

# WARM AIR 23 Jun 18

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Saturday	Instructing: Steve Wallace Towing: Graham Lake Duty Pilot: Tony Prentice	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday	Instructing: Lionel Page Towing: Derry Belcher Duty Pilot Roy Whitby	

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### THIS WEEKEND

Rumors abound, the NOTAM that closes our runway expires Friday, the weather forecast is not promising the need to wear water wings, Derry had better have finished, I mean, has promised to have finished the annuals. Looks like it is time to fly again.

First we will need to rig the club gliders. For this we need helpers, many helpers, gathering around 0930.



Once this is done we can set up start flying.  
This is a glider .....

For towpilots your part of the game is yellow





## GLIDING NEW ZEALAND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING..... Peter Thorpe represented us at the meeting

A couple of Saturdays ago I flew to Wellington to attend the GNZ AGM as our club's delegate. If you have read the GNZ Annual Report 2018 located on the GNZ web site you will be aware of most of the agenda items and topics of interest but a summary of the highlights will perhaps be of interest.

The AGM itself was fairly routine with no major items of concern. You will be pleased to know that there will be no change to affiliation fees for next year and the remit to allow gliders unable to be flown for maintenance or refurbishment reasons to be exempted the Participation Levy was passed. The remit proposing that the Soaring NZ magazine no longer be compulsory was lost by a significant majority because reducing the number of subscriptions would have made the magazine uneconomic to produce and the majority felt it was important that we retain a high quality magazine to show case our sport. A very small increase in membership of 12 was recorded for last year but of note was a significant increase in female pilots under the age of 26 over the last three years. A positive trend although there is a lot of work still required to significantly raise our membership.

The GNZ Executive has three new elected members being President - Steve Wallace, Vice President - David Hirst (Wellington) and Executive Member - Tim Austen (Omarama). It is great to see that ASC is continuing a long tradition of active participation in national activities.

I was not able to stay for the full evening programme as the last flight back to Auckland departed at 7-45pm however I heard most of the guest speaker who was Bob Henderson talking about his experiences introducing aircraft type check lists for use in operating theatres during surgery. The major annual award The Angus Rose Bowl was awarded to David and Marion Moody of the Auckland Club and the Friendship Trophy went to Brian Sharpe (Wellington Club) for his work as Chairman of the Membership Development Committee. FAI Paul Tissandier Diplomas were awarded to Tom Davies and Gavin Wills.

Most of Saturday afternoon was spent receiving an update on progress of the evolution of the proposed Pilot Training Programme and discussing the results so far of the trial being conducted by the Wellington Club. Two or three years ago the Executive tasked Martyn Cook with reviewing the current pilot training syllabus with a view to making it easier and simpler and more relevant to younger student pilots. Martyn has developed a programme that changes the old A Cert, B Cert, QGP, Advanced Training into Solo Pilot, Soaring Pilot, Cross

Country Pilot, Task Pilot and Alpine Pilot. The syllabus content has been revised to move things about and introduce cross country flying earlier into the syllabus because it is believed that cross country flying is the way to encourage pilots to stay in the movement longer and reduce the number of pilots who gain a QGP and then fade away. The system requires students to prepare for training flights by self-study using on line links to a huge amount of study material. In this way students will be prepared for each stage in the syllabus and will not need extensive briefing on the field.

The Wellington Club has been trialling the new system for the last year in parallel with the existing syllabus and they are extremely positive and keen that it should proceed. Several young students spoke at the AGM and all agreed that they found the new system really easy to use and the self-study worked well. The Canterbury Club will be trialling it this year. All the clubs represented at the AGM endorsed the continuation of the trial and further development of training aids, instructors manual, trainer pop-ups for quick reference, schedule of ratings and endorsements. Results to date have shown that web based learning is not for everyone and there remains a need for paper based information. The concept of student self-preparation was slow to start with but students soon got the message and embraced the concept.

The addition of a dual soaring flight to the pre solo syllabus (A Cert), a 90 minute solo soaring flight to the Soaring Pilot (B Cert) syllabus and a 50km flight to the Cross Country Pilot (QGP) do not fit comfortably with our club because we only have one 2-seater and cross country from WP is not for newbies so we have made our thoughts known to Martyn but I did not get much support from other clubs when I made these points at the AGM so I suspect we will eventually have to go with the flow.

The proposed syllabus is all online and I would encourage you all to study it. There is a huge amount of very useful information hyperlinked to each step in the syllabus and we need as much feed back as possible so that we can propose amendments while the system is still under development.

You will find it at [moodle.gliding.co.nz](http://moodle.gliding.co.nz) - set yourself up with a log in account and start browsing.

#### **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.

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.

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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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### — LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

#### 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 Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Jun	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	D BELCHER	
	7	S HAY	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	8	T THOMPSON	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	15	R STRUYCK	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	21	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	22	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	28	G LEYLAND	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	29	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
Aug	4	B MOORE	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	5	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	11	M MORAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	12	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	18	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	19	J POTE	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	25	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	26	R WHITBY	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	1	C DICKSON	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Sep	2	I BURR	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	8	S HAY	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	9	T THOMPSON	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	15	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	16	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	22	K JASICA	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	23	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
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