

eChandelle

June 2018

Membership

New members (Flying):

Fergus Pitney (Carterton)

(Youth)

George Adams (Greytown)

Achievements

Congratulations to:

Paul Williams – B-certificate

Anja Runge – Silver height

Alain Marcuse - Air New Zealand Cross-Country Award (North Island)

Brian Sharpe – 2018 recipient of the Gliding NZ Friendship Cup - Awarded for outstanding contribution to the gliding movement during the preceding year (see citation below)

Tom Davies – FAI Tissandier Award for outstanding contributions to sporting aviation

Upcoming Events

- **Sun 08 July QGP Lecture Series** Workingmens Club, Greytown
0900 – 1200 First of the winter lectures (see below)
1200 – 1300 Farewell lunch for Anja - details to follow
- **Mid July** – Sam Higgins will plant about 60 trees for a windbreak along Tilsons Rd. Closer to the time we will ask for volunteer help
- **Sun 02 Sept First of the Rain or Shine To Solo Flying School** meetings held on weekend mornings and hopefully in our new training centre. A full schedule will be released soon.
- **15 Sept - Club AGM** (financial and future planning to be presented)
- **20 - 22 Oct (Labour Weekend) - Youth Glide Mini Camp** Gavin Wills will be the Keynote Speaker.
- Next season we plan to have two task events. One to get everyone up to speed for the summer. A second one further into the season for landouts, 50k tasks and longer tasks. Details to follow.
- Central Districts Competition – Likely dates & location 2-10 March Hood Aerodrome

Summer Crew (Instructors to date)

Andy Parrish (Dec)

Georg Schulte (Jan)

Bruce Cooper (possible)

Richard Penman (from Oct)

Training Centre Update

The training centre is now closed off to the weather. The concrete floor is currently being polished. After this, the inside fit-out will begin. This will include the kitchen and ablution block along with several walls in the main area. Grae Harrison aims to have all the work finished by mid-September.

Mark Wilson, assisted by Simon Lillico and Alain Marcuse, is planning a simulator upgrade as well as a decent suite of visual and audio training aids. This will be a big step forward for our training endeavours.

Next Lecture by Martyn Cook: Sunday 8 July, Workies, starting at 0900.

Airmanship, and subtitled "how to have lots of fun, stay out of trouble, and live to fly another day".

In particular, what sorts of things cause aviation accidents, and how to avoid them.

Plus extracts from the classic text "Stick and Rudder - An Explanation of the Art of Flying" which will surprise some of you in it's clarity - especially for a book written in 1944!

Relevant to all members, from the new to the highly experienced.

Report on Gliding NZ's Annual General Meeting

The 2018 GNZ-AGM, held at the James Cook Hotel was well attended by Wellington Gliding Club members. A lengthy debate centred around Gliding Hutt Valley's remit to revoke the requirement that all affiliated members of Gliding New Zealand must subscribe to the magazine Soaring NZ. Although the magazine show cases gliding in New Zealand and around the world, Gliding Hutt Valley objects to the mandatory \$70 subscription. After the debate a vote was held and only 2 clubs out of about 30 clubs and affiliates voted in favour of the remit. This means that we will continue to see Soaring NZ in the mail. However, editor Jill McCaw is looking for ways to include other forms of aviation and broaden circulation of the magazine.

In the afternoon, Brian Sharpe and Martyn Cook gave an update on Wellington's trial of the training programme, which included the use of taskPilot. Following this presentation a forum was held on club development and the proposed new Training Programme. Three questions were considered:

1. What feedback or questions do you have about the proposed training programme?
2. What is the one thing your club could change to improve training and help retain your members?
3. Who are the "Stars" of your new club members in the last few years and what made them stand out?

The comments and feedback were unanimously positive. Almost all the clubs said they would work in using and promoting this training programme.

SUG

Craig Stobb's extensive re-build work is nearing completion. SUG should be in the skies again in August in time to help us regain aerotow currency for some and ratings for others.



Launchathon – 02 June

T'was a cold and misty start but things eventually warmed up and 26 launches, many bacon butties and sausages later, we generated just over \$1000 to go towards our A/V gear. Good plan Grae!



2018 Friendship Cup Awarded to Brian Sharpe

Awarded for outstanding contribution to the gliding movement during the preceding year. Other WGC members to be awarded include Stewart Barton (2017) and Grae Harrison (2016)

This year's recipient began gliding in the early 1980's and quickly developed an enthusiasm for the sport. He belonged to several glider syndicates before work called him overseas. In 2012, he returned and again became active in our sport. In 2014 he became President of the Wellington Gliding Club and has remained there since then.

When the Wellington Gliding Club moved to Papawai he moved with it and established his residence in Greytown. Since then he has worked relentlessly, 7 days a week to make Papawai a premier soaring site. A typical day will find him starting the morning brief at 9:30a and for the rest of the day he will either be the launch point controller or driving the winch. He thinks about everything gliding and has many great ideas for Club health and

development, but he is always careful to bring all the members along with him. Through this dedication he has been instrumental in growing our club membership and he has been especially successful in finding junior members.

However, he has not stopped with the Wellington Gliding Club. He is now on the GNZ committed where he has made 'building the GNZ membership' a priority. Already changes are in place where we hope to see not only retention of members but also new members signing on. His positive attitude for the future of gliding and his ability to cut through all the political trappings can mean nothing short of success in his endeavours. For all of us, it gives me great pleasure to announce Brian Sharpe as this year's recipient of the Friendship Cup.