

WARM AIR 11 May 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe	(ATC Cadets) early start
	Towing: Rex Carswell	
	Duty Pilot: Isobel Burr	
Sunday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	(ATC Cadets) early start
	Towing: Andrew Williams	
	Duty Pilot: Clare Dickson	

MEMBERS NEWS

Saturday - Lionel reports "I see nothing"

I started early and arrived just after 8.30am - being not sure of the "correct" start time. Needless to say I was too early. The mist prevented any form of progress anyway.

I opened the hangar to find RDW missing. After a while Craig Best arrived and we started DI'ing GMW. Then Ruan, the tow pilot arrived. Craig and Ruan were duly dispatched to go to Parakai to retrieve RDW.

Eventually the usual members arrived, and aircraft started exiting the hangar - but the low cloud ensured that RDW remained in Parakai. Very suddenly, just about 11am the fog lifted and RDW arrived shortly afterwards. First up was me, to remind myself what it was like to fly a glider as I had not flown for a couple of months.

The fog cleared to show a very promising looking sky. Andrew launched in GMP and was soon reporting 2,600ft and I thought it was all on - until Andrew was very suddenly back in the circuit. Brendan and Kazik tried GVF - also to no avail.

Craig and I practiced circuits during which the wind became a fairly constant easterly, so we switch ends to 08. A Boeing arrived around 2pm and we were grounded for a very brief spell. Sometime during the day Peter took a few Pegasus Trust trustees for a flight in GNW.

Brendan and I then launched to practice some side-slipping and we managed a VERY slow climb from 2,100ft to 2,400. (Very tight turns were needed to centre in the core.) The lift then strengthened significantly and we climbed to 2,800ft (cloud base).

We were able to do some side-slips and then climb back up and repeat. Eventually we side-slipped too low and could not find the fickle lift again.

Last up was Craig for a circuit and with a displaced aiming point - landed back near the green hangar. All packed up by 5pm as the light began to start fading. Thanks to all for making it happen - manning the gate, doing the books and generally keeping things flowing safely.

Sunday - "Derry the Towie reports from the point position"

Rocked up to the gate a little before 09:30 to find Jonathan Pote ready and waiting to sign people in and out, and after a short chat, Rex arrived with the key and we set too pulling the gliders out as Kazik and Tony P were keen to fly.

We had about 25 litres of fuel in RDW and 3 empty containers, and as we were going to operate from the far end, it made sense to get flying and if more Autumnites turned up someone could go for fuel. As it was, Kazik did two flights, Tony P took a flight in BD, and just as we were about to start heading back to the hangar, Kris Pillae arrived for a flight after a two year hiatus. - Good to have you back again Kris.

We managed to finish the day without having to refuel and packed up early, and while the others put things away I took the opportunity to go and replenish the fuel canisters.

The only downside of the day was arriving home and finding RDW's fuel card still in my pocket...



Rex Duty Instructor "chirps in from the back seat"

The weather was very pleasant but attracted only seven of us out to the airfield. Our volunteer gate registrar - Jonathan Pote - and towie Derry Belcher, were already there when I arrived with the gate key shortly after 9:30am. Roy Whitby, Kazik Jassica, and Tony Prentice followed soon after.

There was barely a zephyr of wind from the south east, but this was enough to suggest we set up on grass '08'. As we trundled the caravan and a couple of gliders over the dew laden grass, we heard - then observed - our Rahul Bagchi flying a few circuits in a Tomahawk aircraft. Looking good Rahul.

The first launch got underway at 1124 with Kazik and I in the twin. The gentle breeze was now a nor'easter and clusters of vertical structured cu's were in sight. Our briefed intention was to exercise 'boxing the tow' and experience a period of flying in the 'low tow' position. The exercises went well and we released at 2500ft - not far from cloud base. The lift was weak, but with unhurried persistence, Kazik eventually got us up around 3000ft out on the sunnyside of the cloud line. A rewarding and pleasurable 31 minute flight.

Tony launched in his PW5, released at 2000ft, but I can't recall if he managed a climb from there. He was back after 22 minutes. After a break, Kazik and I launched again but we couldn't find sustainable lift. However, Kazik demonstrated his steep turning skills - and another B cert sign off achieved.

It was great having returning member Krishna Pillai rock up for a flight. The sky wasn't promising much, but the 22 minute dual flight was a good start for Kris getting back into the groove. Just four flights for the day - all packed away and departed by 3pm.

PUBLIC NOTICES

- Remember folks Air Training Cadets this weekend. The duty crew would appreciate your help.
- Matamata Soaring Centre AGM



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
MATAMATA SOARING CENTRE INC
TO TAKE PLACE IN THE
MSC CLUBROOMS, WAHAROA AIRFIELD
ON
SUNDAY, 26th MAY 2019
COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM

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- NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR POSITIONS ON THE COMMITTEE
 - NOMINATIONS AND REMITS FOR DISCUSSION SHOULD BE RECEIVED AT PO BOX 100, MATAMATA OR BY E-MAIL TO steve@korcreative.nz BY FRIDAY 17th MAY 2019
 - MEMBER CLUBS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THEY ARE REPRESENTED
 - BE THERE AND HAVE A SAY IN THE FUTURE OF SOARING AT THE MATAMATA SOARING CENTRE, WAHAROA AIRFIELD

- Remember to complete the NZ Gliding Survey. Checkout the last Newsletter from our President Steve Wallace or go to this link <https://forms.gle/Qwjp34qAxBEjG4h78>

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
	11	I BURR	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	ATC 3 SQN
	12	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	ATC 3 SQN
	18	K JASICA	R BURNS	D BELCHER	ATC 40 SQN
	19	J DICKSON	S WALLACE	A WILLIAMS	ATC 40 SQN
	25	B MOORE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	G LAKE	
June	1	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
Queens	2	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
Birthday	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	
	29	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	30	K JASICA	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	