

# WARM AIR 20 Oct 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: Lionel Page	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot: Thomas O'Rourke	
Sunday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe	
	Towing: Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi	
Sunday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	
	Towing: Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot: Jonathan Pote	

**THIS WEEKEND --MATAMATA--NO FLYING AT WHENUAPAI  
MEMBERS NEWS**

### **SATURDAY** *Instructor Ivor Woodfield reports*

I was duty instructor on 13th, a day which also included our club AGM and pre-season briefing. As I arrived at the gate to collect the keys, it was clear that a very cold southerly was blowing, meaning a crosswind for those flying after the meetings. The main key had already been collected by the time I arrived around 0900, so I picked up the key to the other huts and arrived at the field to find a small band of stalwarts already there. I confirmed that this keys I had collected to the packing shed no longer opened the door, so the preparation continued setting up for our meetings in the green hangar.

It was definitely very chilly as people started arriving for the meeting, and most people recovered warm clothing from their vehicles before settling down in the hangar. WGCDR Peter Thorpe ran the AGM, keeping everyone on track, and before 1100 we were moving on the briefing, run by CFI Ray Burns. We were fortunate to have a couple of guests attending the briefing, which went very well. This meeting was followed by a hearty BBQ, courtesy of Mr Lionel Page and Mr Ian O'Keefe, during which a lot of networking took place amongst the assembled group.

By about 1330 people were starting to remember other commitments and the hangar started to empty out. Despite a good looking sky, there was still a strong cold southerly blowing, and while there were a few comments about a good looking RASP report, there were sadly no people wanting to fly. Eventually the hangar was empty of people, all the chairs, tables, BBQ etc had been packed away, and the caravan was back inside. I therefore locked up and went home. A productive and interesting day .. thanks to all involved for their input and efforts. However, sadly no flying ...

*Ian O'Keefe's version.....*So on Saturday I arranged with Lionel Page to meet at 08:30 to open up and sort out the new venue at the hangar and organise BBQ and food. The weather was cold, with a wind chill factor that made it worst. A chilly 9 degree's and a southerly wind....We started the BBQ to get warm.

The AGM was a relatively tame affair with the typical coverage of financial position, yearly reports and awards. The election of committee members saw the CFI'ness managed to convince members to take some positions from a couple of retiring committee members. He is very persuasive.

The AGM was followed with a safety briefing from Ray Burns, with great contributions from Adam Lawson Chief Air Traffic Controller at Whenuapai and Doug Hamilton from CAA. We really appreciate their input and updates and support for all of us to maintain a high level flight safety. A brilliant briefing on Task Pilot by Steve Foreman should motivate a number of members to have a go at these doable tasks based on their

experience. At the end formal proceeding the real gas bagging commenced over the BBQ and hot cuppas . Thanks to Lionel and Ian for organising and cooking the food. Don't blame us for raised cholesterol..

### **SUNDAY** *Instructor Steve Wallace does the honors:*

Sunday weather wasn't bad but not great either. Thermals were strong, narrow and sparse. The sink was also quite strong and a few light showers made a nuisance of themselves. The wind was 10 - 15kts cross from the south and 25kts at 2,000 so the wind combined with the energy in the sky made for a quite a boisterous day for the few that tried it. Mark Hills gave it two goes and learnt a lot from both flights and Matt Moran also had a flight to get some more of his QGP signed off. Steve Foreman took a fashionable friend for a ride that she really seemed to enjoy and then that was it for the day. Thanks to those that derigged for Matamata while the flying was going on and to Ian O'Keefe who cooked up the AGM left overs for all to enjoy!

*Towie Peter Thorpe adds to the tale:* At last a flyable day so that my currency does not expire. ATIS said the surface wind was 200/15 so a brisk cross wind to test our skills and it was much the same at 2000ft. Steve Wallace was duty instructor and first up was Mark Hills getting airborne at 1140 while a bunch of club stalwarts derigged a bunch of singles ready for next weekend. Next was Matt Moran followed by another flight for Mark. Conditions were a bit lumpy on tow but Steve managed to find some lift to extend the flights. Final flight was Steve Foreman who took a lady friend for her first flight amid lots of 'advice' about the location of the sick bag but all was well and she returned with a big smile on her face. Finished with some left over BBQ food from the AGM and headed for home soon after 1500hrs.

A note for our tow pilots - the grass is a bit long and lumpy apart from a highly visible mown strip in the centre of the official vector so you are attracted to land on it - just be aware of where the tow rope is as that approach takes you over the drains beside the hangar.

### *Chef O'Keefe adds...*

I arrived to find the caravan out on the vector and MW being prepped. Shortly joined by Tony Prentice, Andrew Fletcher and Roy and grand daughter Jessica. A plan was hatched to commence de-rigging the singles. This gave Andrew the chance to see the inner working of our single gliders, the sequence of disassembling, and the unique features of stowing in our trailers. So a very useful exercise. Ray Burns and Steve Foreman joined us and in usual fashion assisted with advice and banter and a bit of muscle. It all went well. Of course there was still some food from the previous day, so another cook up helped the team regain strength.

### **LABOUR WEEKEND**

We are off to Matamata this coming long weekend. We plan to meet at Whenuapai at 0800 and be gone by 0900. Lionel Page will fly MW down behind Peter Thorpe in the towplane. We have folks and vehicles organised to get the gliders and our stuff down and back....we think.

Don't forget the dinner on Saturday evening. Otherwise we hope for great weather, the ridge working for at least one of the days and a good fun weekend with the folks from the Piako Club. They hope to have their winch working on at least one day.

### **LX NAV LX 8000/9000 TRAINING SESSION**

Pat Driessen wrote: The Auckland Gliding Club is hosting a training session on the LX NAV LX8000/LX9000 gliding computers. Martyn Cook will give the presentation. All welcome.

For LX Nav, LX 8000/9000 users and others.  
Seminar on its use and operation by Martyn Cook.  
Sunday evening 28th October at 1800  
Auckland Gliding Club.

## LABOUR WEEKEND - MATAMATA

As is our custom we plan to deploy the club to Matamata over labour weekend, that's about a month away. We will take all three club gliders and the towplane plus any privately owned gliders the owners wish to take. Matamata offers great flying, lots of flat land and paddocks everywhere, the Kaimais for when the ridge is working, sometimes wave in an easterly, opportunities for great cross country flying and an easy chance to do some badge flying towards your silver C or better. Thames is 50km away, hint, hint.

There are some good choices for accommodation. The local motels and hotels of the surrounding towns offer good options as does staying in the cabins on the airfield. Details of the cabins are shown on the Matamata Soaring Centre website and can be booked by emailing Ralph Gore <mailto:Ralph & Pam Gore> <Gore.Family@xtra.co.nz> The camp ground has a good kitchen and facilities .

Getting the twin there and back is always interesting. We will aerotow the twin and this is an opportunity for someone to fly with the instructor down and/or back. This gets cross country towing signed off.

We will need people to tow down the Astir and the PW5 and to bring them back. We also need someone to tow down and back MW empty trailer (just in case someone lands out). We will also need someone to transport and look after our club gear like tow tickets, daily flying sheets, pickets, covers and the host of other stuff we will need.

*Genny Healy wrote to us saying they are looking forward to seeing again. Will try & have the winch going Labour Weekend for those who want a rating or just a cheap launch. Winch is \$17 & aerotows \$26 per thousand feet.*

*Need to talk to the Weather Gods more sternly this year. Piako has been using Caterers since our 60th they do a fabulous meal for \$35 & will do one on the Saturday night if Aviation Sports are interested. We can do a dinner speaker too & would combine it with the end of Piako's Precision Flying Tournament. Because we are using Caterers I would need numbers & money the week prior as we pay them upfront per head. Let me know your thoughts. So far we have 14 for dinner.*

If you plan to attend the dinner please put \$35 per head into the club bank account annotated with your name and "Matamata Dinner ?? people"

**Have you sent your answers to these questions to Warm Air himself? If not then get a wriggle on.**

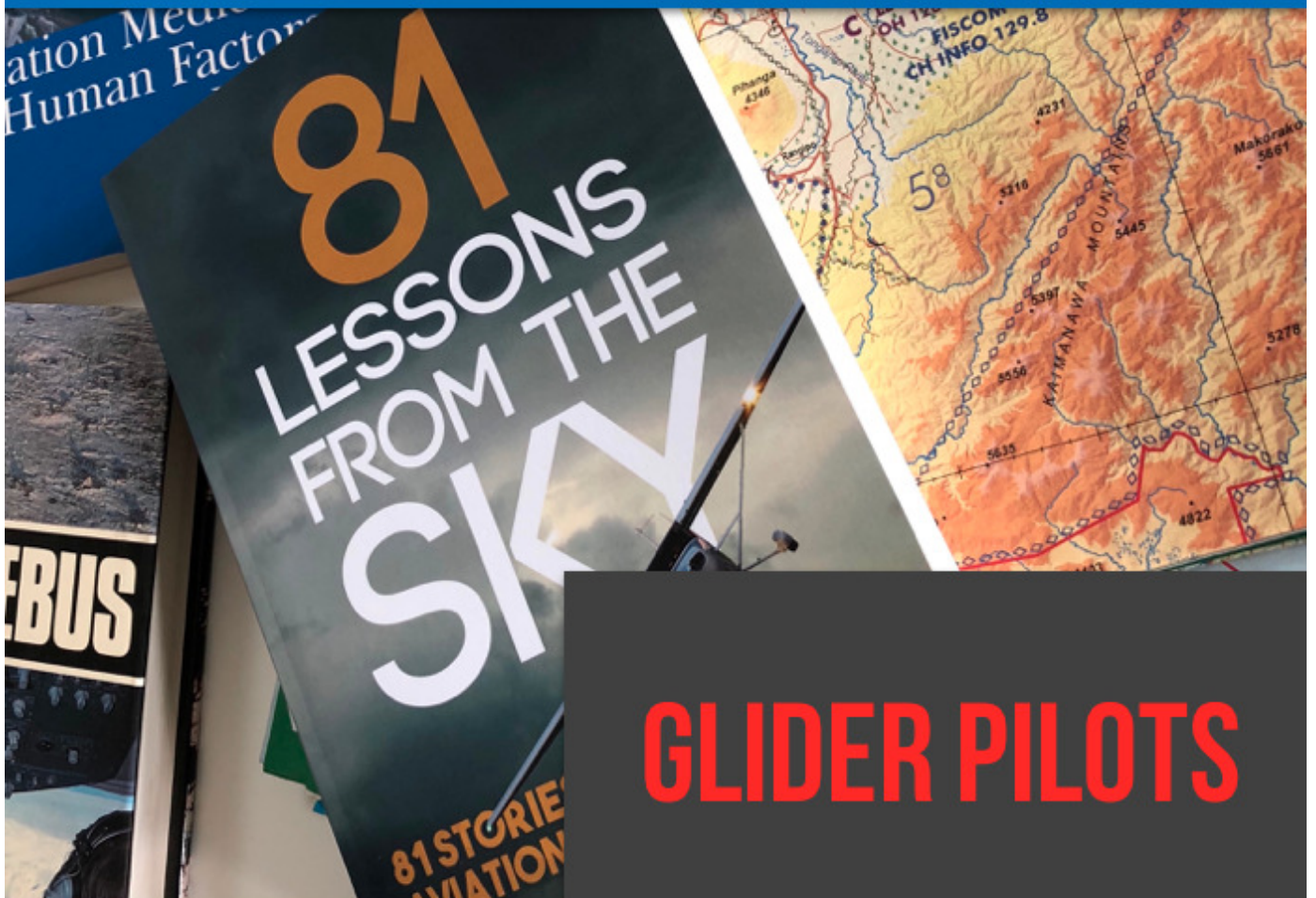
## Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 2018

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Oct	6	B MOORE	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	7	No Flying on Base			
	13	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	14	M MORAN	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
Labour W/E	20	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	D BELCHER	Matamata
	21	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G LAKE	Matamata
	22	J POTE	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	Matamata
	27	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	28	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
Nov	3	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	4	A FLETCHER	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	10	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	40 Sqn ATC
	11	T THOMPSON	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	17	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	18	R STRUYCK	R CARSWELL	G LAKE	
	24	K JASICA	L PAGE	C ROOK	
	25	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Dec	1	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	2	B MOORE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	8	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	9	M MORAN	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	15	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	16	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	22	J POTE	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	23	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	

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