

WARM AIR 9 Dec 17

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Criag Rook

Duty Pilot: Phil Scarborough

Sunday

Instructing: Steve Wallace

Towing: Rex Carswell

Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Peter Thorpe was busy*

Saturday dawned fine and balmy and it was the first shorts and sandals and sunscreen day of the season. Lots of keen members at the gate so we set about preparing to fly. Clare and Joseph Dickson kindly washed the gliders free of bird remains while Ian O'Keefe gave some instruction on conducting DIs and I supervised. Graham Lake rushed off to get fuel while Roy and Neville tried to persuade the yellow tractor to start. As the wiring, relay and the starter motor had all been checked during the previous week they reluctantly decided it had to be the battery so a jump start got things moving. The tower was on watch since the cranes at Monterey Park were operating plus there was a Lear Jet due in mid afternoon. The wind was 030/08 so we de camped to the 08 end and opened all the airspace up to 4,500ft in anticipation of a bumper soaring day.

First flight was away at 1153 with Clare up front and we found good energetic air and were able to enjoy a 35 minute flight with lots of thermalling practise. In the meantime Tony Prentice launched in VF and stayed away for 1hr 51mins. Derry Belcher and Ian O'Keefe both rigged their high speed pursuit ships and leaped into the air while Joseph and I practised some thermalling and incipient spins. A trial flight with Keith Chapman was next. He is a sailing man so thoroughly enjoyed a different way of extracting energy from the air and his wife said afterwards that



her trial flight gift might turn into an expensive hobby (we can only hope). Kazik took his second flight at club rates and tried some basic effects of controls followed by Rahul Bagchi who wanted a dual check before solo. He then went off on his own and I was able to eat my lunch (at 4:00 pm). Joseph and I did another flight to finish off incipient spins and the lift was so good we did about 10 without losing any height. Practise makes perfect and the last two were so



good I had to sign off his training sheet. Finally a flight with Rudolf as he did not want to go solo until his medical was renewed where I dozed in the back seat while he thermalled for half an hour and finished with a hangar landing. Ian was away for 3hr 31mins, while Derry did 3hr 1min and Tony completed 1hr 51min. All the dual flights were 30-35 mins so it really was a great soaring day - a pity a few more members were not present as MP did not fly. Roy very gallantly gave away his flying while he went off to source a new battery for the tractor and even surpassed Neville with his skill at pleading poverty for the club and getting a significant discount. The last flight was down at 1745hrs and after the traditional chat around the caravan with a cool drink it was off home leaving Derry still dismantling his wooden wonder.

*Towie Graham
Lake adds a
couple of
details*

*What a great
day, the NE
breeze
clearly
favoured 08,
The ground
was hard and
dry, takeoff
rolls were
short all the
fuel cans
were full and
there was lift
everywhere.
Well done to
Roy Whitby
to get a great
price on a
tractor
battery. At*



least the starter and electrics look great at the extensive attention. Happiness everywhere on the actual

appearance of summer. A cool beverage to finish the day and much hilarity as a certain Instructor checked his watch on his drink holding hand. The chap sitting next to him got wet.

SUNDAY Ray Burns reports

What a fantastic day. Cloud bases at a touch over 4500 and all the airspace open. Ian was sufficiently positive to leave HS picketed out overnight and was an early starter. Geoff and Rex also arrived bright and early.

We had everything out DI'd and ready for the first launch from 08 by 1130. Geoff and I launched into a very lively looking sky at 1144 and were not disappointed. We had 45 minutes of climbing ,

stalling, climbing, stalling, some more stalls, some more climbing and then some more stalls with a bit of spinning thrown in for good measure. Tony, Roy, Jonathan and Ian were all off the grid by 1230 and they were all back with a mix of between one a bit over three hours. Rahul squeezed in some more solo flying and Thomas and Neville took MW up for some fun.

We ended the day at 1700 with a pleasant hours flight with MelodyAnne where we managed to charge up to 4500 and then tiki tour close to her home in Waitakere (the air space finishes about 4km short of here home but from 4500 we could make out her property). From there we followed a line of cloud that allowed us to maintain 70 knots without losing height up to Waitoki. At that point I spent around 3 milliseconds considering how popular I would be if landed out the twin at half past four on a Sunday afternoon. Coming up with the answer "not very", I decided that a return to base rather than following what looked like great cloud as far as the eye could see, might not be a such bad thing. So that's what we did incorporating a quick circuit around dotcom.



It was an absolutely fabulous day.

FOREMAN PREVAILS

Steve Foreman has tasted success at the Northern Regionals placing first in the Racing class. A very good effort more getting round and less landouts with a promise of a story for next week. Well done Steve.

UPCOMING DATES

7 - 16 December Youth Glide camp at Omarama

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



Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | Notes |
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| Dec | 9 | P SCARBOROUGH | L PAGE | C ROOK | |
| | 10 | J POTE | S WALLACE | R CARSWELL | |
| | 16 | T PRENTICE | R CARSWELL | C ROOK | |
| | 17 | R WHITBY | S WALLACE | F MCKENZIE | |