

WARM AIR 24 Mar 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Kishan Bhashyam	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday	Instructing: Ray Burns Towing: Graham Lake Duty Pilot Rudolf Struyck	

THIS WEEKEND WE HAVE ATC CADETS SATURDAY - EARLY START AND HELPERS PLEASE

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Instructor Steve Wallace

Saturday was forecast for easterly winds, 15kts in the morning rising to 30kts by midday with a 2,000' cloud base and a few showers around the middle part of the day. And that's pretty much what we got. Three passenger flights to start the day, funnily enough all for 13 year olds. Fraser and his friend Josh followed by Andre who came out with his Mum and is keen to learn to fly. Even though cloud base was only 2,000' we towed to 2,500' for all these flights and the day was sufficiently unstable to actually stay above cloud base by flying the edges of the bigger clouds. Great fun for the kids! For our members, Kazik Jassica and Rahul Bagchi it was a good day to just test their abilities in conditions that were windier and more lively than normal. Rahul finished the day with a solo circuit and accurate landing to pull up exactly on the spot instructed. A short but fun day.



Towie Craig Rook..... There was a hive of activity when I arrived, while MP & MW were getting DI'd so I shot off to fill up the petrol cans. When I came back there was nobody there....of course the wind was NE so taxied down to 08. It was only 8 knots on the ground but 20 knots at 2000 ft and it got stronger as the day went on.

Steve's son Fraser and his friend Josh came out for a flight in MW and I gave them two rides each in the tow plane. I was a real delight to give these 2 very polite young lads a fly, and it was great to see their enthusiasm for flying. Hope to see them at the field again soon.

6 Flights in all for the day packing up just after 2pm.

SUNDAY Instructor Lionel Page

Derry kindly collected key and arrived spot on 9.30am. A quick chat and we opened up just before Kazik and the normal crowd (Roy, Neville and Tony) arrived.

Called the tower and was informed that it was to be a VERY busy day and we'd be grounded whilst the Falcon display team was airborne. There would also be a few aircraft using "our" grass runway to land as the power section had a fly-in.

A Harvard, scale Mustang and a Percival Gull (or similar) arrived and I think they landed on 08 grass just before we dragged the aircraft to the far end.

Kazik Jassica and I managed a flight, as did Brendan Moore before the aforementioned grounding. Then we sat back and enjoyed the Falcon airshow practice before that disappeared to MOTAT for the official display.

The Falcons then departed for Ohakea and we were allowed to recommence operations. The tower was right - it was VERY busy, which did not help as the conditions were also challenging with the thermals cycling very quickly and the sky very turbulent. Trying to instruct whilst maintaining a listening watch was damn near impossible and radio calls had to be turned sideways to fit in with the constant radio flow.



Having said that the tower was very accommodating - our thanks goes out to them. Things did slow a little as the visitors left and we decided not to launch as we could have been held for quite some time as they lined up to take off.

A welcome visitor - John Restall graced us with his presence and I was fortunate to have him take me up to get rid of a few cobwebs as he had not flown for a while.

Finished with a "sort of" hangar landing and then a few cold drinks in the hangar with some interesting conversations across a wide range of topics, including global warming and family upbringing - thanks John for the entertaining company.

Thank you everyone for your help - hopefully everyone learned from the difficult and challenging conditions.

Towie Derry Belcher adds..... I was not sure what to expect with the ASC power section hosting a fly-in, and after instructor Lionel Page spoke to the man in the tower we figured we would still get some flying even if the day was going to be a bit disruptive. There were planes arriving from various aero clubs, some

from the warbirds, a helicopter, and the Air Force T6 Texan aerobatic team who gave us a preview of the display for MOTAT.

With two gents in the tower, movements were handled without much trouble. Most visiting aircraft left over a short period of time, in which we were effectively grounded, and again for a 757 departure. The wind dictated grass runway 08 and started off relatively straight down the runway, later increasing to 15 kts gusting 23 kts and backing to give an interesting cross-wind and some rough turbulence. The PW 5 was flown by Brendan Moore and Rahul Bachi, while MW was kept busy with instructor Lionel flying with Matt, Kazik, Rahul, Joseph, and John Restall.

There seemed to be good lift about but the wind and our limited area lead to shortish flights. Nine flights in total and once again thanks to all for helping keep the operation moving.

ATC CADETS THIS WEEKEND

This weekend we are hosting ATC 5 SQN on Saturday with 14 cadets. Sunday may be the bad weather day. The plan was to have the Grob operating as well but this will not now be happening as the Grob is unserviceable. This will cause some disruption to our normal weekend operations, but it will be good to be working with the cadets.

It is likely that we will need to do 14 x 2000 foot launches on the day in the twin. We should be able to average 2 launches per hour. This will require a reasonably slick operation. And a team of players to help make it run smoothly.

To help achieve this we will need to do the following:

- Early Start. The Duty Instructor will draw the key at 0800. Both the Twin and the glider DI'd and on the grid for a first launch at 0900.
- Plan for the instructor not to leave the glider. i.e. the student changes over and the instructor stays put. (another instructor for relief maybe)
- Instructor to land the glider short every time so that there is no push back involved.
- Flights limited to 30 minutes.
- Someone on the ground to manage the flights. This should include sequence (to match ballast requirements), making sure the next person is ready, making sure times are logged.
- Briefing at the start of the day. Especially ATC Cadets. Items to include
 1. loos.
 2. Location of active runway
 3. Lookout on the runway
 4. Cockpit briefing

PASSING OF AN EX MEMBER

Derry has advised a past member of our club, Joe Himmel, died on 12 March. A number will know him from the Hobsonville days.

UP COMING EVENTS

24 and 25 March 18 5 Squadron ATC flying with us

14 April 18 Piako Gliding Club celebrating 60 years of Gliding at Matamata

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comment
March	24	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	5 Sqn ATC
	25	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	G LAKE	5 Sqn ATC rain day
Easter	30	K JASSICA	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	31	S FOREMAN	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	1	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	2	J DICKSON	P THORPE	G LAKE	
April	7	B MOORE	L PAGE	C ROOK	
	8	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	14	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	15	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	21	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	22	J POTE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Anzac Day	25	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	28	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	29	C DICKSON	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
May	5	I BURR	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	6	S HAY	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	12	T THOMPSON	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	13	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	19	R STRUYCK	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	20	K JASSICA	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	26	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	27	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	C ROOK	
Queens Birthday	2	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
	3	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	4	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
June	9	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	16	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	17	J POTE	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	23	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	24	R WHITBY	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	30	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
Jul	1	I BURR	R BURNS	C ROOK	