

# WARM AIR 28 Oct 17

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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#### Saturday

Instructing: Rex Carswell

Towing: Jamie Wagner

Duty Pilot: Kishan Bhashyam

#### Sunday

Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Graham Lake

Duty Pilot Rudolf Struyck

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### **SATURDAY** *Towie Peter Thorpe starts the weekend*

It is Labour Weekend so it is off to Matamata towing MW with Steve Wallace and Rahul Bagchi aboard. We arranged to meet at 0730 and Steve and I just beat Ian O'Keefe who volunteered to collect the key since I am not very good at being early. We prepared our aircraft while Ian sussed out the open trailer and tied down all the bits and bobs that seemed to have been thrown inside. The wind was a brisk and cold south westerly at about 15 kts so we were happy to launch off grass 26 at 0900 and headed off towards the Harbour Bridge. The



forecast was OK with an overcast at around 2000ft but

we found that there were some murky looking areas towards Beachlands. We had a nice tail wind component until we turned at Orere Point when the wind was on the beam and airspeed and ground speed became the same. We followed the coast due to misty rain at around 1200ft in the vicinity of Waikawa Bay together with some bumps and curl over from the hills but after Orere Point we were able to climb to 2000ft. Lots of radio frequency changes from WP to City Traffic, to Ardmore Traffic, to Peninsular



Traffic to Morrinsville Traffic to Matamata Traffic but Steve and Rahul were up to the task and were always there when I called them. We had to duck under some murk by the swamp and I felt the airbrakes come out briefly but otherwise MW followed me smoothly all the way.

We arrived at MA at 1014 just in time to hear the tail end of the briefing on parachutes but in good time for the briefing from Julian Mason on how to behave when flying at Matamata. The locals were all predicting a good ridge day so we were set up on 28 by midday and owing to some teething troubles with the new Piako Club Pawnee CNC, I commenced towing whichever glider was at the head of the queue. 'To the ridge at 2000ft' was the cry from all the pilots and that was what I did all day with only one exception. A total of 17 launches of which six were



either Piako or Auckland Club aircraft, the rest were ours and I think most people managed a satisfactory ridge flight. Derry Belcher, Ray Burns, Ivor Woodfield, David Todd and Jonathan Pote flew their private gliders which left the club gliders free for club members Joseph and Clare Dickson, Tony Prentice, Kishan Bhashyam, Lionel Page, and Ian O'Keefe. Launching all finished by 1645 but many gliders stayed out on the ridge until after 1800 while the rest of us prepared for the dinner which was scheduled for 1900hrs. However, the chef-in-chief

chose to head off on a 50km badge attempt and then landed out so dinner was a wee bit later than was planned. No matter, Genny Healey achieved her 50 km and dinner was great with Ralph and Pam Gore and Steve Care filling in for kitchen duties while the retrieve was carried out. All in all a pretty good first day - a pity the weather went bad for the rest of the weekend.

*Instructor Steve Wallace adds some stuff.....* Saturday morning saw Pete and myself outside the gate bright and early at 7.30am and Ian O'Keefe was not far behind with the key. Once in, we duly DI'd the aircraft while Ian sorted MW's trailer. By just before 9am RDW flown by Pete and MW, with myself in the back in charge of the radio and Rahul in the front in charge of the flying, was airborne and heading South East along the coast with a brisk tail wind scooting us along. As the overland track certainly looked very murky we stuck with the coast all the way down the firth of Thames before the last little bit of overland before arriving at Matamata 1hr 16mins after taking off.



We caught the last of what seemed like a very entertaining talk on the use of emergency parachutes by Jim McLean before catching the Piako briefing covering the need to know local stuff. Then it was down to the 28 end to begin a fun day of ridge flying. Joseph, Rahul, Brendan and Melody-Ann all made use of the twin on the ridge and by 6pm with nobody else wanting to fly we landed long, put the glider to bed for the night and retired to the bar.

Including the aerotow MW managed 705km of x-country flying for the day with an average of just over 140km per flight. Not bad for an old Twin Astir.

**SUNDAY** *Instructor and Libelle owner Ivor Woodfield has a few words about Sunday*

There had been some ridge flying on Saturday. However, the weather was forecast to deteriorate slowly through Sunday and Monday, so we were not expecting so much from Sunday. In the event we woke to very low cloud, and apart from brief glimpses early on, no sign of any sun. Before too long it was clear that conditions would be worse than expected, and indeed rain was closing in from the north west. The call was made to de-rig the older private gliders, and then as the cloud lowered all remaining private gliders were put back into their trailers. By this time it seemed clear that the rain was setting in for the day. The call was therefore made to abandon any further flying and pack up the remaining fleet.



The two singles were packed away and it was decided that there would be no chance of flying the twin back and so this was also de-rigged and packed into its trailer. With continuing low cloud and lots of rain as far out as Auckland on the radar, RDW was tied down in the lee of the hangars and plans were made to collect it later in the week.

All that was left was to arrange for the towing back of all the trailers that were now full of gliders. Fortunately there were sufficient volunteers available to achieve this successfully. Most people had decided to head back to Auckland on Sunday, with a few opting to wait until Monday morning. Sadly on this occasion there would be no flying for the last two days of the camp.



LP My report is in the form of a picture. This was the view whilst towing GMW back to Whenuapai at 8am.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - AWARDS

We had our AGM last week. Your new committee looks remarkably like your old committee, OK exactly like your old committee. Awards were made as well



Best Student - Matt Moran



Landing Cup - Rudolf Struyck



Achievement Cup - Steve Wallace



VF Cup - Isabel Burr

## UPCOMING DATES

4 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



**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!

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## Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
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	