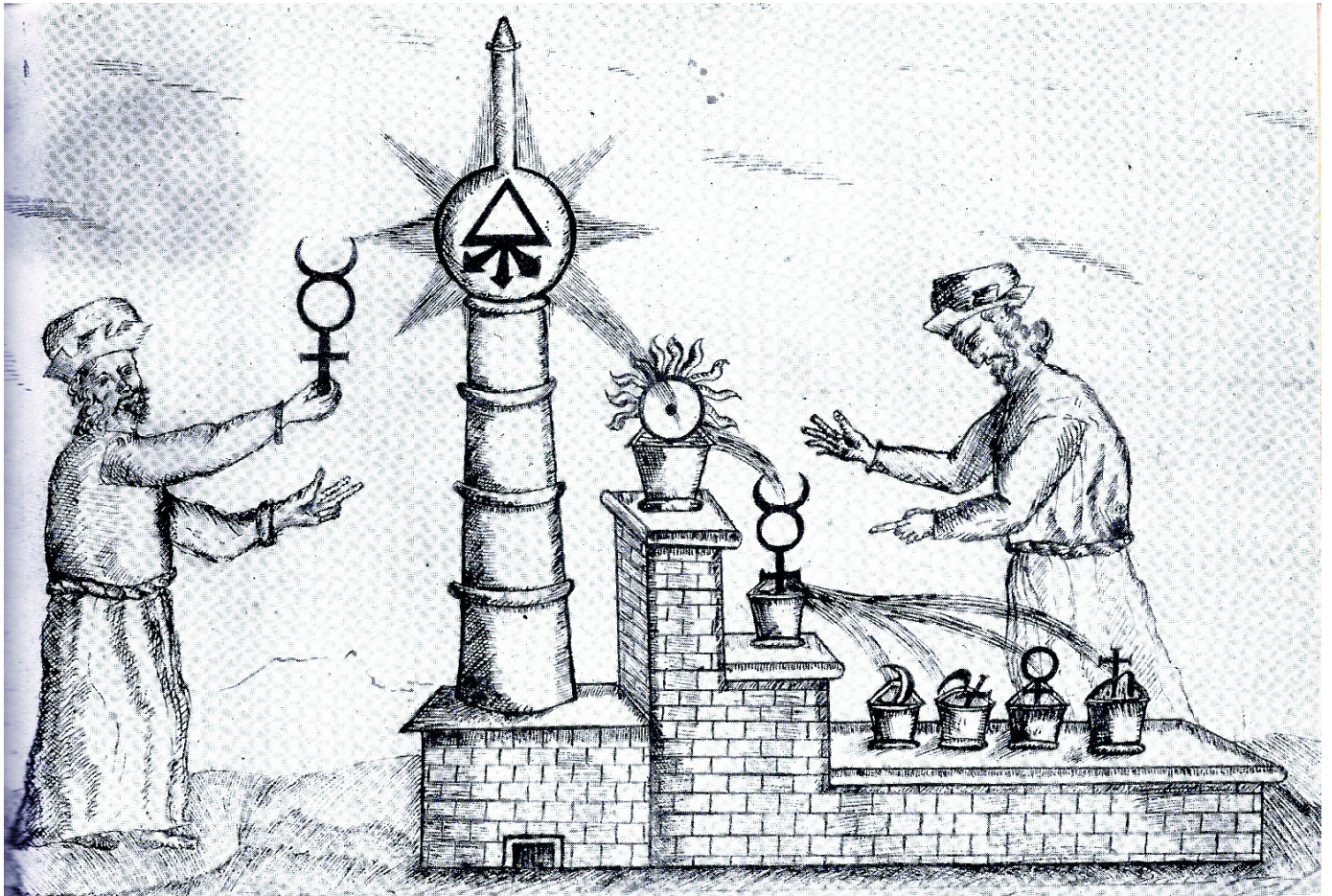
Thanks to everyone for turning up on Saturday for our Start of Season Briefing. Thanks also to Ian and Lionel for organising the BBQ lunch and all the cleanup.



A reasonably brisk northerly didn't deter a number of punters from flying. After a quick bite and conversation with the tower, we took the twin down to the 08 end of the runway. Izzy dragged out the mighty Libelle and brought that as well. First launch was 1400 and we managed 7 sorties before last landing at 16:15. Cloud base was around 2000 feet but there was absolutely zero lift and some challenging sink at times.



While the aviating occurred Derry and Ian did lots of things with Ian's glider. Nobody quite knew what it was



all about (and I think that might have included Ian and Derry) but there was lots of water involved, extensions

to wing tips, funny bits of plastic tubes and syringes for god knows what. Despite the complete mystery surrounding the exercise there seemed to be quite a lot of advice given by the hangers-on (wouldn't be a gliding club if there wasn't).

Thanks to Rex for the towing and Jonathan who duty-piloted.



Too lazy to open the gate.....Thats a bit over the top

SUNDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield reports*

Sunday was forecast to be wet, with little chance of any flying. I was therefore not surprised to find it raining when I first looked out of the window. The rain had eased by the time I was due to leave for the field, and as I had arranged to meet Derry Belcher there I headed out and opened up. By now the rain had stopped, although the cloud-base was just a few hundred feet.

Derry joined me before too long, as did Jonathan Pote who was duty pilot. We fuelled up the tow plane as Derry was hoping to do some flying, and he headed out to fill to fuel containers while we waited for better weather. No messages from anyone wanting to fly, and although there were now some gaps in the clouds it still did not look good for soaring.

By the time Roy Whitby arrived the sky was starting to clear. However, while it was starting to look good out to the west, the sky overhead was still full of low cloud. We waited around for a while longer, with Derry still hoping to get some flying in RDW at least. However, by around 1pm, with no signs of anyone wanting to fly, and despite a steadily improving sky, we decided to lock up and go home. Once we had made that decision the sun did come out for a while, although the rain returned again later in the afternoon. Sadly another day without any gliding.

Don't know why you did not fly, clear blue sunny skies, 10 - 15 knot breeze, lovely sailing conditions for a inner harbour yacht race

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Don't forget the our AGM on Tuesday 17 October. This will start at 1900 in the Walker lounge on Base.

UPCOMING DATES

17 October - ASC Annual General Meeting. 1900. The venue is the Walker Lounge.

21st to 23rd October (Labour Weekend) ASC at Matamata and also Taupo 50th anniversary

4/5 Nov. Titirangi Air Scouts flying with us

6th to 11th November Central Plateau Competition—Taupo <http://www.taupoglidingclub.co.nz/central-plateau-contest-2017.html>

25th November to 2nd December Northern Regional Competition - Matamata
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/msc-northern-regionals-matamata/>

26th December to 5th January Christmas Camp - Matamata

1st to 5th January MSC Cross Country Course <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/xcountry-course-jan-2018/>

The Cross Country Course is a great way to get into X country. You get to fly alternate days Dual with experienced instructors and solo with great lessons and a certain chance to get your confidence up. Well worth doing and highly recommended.

5th to 13th January Club Class Nationals and Audi Enterprise Competition - Drury
<http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/club-class-champs-audi-enterprise-contest-2018-drury/>

17th to 24th February Central Districts Competition at Waipukurau

MATAMATA - LABOUR WEEKEND -- 22 - 24 OCTOBER

As is our custom the club will deploy to Matamata for Labour Weekend 22 to 24 October. Naturally there are a few minor details that need some pre arranging, stuff like getting yourselves and the gliders there and back, where are you going to sleep and how to prevent starving to death in three days. There is also some gliding to be done, (with luck the ridge will be working at least one day, one will be a great thermal day and the other a wave day), *good luck with that wishful thinking although we often get two out of three*. The social promises to be pretty good too.

So let's start with important stuff, where are you going to sleep. There are a range of handy motels and hotels in Matamata and Morrinsville that are not too expensive. The most cost effective is to remember Matamata Airfield has a camping ground within the fenceline, good kitchen and ablution facilities, good cabins and plenty of space for a tent, caravan or camper. The layout of the cabins is on the Matamata Soaring Centre web site <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/> and bookings are done by emailing Ralph Gore Gore.Family@xtra.co.nz Camp kitchens mean taking your own food for some or all meals and/or eating out for some or all. Genny Healey (Piako Co-Club Captain) has written recommending the Eldonwood Bed and Breakfast <http://eldonwoodbedandbreakfast.co.nz/>

Genny tells me there will be a Dinner in the Matamata club rooms on Saturday Night \$25 per head and children up to age 12 at a rate of \$1 per year of age. Sunday is a dress up day for the ladies and high tea at the Tea Plantation.

The club and private gliders need to get down and back. The owners usually tow down their own but we will need three (or six) volunteers to road tow down MP and VF as well as MW empty trailer. MW will be aerotowed down (Rahul) and back (Izzy). Those without transport can usually cadge a ride with someone who is driving down.

Please give all this thought and talk to Ray Burns on how you can help.

LABOUR WEEKEND UPDATE FROM GENNY:

Eldonwood B&B is no longer available as an option. The Art House & Chestnut Lane are also good B&B's.

Re the dinner I do need to know the numbers by Wednesday 18th for catering please. Also any dietary requirements I need to be aware of? *Drop her an Email*

Re the Ladies Tea Party at Zealong Plantation on Sunday 22/10. I've a tentative booking for 2pm. This is a time to put the glad rags on relax & enjoy. It is \$45/head but 2 can share for \$50. Diana Wood says it's better than Claridges in London. The ladies can google www.zealong.com.

I have been speaking to the weather gods & have ordered good thermals & a moderately strong Sou Wester for the ridge.

We have short tasks within glide of the field for anyone new to x-country & we can set tasks each day for the more experienced if you would like? Otherwise just come & enjoy the best place in the North Island to fly.

A winch launch is only \$15 & aerotows only \$12/500ft.

Piako has 6 Instructor Trainers, 3 A Cats & the others are all B. The Puchaz are great spinners for anyone wanting to get this signed off. I remember how difficult it was to get MW into a spin. The Club House is well equipped to give lectures if anybody wants a briefing on anything.

Anyone wanting to do their 50km for their Silver Badge flying North to Thames is safe with good paddock landing options all the way.

We want everyone to come have fun, learn & take home happy memories.

My email is Genny.healey@gmail.com for anyone wishing further information (and to confirm dinner numbers)



The South Island Regional Glider Races Omarama 2017
18 to 25 November

"Encouraging first-timers to become champions"

- 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
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Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
	7	P SCARBOROUGH	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	Start of Season Briefing
	8	J POTE	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	-
	14	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	15	R WHITBY	L PAGE	C ROOK	
Labour W/E	21	T THOMPSON	S WALLACE	P THORPE	Matamata
	22	G PATTEN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	Matamata
	23	N GRAVES	L PAGE	P THORPE	Matamata
	28	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	J WAGNER	
	29	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	G LAKE	
Nov	4	S FOREMAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	5	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	Titirangi Air Scouts Rain Day
	11	V BRIJACEK	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	12	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	18	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	19	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	25	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	C ROOK	
	26	T O'ROURKE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
Dec	2	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3	K PILLAI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	9	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	J WAGNER	
	10	J POTE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	16	T PRENTICE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	17	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	