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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Peter Thorpe

Towing: Graham Lake

Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi

Sunday

Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Rex Carswell

Duty Pilot Kris Pillai

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Ivor and Craig Report

Lovely day, light north easterly all day with a 3000ft cloud base. The lift was there, but it was hard to find. However that did not stop Matt Moran taking VF up and staying aloft for 1 hour to earn the longest flight of the day. Not only did he do that, but did a great landing to boot and stopped where he was supposed to..... (Well done, obviously wants that landing comp cup).

Simon, Rahul and Brendon also went up in MW and were practicing circuits and approaches and trying to encourage the lift to release its earthly power. Several trial flights also turned up for the day. Must be soaring season.

The tower was on most of the day, we had 2 or 3 gliders up, a few other GA aircraft operating in the area, then we had the Seasprite on ILS approaches a few times and the chaps in the tower slotted us all in very nicely with no issues at all. It was great to see that we could all work together and do our own thing. Nice work, thanks guys.

A total of 11 flights completed for the day.

SUNDAY Lionel and Derry report

Good to see another flyable day - hard to believe we've had a week of fine weather without it packing in for the weekend! The day got off to a good start with Peter Thorpe getting RDW out early to do his BFR with B category instructor Amiria Wallace, while our team extracted the gliders and prepped them all for flight.

We set up at the 08 end of the runway and within minutes Peter and Amiria arrived with RDW, the BFR finished and Peter a happy chappy..

Izzy and Lionel flew VF, and Tony P had a fly in GMP (Tony, VF will get jealous if you fly other ships), but it seems that even though there was some lift about once the sun broke through, there seemed to be a problem staying up. Simon and Rahul were also back getting in more practice and Rudolf did his BFR.

Thanks to Rex Carswell for doing the last 3 tows, while Derry had a function to attend. All told we did 12 flights. 9 flights were GMW. Thanks to all who helped today.

BEHIND THE SCENES (The folk who keep the wheels turning for your flying pleasure)

During the week Roy had replaced most of the electrical parts of Fergy's (the yellow Massey Ferguson tractor) starter system but the starter was still loathed to work..., eventually being cajoled to get her started. (Some kind words of encouragement were said) Later in the day Roy and Neville removed the starter for ongoing repair this week... Thanks guys, your hard work does not go unnoticed.

Thanks to Derry for getting our club parachutes repacked and refitting a repaired transponder back into VF.

Hawkeye has put together some local task flights together and these have been loaded up to the website Task pilot <http://www.taskpilot.org/Pilots/Login> . Some might remember we had these local tasks set up a few years ago, and it was a good little challenge. So if you would like to set yourself a little task, load your flight computers, do some map reading, and review weather charts, this is a good starting point. A few little things to be ironed out and finalised and further information will be forth coming with waypoints. So keep posted.

SUMMER SOARING REMINDERS

The days are getting hotter and it's easy to get dehydrated. Keep your water handy and take regular sips. Keep your senses alive and ready. If you have been on a long sortie, have a drink before setting up for your landing. Moisture to the head clears the brain. Remember to wear a hat and good sun glasses. All these little things become important when up in the blue yonder.

Northern Regional Competition

Hey it's all on at Matamata, and our two Steve's, Wallace and Hawkeye (sounds like a name for a movie) are competing. So check on how they are progressing at Soaring Spot https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/

BAD TURNS

Came across this interesting youtube video from Bruno Vassel, an American glider pilot showing footage of two terrible turns he made into ridges he got away with, but which still haunt him. Check the links here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Alk-q4golx0>

Good on Bruno for his upfront approach and for other to learn. He has some great soaring flights, including one over the Grand Canyon. Check his video's out.

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/>

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	