

# WARM AIR 30 Mar 18

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>		<b>Club Cellphone 022 357 6731</b>	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Friday	Instructing: Lionel Page	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000	
	Towing: Peter Thorpe		
	Duty Pilot: Kazic Jasica		
Saturday	Instructing: Steve Wallace		
	Towing: Derry Belcher		
	Duty Pilot Steve Foreman		
Sunday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield		
	Towing: Ruan Heynike		
	Duty Pilot Geoff Leyland		
Monday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe		
	Towing: Graham Lake		
	Duty Pilot Joseph Dickson		

**THIS WEEKEND - EASTER - FOURS DAYS OF FLYING**

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### **SATURDAY** *Towie Peter Thorpe*

The weather was a bit ordinary with the wind a brisk 030/10 giving a fair bit of cross wind and turbulence in the lee of the hangar. Kazic Jasica and Rahul Bagchi were the only keen students but Andrew Williams, a keen budding tow pilot also wanted to fly so we set up on 08 and Ivor Woodfield and Kazic launched just on midday. Rahul then flew a solo in MW followed by a dual to land long before the rain arrived. Just three launches and all finished by 1-30 but at least Andrew got to see what the towing task entails and he is keen to progress to the next stage of getting a type rating in RDW. Knowing there was an early start for ATC cadets on Sunday, Andrew and I filled RDW and then filled the three containers so that all was ready for an early start while Ivor and Kazic did some theory in the caravan. The usual yarn around the caravan and then off home early.



## SUNDAY Instructor Ray Burns

ATC day! I arrived bright and early with Peter Thorpe and Geoff Leyland both close behind. We had the A/C out toot-sweet and Geoff did the DI (Thanks Geoff). Rudolf Struyck, Brendon Moore, Neville Swan and Roy Whitby were close behind to pitch in and we had the operation setup and ready to go by 0900. The ATC team arrived at 0845 and were also all ready to at 0900. We did a team briefing and first launch was 0930 and after that it was



non-stop until 1600. 15 Launches in the twin. Graham arrived a little later and took over from Peter and Peter was able to do a couple of sorties allowing me a lunch break (thanks Peter).

In between the twin launches Brendon, Rahul Bagchi and Tony Prentice all took PW5(s) into the air mostly struggling with conditions, however Tony managed 74 minutes in a sky that looked great but yielded little.

Last flight was Kazik Jasica, we landed at 1628 and that it was it for the day.

The ATC really enjoyed it. 20 Launches for the Day. I think that must be the most we have done for a while.

Towie Peter Thorpe....again.....Warm Air himself was rostered tow pilot for Sunday but he had rellies visiting so I generously offered to do the early start for him. (translation...he snivelled so much about losing the cadets day on Saturday that I sacrificed some of my day to shut him up)..

Almost no wind with some scattered cloud at around 2000ft but in view of the better facilities at the 08

end and the unobstructed take off we chose to set up on 08. We were ready soon after 0900 but a detailed briefing to the assembled cadets meant the first launch was closer to 0930 after which all went very smoothly. I completed five launches before handing over to Graham and after a hamburger kindly provided by the cadets I was off home by 1300. *Huh????? he gets to scoff hamburgers while poor Warm Air himself is stuck starving to death the towplane.*



*Towie Graham Lake adds some details*  
What a great day, happy smiling keen and helpful cadets. This was a Sea Cadet outfit that has a reciprocity deal with the Air Cadets. The Air Cadets get to try sailing and the Sea Cadets get to try Gliding. What a great idea and well received too. The cadets were well organised and had the list sorted, ground crews trained and on the ball and were on to it. Great effort from the 5 Squadron command to organise and run the day. Most of us got to sit back and watch, interact with the cadets and catch up with a couple who might be interested in

taking this further.



We had light winds that varied between no help, a cross wind, a headwind, a tail wind and a tail wind at both ends. Just as well we were on 08 as a couple of launches went by below hangar roof level. Just holding her down to accelerate, you understand. The upside was we could take a cadet in the towplane on each launch. The other "benefit" was swarms of Midges.



The sky seemed to hold much promise, good looking clouds everywhere but precious few with any lift. Pretty much all of the flights were a slow drift back to the ground. The only exception was Tony Prentice in his P5 BD that managed just over an hour. We had the Tower on briefly at the end of the day for the arrival of a C130J but otherwise had the place to ourselves. 19 flights for the day plus one aborted Take off when the PLB dropped onto the floor during the takeoff roll.

All in all an excellent day and one we hoped was enjoyed by the Cadets.



## UP COMING EVENTS

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
Easter	30	K JASICA	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 JASICA	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	