

WARM AIR 15 Jun 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Rex Carswell	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Ruan Heynike	
	Duty Pilot: Geoff Leyland	
Sunday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	
	Towing: Peter Thorpe	
	Duty Pilot: Tony Prentice	

SATURDAY WE HAVE 5 SQUADRON ATC - EARLY START PLEASE 0930

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Towie Andrew Williams reports*

The weather looked pretty bad but with strong southwesterlies. I thought there might be a chance of a coast day. It was very gusty though and there were a few showers about so not ideal. We went through the airfield driver training brief and then called it a day.

Instructor Peter Thorpe adds some detail.....I had arranged with Ivor Woodfield to exchange instructing days and then ended up with a stinker weather-wise. The AKL ATIS was claiming 220/23 gusting 37 knots on the ground so I didn't need to be a met whizz to guess we would not be flying. However, I had promised to meet Hapi Leonard and two of his ATC officers to go over the new On Airfield Driving training being introduced by the RNZAF.



It sure was blowing on the airfield so I sat in my car until Hapi and co arrived along with an ever hopeful tow pilot in the shape of Andrew Williams who thought that it might just have been a west coast day. We took shelter in the caravan inside the hangar and went through the training notes while there were some strong gusts and rain squalls that shook the hangar and reinforced our view that flying was a no-go activity. So we packed up and went home.

SUNDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield does the report*

Following a wet and extremely windy Saturday, Sunday dawned calm and clear. At around 9.30 as I was opening up, there was no wind and no clouds, although some small amounts of cloud did appear as we were setting up.

We initially opted to move to the 08 end as it was favoured by the light wind. However, before we had flown our first flight the wind had changed, and we moved back to the 26 end, where we stayed for the rest of the day.



First up in the twin was Andrew Fletcher, wanting to get some further back seat experience. We went through a variety of stalling, spinning and side-slipping exercises before ending the flight with a no-brakes landing. All completed very successfully.

Next up was Renee, returning for a second flight following her first time in a glider just the week before, and very keen on learning to glide. We went through basic control exercises and some stalls before Renee successfully spent some time thermalling in the light conditions. All good.

While we were up, Kazik Jasica took the PW5 for a short flight. He was followed in quick succession by Kishan Bhashyam in his GHU, Tony Prentice in his GBD, Andrew Fletcher in GMP and Brendan Moore in GVF.

Finally, Krishna Pillai, returning after quite a period away from gliding, successfully completed a BFR and is looking forward to getting back into the air. By now the sun was getting low, making landing in particular on 26 quite tricky. There being no one else wanting to fly at this stage, we packed up and heading into the hangar for a debrief/story-telling session. Overall just 9 flights for the day, all very enjoyable, and the light was finally fading as we locked up and headed for home.

Towie Graham Lake (not flying his ASW28) adds some detail..... What a nice start on the towie, 15 litres in the towplane and all of the fuel cans empty. OK I will go get fuel you folks will have to wait, where is the fuel card...eventually found floating round the parcel shelf. The \$150 limit on the fuel card is a pain as it takes more than that to fill all three cans. No problem, two swipes with the card.

Ready at last and off to the 08 end where all the rest are and the way the wind dictates although it is forecast to swing round early in the afternoon. We waited for the Boeing to go by which time the wind had swung round, more than just a zephyr, time to swap ends.



Andrew Fletcher and Ivor took the twin to 3000 ft to practice some more exercises. Only 9 minutes to 3000ft and back as there was lift everywhere. It took a while for the significance of the short tow to sink in to the multitude, but the grid soon filled and there was a continuous stream of launches. Most got into lift and had a reasonable flight. It was nice to see Krishna Pillai back to do a BFR with Peter Thorpe.

I was most impressed with the ease with which Renee picked out gliders in the sky, good eyes and perception.

ATC FLYING SATURDAY

We are hosting 5 squadron ATC this Saturday. Can we have an early start please and some helpers. Note: this may slip to Sunday if Saturday's weather is rubbish.

CFI Corner

FRTO - If you don't know this acronym then this certainly applies to you! Flight Radio Telephone Operator. If you do not have this signed off in your syllabus sheets it is important you get on to this as soon as possible. It does not matter how far through in the syllabus you are.

I will be conducting the ground school course for this at Drury next Saturday 15th.

If you need this, but cannot attend, please contact me to make another arrangement.

Driving on the Airfield. Base have established a formal course to allow people to drive on the airfield. This applies to ALL members. Instructors have been appointed to conduct the training. It is not particularly onerous but it is important that we comply with base regulations and ensure all members who wish to drive on the airfield have been through the appropriate training. The training will be conducted by the Duty instructor. Once complete, we need to apply to base for the approvals. Please make sure you make a point of getting this done as soon as possible. Note that the FRTO is a pre-requisite (see above!)

Duty Roster For May, Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
May	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	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	9	C DICKSON	P THORPE	G LAKE	
	15	G LEYLAND	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	5 SQN ATC
	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	3 SQN ATC
	30	K JASICA	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	3 SQN ATC