

# WARM AIR 16 Jun 18

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>		Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Saturday	Instructing:	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000	
	Towing:		
	Duty Pilot:		
Sunday	Instructing:		
	Towing:		
	Duty Pilot		

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### SATURDAY

Our plans to resume flying this past weekend quickly came to naught. Our hosts are heading into a major annual exercise for transport and airdrops called SKYTRAIN. This one is normally just 40 Squadron with



guest appearances from our traditional allies, Aussies, Americans and so on. This one is a wee, (well not so wee really) bit different. The RNZAF has participation from the Peoples Liberation Army Air Force Ilyushin IL76. a largish jet powered military transport. Now something this big has to go somewhere and that is on 08-26 seal. Both this and 08/26 grass have been NOTAMed closed until 22 June. This means we could not fly this last weekend and, sadly we will not be able to fly this weekend either.

#### SUNDAY

In the face of the news we were not able to fly for a further two weeks we decided to pull forward the glider annuals. A dedicated group gathered on Sunday afternoon to derig and lay out our club gliders so Derry Belcher can make free with them to put us in good shape for another 12 months.

Warm Air, faced with a dwindling number of days until his power BFR expired, made the necessary arrangements with the power section CFI, Amiria Wallis, to get this signed off again on Sunday morning. Fortunately Bryn Lockie had finished the maintenance of RDW but she was still at Parakai. The cunning plan to have Ruan Heynike, Saturday's towie, go and get her fell apart when we could not glide. He decided going up north with his partner was a far better deal than bringing RDW back to Whenuapai for Warm Air.....really.



So he had to go and get her himself. Saturday morning was nice and the opportunity was taken to practice a



couple of things that had not been done for a while, like for two years. Compass turns and practice force



landings featured strongly.

Hang on you ask, if we are not allowed to operate how come you can. Easy we could use 03/21 just not for gliding. Sunday morning, bright and early we started with Amiria doing three circuits to regain currency then off we went for WA to be put through the wringer. Not really. Like most BFR this one was enjoyable, he refreshed the skills not used since last time, learned some new techniques and now has a shiny new BFR sticker in my logbook.

She who must be obeyed had plans for the afternoon and he could not stay for the derigging. No problem as a reasonable crew rocked up and got things set up in no time. Thanks to all of you who came out to help.



**SAFETY MOMENT** *Derry Belcher writes:*

A bit concerned when I just found MW's front left lap strap incorrectly threaded through the adjusting buckle. There was absolutely no locking of this belt and it easily pulled through. I can't imagine how this was left like this but very disconcerting.



**US SOARING WEBINARS PITCHED AT LOW TIME PILOTS.**

I followed this up with David Lessnick who was kind enough to reply as follows:

We have 2 webinar series. Eric's "how to" series is the second link in the email below. Unfortunately, you'll need to register for each one separately.

Just email me each month ( <mailto:davidlessnick@mac.com> ) and I'll share the link (which you can then re-share to all the NZ pilots).

I realize there's a small time difference between us so you can always go to the SSA web page ([www.ssa.org](http://www.ssa.org)), click on MEMBER SERVICES then WEBINARS to watch the recorded webinar that's posted a day or two after the live event.

Hope this helps!

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As we ease on into winter and our cross country flying decreases, we turn to the theory side, we are aware of the many high quality videos presented as webinars such as this one which is the first of many featuring Eric Carden, a pilot from Huntsville, Alabama in the US who is presenting on the topic of Thermaling he calls the series "How to stay up and go somewhere" or Thermaling 1-2-3 in this case , covering the following facets which are common around the world.

*How to stay in a Thermal, How to get in the Thermal centre, How to re-find the thermal, Why a constant Bank Angle and Speed is important, Having "light hands" when approaching the Thermal to know which way to turn.*

The introductions do take longer than they should (suggest skip to 9 mins) and this is the beginning of a year long commitment by Eric to present on every first Tuesday of the month (US Time), but there is a link to view a recording of this webinar.

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/viewRecording/8679217525648376321/6957109637983547138/gerard.robertson@airnz.co.nz?registrantKey=2524282275521061899&type=ABSENTEEMAILRECORDINGLINK>

Eric's next webinar titled: FINDING "NEAR MISS" THERMALS is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19 at 7 pm CENTRAL. This webinar teaches concepts (including vario settings, basic beginner-level observations, and a simple search pattern) that will help you find about twice as many thermals - than if you never turn (for a thermal) till your vario beeps (i.e., reports a climbing glider). It's especially helpful in blue skies but is also helpful when you fly to a cumulus cloud but miss the good part of the thermal on your first pass.

Also, be sure to register for our concurrent webinar series that are scheduled the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7 pm CENTRAL. These 1st Tuesday webinars are presented by a different soaring expert each and every month and cover a WIDE range of soaring topics including SOARING SAFETY, HOW TO SET UP YOUR GLIDE COMPUTER, FINAL GLIDE LIKE AN EXPERT, INTRO TO RACING, GLIDER AND TRAILER MAINTENANCE and so, so , so much more!

If you want to attend a future webinar, please email the co-ordinator David Lessnick directly at

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## More Webinars Coming Your Way

June 5th link: [MailScanner has detected a possible fraud attempt from "click.icptrack.com" claiming to be https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8177463091402469379](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8177463091402469379)

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These "how to" webinar series will take place every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and covers practical beginner-level to advanced material.

Seats fill up fast so be sure to REGISTER TODAY!

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## Duty Roster For May, Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Comment
June	9	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	No Flying at WP
	10	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	No Flying at WP
	16	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	No Flying at WP
	17	J POTE	P THORPE	C ROOK	No Flying at WP
	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	