

WARM AIR 23 Mar 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday

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WE HAVE 40 SQN ATC BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY - EARLY START PLEASE 0830 MEMBERS NEWS

The events of last Friday caused an understandable tightening of security on Base. The uncertainty of the overall security situation in the country gave Base good cause to close most non essential activities. We were affected and there was no flying at all during the weekend. We are not yet sure if we will be able to fly this coming weekend but we will let you know as soon as we can.

OUR TOWPLANE

We have made the last payment on the loan to buy our towplane, RDW. We now own her outright.

The acquisition of RDW would not have been possible without the generous support from Dave Todd. At a time when we struggled to gain the finance to buy her Dave Todd stepped up, purchased the aircraft himself and leased her to us while we worked to organise the necessary finance. When our finance fell through Dave lent us the funds to buy the aircraft. We have completed all of the payments a little earlier than expected. We owe Dave Todd a huge vote of thanks for his generous and unstinting support.



PRACTICE CONTEST TASKING *Garret Willat*

Tasking

Setting a task every day gives you something to focus on and a goal to obtain. If you can get others to fly the same task, you have a race. When you race, you can compare and contrast your decisions and evaluate which were good and which were bad.

Turnpoint practice

Let's say you checked [SkySight](#). The weather forecast turns out to be weak. On task you want to get in and out of the turn as quickly as possible. When do you actually start turning? There is an art to minimizing fixes within the turnpoint, but that takes practice. We have all mastered the art of getting no fixes. That is something to practice at home and not at a contest. Do not be like me and miss a turnpoint by a few meters at a WGC because you didn't quite get the turn right.

Short day

What if you are short on time and have commitments later in the day? When I was taking night classes, I would fly during the day, but would spend the entire flight worried that I would land out. Consequently, my decisions were too conservative, resulting in an inefficient flight. Instead, consider this a good day to practice with a short, timed task.

For example, you set a two-hour task with a finish time at 2:15. You are able to launch at 11:45. This gives you time to get positioned and start at 12:15. Keep it simple. Your task could make a triangle around the airport or between 3 different airports (then a towplane can get you home if needed). A timed task is a good opportunity to practice using your flight computer to time your final glide and finish. It's easier to finish early, but you lose potential points.

MAT (Modified Assigned Task)

You get no extra points for being creative on your turnpoints. Do not select a distant, isolated turnpoint. Give yourself options. If you head out to that one random turnpoint and the lift stops ten miles short, you are now doing a 20 mile glide in dead air. But, you committed to this decision and now it is too late to alter your plan. I like having options so I run the separate flight computers towards different turnpoints. Then I maximize my time to make a final decision.

CD's are known for making odd stipulations on turnpoints. It is a good idea to set yourself these stipulations when you practice. For example: no repeat turns, excluding certain turns, reducing the number of turns, or making the first few mandatory.

OLC (OnLineContest.org)

You can use this to maximize the day. There are 6 legs to get as much distance in as possible. You want to be in the strongest weather all day. Ideally, the last thermal of the day is as far away from the airport as possible, yet you still make a final glide home. This tasking practice helps to focus on an entire day, launching early and landing last. You only have 5 turnpoints to use, so you have to use them wisely (similar to a MAT task in the US). You also need to be flexible during your task to maximize your ability to stay in the good air and keep moving (similar strategy to TAT and MAT tasks).

While you would focus more on keeping a fast speed between turnpoints in an MAT, your focus would be different in an OLC. You are limited to a smaller amount of turnpoints and want long legs. During these flights, you make your turnpoint while still in lift if possible and do not have to worry about getting to a pre-designated point.

TAILPIECE

Last Friday saw a horrible event in Christchurch that shook New Zealand to the core. How could anyone think such an outrageous act could somehow be acceptable. Extreme intolerance and hatred was on display. This is not how New Zealand is and such sentiment is utterly rejected. Our hearts go out to all those affected by this terrible crime.

NEW ROSTER BELOW

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Mar	23	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	ATC Cadets 40 SQN
	24	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	ATC Cadets 40 SQN
	30	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	31	I BURR	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
Apr	6	C DICKSON	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	ATC Cadets 3 SQN
	7	K JASICA	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	ATC Cadets 3 SQN
	13	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	14	B MOORE	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Easter	19	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	20	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	21	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	22	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
Anzac	25	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	27	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	ATC 3 or 40 SQN
	28	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	ATC 3 or 40 SQN
May	4	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	ATC Cadets 3 SQN
	5	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	G LAKE	ATC Cadets 3 SQN
	11	I BURR	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	12	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	18	K JASICA	R BURNS	D BELCHER	ATC Cadets 40 SQN
	19	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	ATC Cadets 40 SQN
	25	B MOORE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	G LAKE	
Jun	1	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	2	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Queens	3	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	8	M MORAN	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	
	9	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	15	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	16	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	22	R WHITBY	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
	23	I BURR	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
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