

WARM AIR 4 May 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| THIS WEEKEND: | Club Cellphone 022 357 6731 | www.ascgliding.org |
| Saturday | Instructing: Lionel Page | Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000 |
| | Towing: Ruan Heynike | |
| | Duty Pilot: Tony Prentice | |
| Sunday | Instructing: Rex Carswell | |
| | Towing: Derry Belcher | |
| | Duty Pilot: Roy Whitby | |

MEMBERS NEWS

ANZAC DAY Towie Derry Belcher gets us going

With no flying permitted before 11:30, it was decided that we could sleep in a little longer... In hindsight this was a bit of fuzzy logic because we don't usually start flying operations before that time anyway, but it gave a chance for those attending commemorations to take a breath and arrive to help.

Rex Carswell drew the key and the few frequent fliers that turned up started to get things out. Neville Swan and Rex proceeded to pull MW's nosewheel off to see if they could rotate the inner tube to realign it and get more valve stem to appear. I found it funny that the wheel had previously gone flat but the leak had miraculously mended itself when pumped up again. - It appears that it might have deflated with a little help from someone trying to take the pressure with a tyre gauge, maybe without a valve extension. These little tyres don't hold much air so it is easy to have them lose pressure when attaching or removing the tyre gauge - There isn't much more than a couple of 'pssstss' in them. :)



Anyway, I got on with the preflighting and fuelling of RDW and we began operations just after 13:00 hrs from the 26 end of the runway.

The day was cool with the ATIS reporting a surface wind of 220 degrees at 8 kts, 30 km visibility, and a few clumps of cloud about, and it even looked like there might be some lift. Kazik Jasica was the only one keen to fly and flew two sorties with tows to

2000 feet, one dual with Rex, and the second Kazik took MW up solo. Unfortunately, conditions were such that he wasn't able to stay airborne, but the highlight of the day was waving to Prince William as he jetted off to Christchurch in the Airforce 757... not that we actually really saw him, but we can dream.

Dave Todd pulled his glider out of the trailer to tend to a little avionic software problem but didn't fly.

The slight crosswind and pleasant flying conditions were actually not bad after previous rostered days of knarly crosswinds and turbulence, where every landing in RDW resembled a shot duck.

Seemed like everyone had used up their pocket money over Easter with day after day of flyable weather so we put the aircraft away early.

And Instructor Rex Carswell's version: The weather on the day wasn't too bad for all those attending early ANZAC services. But we didn't do much gliding - in fact, only two launches - both for the twin, and both for



Kazik Jassica. The first was essentially a dual check prior to Kazik taking a solo flight. All went well, but we managed to eke out only 24 minutes from the meagre lift close to the airfield. On his solo flight, his priority was to fly a well judged circuit - looked pretty good from my view point at the caravan.

And that was that - an early finish to compensate for the late start on this Commemorative day. My thanks to Jonathan Pote on gate security and towie Derry Belcher. Other supporters were Tony Prentice, Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, Ray Burns and Dave Todd.

SATURDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield reports*

There was heavy mist as I drove to the field. We were due to be flying ATC cadets, so I was aiming to get things opened up early. Nonetheless, as I pulled up into the car park I could see that Jonathan Pote was already organising the assembled cadets. We soon had them all signed in and ready to go. The group was extremely well organised, and with a club member, Isabelle Burr, as one of their leaders, they were soon briefed and ready to go.

We had the Grob Twin 2 GMW, as well as the Grob 109 GNW, and the plan was for each cadet to get a flight in each aircraft. By now the low cloud had lifted, and by 10.30 when GNW launched for the first flight of the day, cloud-base was close to 2000'. From there the weather gradually cleared further with clear blue patches for much of the day. For a while we steadily alternated launches between GNW and GMW, and by 1300 we had already flown 10 cadet flights. Around that time, the first of the singles launched, with Kazik Jasica taking GVF up for just his second flight in the PW5. He did extremely well to stay airborne for 45 mins in a sky that had average flight times much less than that.

While we continued with the cadet flights, we also saw first Tony Prentice in GBD, then Dave Todd in GBZ and finally Brendan Moore in GVF take to the skies.

Then at 1400, the front tyre on GMW sprung a leak and started to go flat. Fortunately we had experience, appropriate tools and a spare tube on hand, and before too long MW was once again serviceable. Many thanks to Neville Swan and his small band of assistants for resolving things so rapidly.

By now we had flown all the cadets, and no one else was wanting to fly the singles. Just time for Izzy Burr to complete a BFR and then take one of the ATC officers for a flight from the back seat. All completed successfully, and a very enthusiastic group of ATC cadets were soon packing away and departing, looking forward to a return session in a couple of weeks.



With the weather now closing in again, we got things packed away, and then a small group gathered for a *How come he does not look terrified*

short debrief session in the hangar. Overall we had seen 19 launches and taken a quite a few people for their very first flight in a glider. The ATC had been great to work with and I look forward to flying them again in mid May.

Thanks to all those who helped out on the day, including Neville Swan for managing the caravan, and Jonathan Pote and Roy Whitby for running the gate.

SUNDAY Towie Andrew Williams gives the report

It was looking very wet on Sunday morning and a phone call to Steve confirmed we weren't gliding. So I had a quiet day at home and even listened to a gliding podcast. RDW still needed to get to Parakai for maintenance though, so Peter and a friend took care of it, getting at least some flying out of the day.

EASA SIB No.: 2019-07

The European Aviation Safety Agency has issued a Safety Information Bulletin **SIB No: 2019-07 Titled Sailplane Rigging - Procedures, Inspections and Training**. This SIB has been generated as a result of a number of Sailplane accidents that were directly caused by the Glider not being correctly assembled or rigged. The bulletin can be found by following the link below and a copy has been sent to every club member.

<http://ad.easa.europa.eu/ad/2019-07>

The actual SIB can be downloaded from the Link contained in the primary notice covered by the link above. There are some important lessons contained in this document and every club member should read this carefully and apply the lessons on each occasion a glider is rigged or derigged.

GLIDING NEW ZEALAND NEWSLETTER

The latest Gliding New Zealand newsletter is available and can be accessed here

<https://kor.qwilr.com/GNZ-May-Newsletter-lh7Wdp5BTOWm>

This issue has a survey on contests and what attracts or detracts you from competing. Names are not required but everyone should submit their views

Duty Roster For May, Jun

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | Notes |
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| May | 4 | T PRENTICE | L PAGE | R HEYNIKE | |
| | 5 | R WHITBY | R CARSWELL | D BELCHER | |
| | 11 | I BURR | P THORPE | R CARSWELL | ATC 3 SQN |
| | 12 | C DICKSON | I WOODFIELD | A WILLIAMS | 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 | |