

WARM AIR 25 Nov 17

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

Towing: Craig Rook

Duty Pilot: Matt Moran

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot Thomas ORourke

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Steve Wallace gives that story.*

Saturday was not a great day to go glider flying but we did so anyway. There was a low sitting just off and slowly running its way down the east coast. Upon arrival and getting underway on Saturday morning the associated rain band was also sitting just off the coast and very slowly working its way towards us. The amazing thing was the weather on the west coast was fine so the transition from nice gliding weather to crappy gliding weather (if you ignore the wind) occurred over a very short 40km range in which we sat in the middle. The wind on the ground was only 10-15Kts but at 2,000' it was 38Kts! This was enough to put off Clare and Joe Dickson who worked out their money would be better spent on a nicer day.



Brendan Moore however was keen for a circuit or two so we got the gear ready and headed for 08. Towie

Derry broke the towplane

Derry Belcher who needed to do a quick circuit first to remain current went flying first up but promptly broke the tow plane by deflating the right hand tyre in the landing roll. The tyre repair kit was put to good use however and within the hour we were ready to go. Brendan did a couple of circuits, one his version and the other the instructors version of what things should look like on this particular day.

Amazingly we then had a trial flyer turn up with a voucher keen to give it a go and so we obliged. The flight was short and fun and we practiced hovering off the end of 08 on short final at 1,000' before descending near vertical into a 30Kt+ head wind for a straight in landing. The rain then arrived, not heavy but persistent. This did not however deter Rahul Bagchi who wanted to try his hand in the conditions, so up we went for another quick flight before landing long and putting

everything away for the night. An interesting day for sure and hopefully something learned for those that went flying.

Derry's version 1: Checked all places. No oil. RH tube blew on first landing (feather soft-ish). Tube had let go at a patch. Brand new tube fitted - didn't even have to remove wheel :). Not a very pleasant day's flying with wind on ground gusting to 27 kts.

*Then he had second thoughts.....*I was going to give a short concise summary - Weather RS but flyable, a tad on the breezy side, 1 currency circuit done in RDW and 4 tows before everyone's enthusiasm flagged... Then I thought of the unsympathetic comment this would most probably get from WA ed bemoaning my summary of the day, so padded it out a wee bit..(he is learning)



*So....version 2.....*It was delightful to get a flyable Saturday even if it was a bit windy and forecast to get windier. The tower was going to be on duty all day with the annual helicopter flights for Air Force family members, doing sorties around the Skytower and back.

Steve Wallace was the instructor of the day and we had a couple of members advanced enough and brave enough to want to fly, so after getting the tug refuelled and the preflight completed I did one circuit to satisfy the currency requirements of three takeoffs and landings in last 90 days, plus to check out the conditions.

Takeoff was short from 08 grass and 1000 feet agl was achieved just beyond our hangar with a little help from the 12 to 16 kts at ground level increasing to around 30 kts at 2000 ft. The conditions were relatively smooth but as fate would have it, my ensuing gentle landing resulted in an unusual deceleration which prompted a double check that the brake was indeed off before summing that as the starboard wing was down a bit it could be a flatty, so a quick shutdown was completed and a look at the wheel confirmed the air had indeed escaped so a call to the tower was given to advise we were staying put in the middle of 08 grass till the problem was fixed.



Tony Prentice obligingly helped me gather the tooling and spare tube and without too much delay the brand new tube was fitted - the old tube having blown a patch. I might add that this was a first for me - no, not fixing a flat tyre, but actually having a tyre blow on landing or takeoff.

Once RDW was back in action, Brendan and Steve did two flights in GMW, followed by a trial flight with Kerry, and finally, in decidedly unfriendly conditions with the tower advising winds on the ground gusting to 27 kts and rain closing in, Rahul and Steve towed to 2500 ft and then tried to beat the towplane down.

Happy to say I am now current both in RDW and towing.

Well done Derry, Warm Air is happy.

SUNDAY ~~Instructor~~ Towie Peter Thorpe reports

I was booked to do a power BFR at 8-30 on Sunday but it was raining and my instructor suggested we postpone to next Sunday. I decided to do some flying practice in preparation for those things like normal circuits and flying straight and level which we don't do while towing. Ray asked to come for a ride so we met at 2pm by which time the rain had cleared but the wind was 140/16 which gave a strong cross wind. A couple of club members were there but nobody wanted to fly so Ray kindly went and filled the fuel containers while I did the DI and then we launched off 08 and climbed to 2500ft for some near stalls and steep turns and a very poor attempt at a forced landing without power (I definitely need the practice). The tower came on watch which cramped my style a bit but we tried one touch and go on 08 which was not very pleasant due to turbulence and the cross wind so then we tried runway 21 which was no better so we called it quits after 35 minutes. Still, any flying is better than no flying and it was all good practice.

NEXT WEEK'S WARM AIR

Warm Air himself is away next week. Club Capitaine Ian O'Keefe has kindly agreed to do Warm Air for this week. Ian will not have the distribution list (cos WA cannot figure out how to get it to him) so he is going to



post it directly to the club website..... <http://www.ascgliding.org> for those of us with not so great short term memories. Thanks Ian in advance.

UPCOMING DATES

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
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	J WAGNER	
	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	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
Dec	2	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3	K PILLAI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	9	P SCARBOROUGH	L PAGE	C ROOK	
	10	J POTE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	16	T PRENTICE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	17	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	