

WARM AIR 2 Feb 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Rex Carswell Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Geoff Leyland	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe Towing: Derry Belcher Duty Pilot: Ian O'Keefe	
Wednesday	Instructing: Lionel Page Towing: Andrew Williams Duty Pilot: Matt Moran	

WAITANGI DAY WEDNESDAY - WE WILL BE GLIDING

The two Steves, Wallace and Foreman are at the Club Class Nationals in Taupo

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Lionel Page tells us about the vday*

Saturday looked like a good day for gliding. I was first out with Kazik Jasica arriving next and wondering out loud where everyone was. Eventually enough "customers" arrived and we extracted the fleet and private aircraft from the hangar.

Lovely lady at Base OPS informed me that there were no military movements and only the Power Section flying circuits. We were soon set up on 26 for short check flight for Kazik after which he did a solo flight. Next was Clare



PW5's
(30-12-18)

Dickson, where we managed to climb to 3,500ft. Somewhere in this flight Ian O'Keefe, who had launched in HS, called to ask for the upper airspace to be opened. Thanks Rex or Neville for arranging that.

Clare and I attempted some stalls and spins but GMW recovered immediately after dropping a wing. We then did some spiral dives. A good solid 54 minutes before returning to let Joseph Dickson have a go.

With Joseph, we managed a "low" (1,400ft) save over Riverhead and climbed back up to 2,500ft. We spent the time trying to get higher so that we could practice some spins and spiral dives as well. As luck would have it we eventually lost all the higher without being able to practice more than a few stalls.

I finished the day with a circuit by both Clare and Joseph but somewhere earlier, Tony Prentice took GBD, while Rahul Bagchi and Brendan Moore aired GVF. David Todd flew GBZ as well. Longest flight I think goes to Ian O'keefe with 186 minutes and a decent flight to well north of Wellsford.



Rahul Bagchi - PW-5 GVF
(26-1-19)

Thanks to all for a great day - especially Neville Swan for keeping the books.

SUNDAY Ivor Woodfield steps up

Sunday was expected to be reasonable for gliding, with light SW winds forecast all day. Indeed it looked good from

the start and before too long we had a bunch of pilots all keen to try the sky. However, it became clear that finding lift was going to be a challenge. The sky was also cycling quite rapidly, with big patches of blue one minute and then total cloud cover with a cloudbase of around 2500' the next.

First away at shortly after 1100 was Kazik Jasica in GMW. His flight was good, if short with very little available lift. Shortly after Rahul Bagchi tested his skill in GVF, again finding that the sky was offering far more sink than lift.

Nonetheless there was some good looking banks of cloud developing, enough to tempt both Dave Todd in GBZ and Matt Moran in GMP to launch and test it out. While they both found some lift, it was nowhere near enough to sustain their flight for long. Afternoon showers had been forecast, and we were seeing some rain off to the west. However it remained dry over the field, and the sun even made a significant appearance, enough to tempt Tony Prentice to launch in GBD, only to find that even the PW5 was not able to make much use of the small amount of lift available.



30-12-18

The one dual flight of the day was a trial flight with Mark Finlay. He was keen to get airborne and with the sky seemingly improving we launched and did manage to find a little lift. We flew off to check out the area where Mark lived, and having successfully identified that, Mark was able to get some hands on time as we returned to the field. In the end a reasonable flight which Mark very much enjoyed and left expressing an interest in doing more gliding going forward.

The final flight of the day was a solo in GMW by Andrew Williams . While not having many hours in a glider, Andrew is a capable power pilot and very keen to fly gliders. In the end his was a very successful flight, managing to wring the most out of what lift was available and achieving the longest flight of the day, a really good achievement.

Overall 7 flights for the day, totalling nearly 2 hours total gliding time. We ended with the now long standing tradition of a story telling gathering around the fridge before everyone headed home.

MONDAY *His CFIness Ray Burns contributes*

RB Crappy low overcast when I arose but Graham soon put me straight. "No, it's going to blow over and be a good afternoon". And he was right (editorial comment no doubt follows). Not at all, nothing more to be said.

First launch by 1215. David Todd was first off the grid followed by the first of three trial flights.



Two, Lachlan and Torrin Williams being nephews of aforementioned editor and the third being a chap that flew with us a few years ago. Sam Wales. He is very keen. So welcome him with open arms if you see him again.

Kazik Jasica, Craig and Geoff Leyland all flew MW. Tony Prentice deserved line hours for 86 minutes of struggle in a strong breeze in his PW5.

Towie Graham Lake adds some details: Fortunately the forecast was correct and the low cloud and drizzle burned off by lunchtime. However the clearing weather also brought an increasing wind strength as the day wore on and the later flights were somewhat turbulent. It was nice to see Toni Thompson out to help get set up although the low cloud base, around 2500ft and tight thermals discouraged her from flying. Nephews Torrin and Lachlan seemed to enjoy the day and Lachie needed to be prised out of the towplane. The Tower came on for a couple of movements during the day and were helpful in dealing with us. Nine launches for the day and a pleasant debrief to end it all.

Many Thanks to Neville Swan for keeping the books.

SEBASTIAN KAWA AT OUR CLUB

As was noted in last week's edition of Warm Air, on Saturday 19 January our club was treated to a visit from the world No 1 contest pilot, Sebastian Kawa. His visit to NZ was arranged by one of our club members Kazik Jasica who is a family friend of the Kawas. Sebastian needed a BFR to comply with GNZ rules for visiting overseas pilots so CFI Ray Burns had the pleasure of spinning with Sebastian and learning a few new tricks at the same time. Sebastian just joined in all our club activities as though he was a member, he flew with several club members, he gave a briefing on thermalling and sat around the



caravan chatting and answering a myriad of questions. After flying we had organised a casual BBQ in the hangar and after eating Sebastian entertained us for more than 90 minutes with a slide show of his many and varied gliding exploits around the world from Argentina to the Himalayas. At all times he was patient and engaging and generous with his time and knowledge. We were privileged to share time with him.

WHY I HAVE NOT BEEN GLIDING AS MUCH AS I WANT TO.... *Toni Thompson gives and insight into her career*



Toni originally enlisted into the RNZAF as an Intelligence Specialist. She always wanted to be aircrew in the Airforce since she joined but wasn't quite ready as a 17 year old so waited and saw what all the aircrew trades did. She decided loadmaster would her to some amazing places and it was the way to go. She writes:

I had experienced some cool things as an intelligence specialist but decided it was my time to move on therefore trying for aircrew selection. After trade changing to loadmaster my workload has increased dramatically. Being a trainee I am constantly studying for my upcoming exams. This has all been for the best as I have got to go on some pretty amazing trips.

My first flight was across to Indonesia in October last year to take aid over to Palu which was hit by a tsunami. We took tonnes of aid over and bought over 120 people out of the affected area. To date, this has been the most rewarding experience I have had in the RNZAF.

I was also lucky enough to go down to Antarctica on a survival course which ended up being 12 days on the ice. This meant I was able to return down there on the Hercules in December taking down passengers and supplies.

I have only been a loadmaster now for 6 months but I can't wait to see what this year has in store for me. Hopefully a couple of weekends off to go flying!





Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
	2	G LEYLAND	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	3	I O'KEEFE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
Waitangi	6	M MORAN	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
	9	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	10	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	16	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	ATC Cadets 40SQN
	17	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	23	I BURR	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	24	S HAY	P THORPE	A WILLIAMS	
Mar	2	T THOMPSON	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	3	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	9	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	10	I O'KEEFE	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	16	M MORAN	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	ATC Cadets 40 SQN
	17	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	23	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	24	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	30	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	31	I BURR	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	