

# WARM AIR 12 Oct 19

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Ray Burns

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Towing: Andrew Williams

Duty Pilot: Joseph Dickson

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot: Brendan Moore

**NO FLYING SATURDAY IF POWER SECTION COMPS ARE ON MEMBERS NEWS**

### SATURDAY *Towie Peter Thorpe gets first hack*

I was last to fly RDW so I knew how much gas was in the tank and that it was in good shape so I rocked up to the field a bit after 1000 hrs. Duty instructor Rex Carswell was there along with Kazik Jasica, Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby. The wind was more or less westerly with broken cloud around 2000ft and other stuff higher so we set up on grass 26. I did a pre-flight, added a bit of engine oil and polished the Perspex so we were ready to rock by 1126 when Rex and Kazik launched in MW. The wind was quite brisk so we climbed to the west and made 2000 ft by Kumeu at which point I left them to it.



No other customers turned up so we packed up at about 1330. Derry Belcher was back from narrow boating in UK and was busy in the hangar with avionics guru Liviu sorting some radio problems with his own glider plus getting radio checks done for Ian O'Keefe on his. So we left the gliders outside and went home except I thought I would do some more work on the yellow tractor. The rubber connection for the induction pipe from carburettor to air cleaner was perished so I found a replacement at Mitre10 and spent a couple of hours

making it all fit before also heading for home, feeling quite virtuous. The tractor is not running perfectly but it is a whole lot better than it was before.

*Instructor Rex Carswell adds.....*Earlier in the week the weather forecast wasn't looking too promising for the weekend, but come Saturday morning it was initially looking okay - except a weak line of moisture was showing on the rain radar just off the west coast. Nah .. 'nothing to worry about' I thought, as I headed out under the sunshine. However, I had barely entered the Upper Harbour Motorway when the sky filled with low cloud, and light rain descended.

I was at the gate just a tad after 9:30, and Jonathan Pote was already there with clipboard in hand. The light rain passed through just as quickly as it arrived, but a good stiff westerly breeze was now with us. As I opened the hangar and extracted the tractors, I pondered if anyone would turn up to fly. Yep - it wasn't long before Kazik Jasica rocked up, then soon after, towie Peter Thorpe, CFI Ray Burns, Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby.

Kazik was keen to fly, and we launched into a cloud filled sky at 11:25am. The reported wind at 2000ft was westerly at 25kts.

Fortunately, it wasn't too bumpy after release and Kazik was able to exercise entering and exiting turns up to Va (max manoeuvring airspeed) for our glider. All good, but we didn't have any lift to keep us up there so it was a sled ride back into the circuit and land. So that was that - the only launch for the day. However, other things were happening on our patch. We had a 6 SQN ATC Cadet arrive to sign up with our club. She spent some time seeing how we operate and is looking forward to flying with us. Derry Belcher and Ian O'Keefe arrived along with avionics engineer Liviu, to carry out some checks on their gliders. They stayed on, while most of us departed around 2:30pm.





**SUNDAY** *the other towie Andrew Williams also got there first....*

It was a beautiful day for flying. The wind was consistent and the sky was free of rain. Once the early morning overcast conditions lifted we got setup. Kazik and Brendan got a brief from Steve on cross country considerations, etc. I decided to make the most of the good weather by going for a tiki tour of the city. Tony and Roy were both keen to come so I suggested we do a couple of flights. Roy graciously allowed Tony to go first, but unfortunately we ran out of time by the end of the day to do a second flight. Next time! Ray was taking NW to Drury and took off just before us. We soon departed and followed him out over the Harbour Bridge, city and to St Heliers, but before we could catch up he changed frequency and headed on south, while we turned north. We tracked up the coast to Milford, before heading over Rosedale Road, then out to Riverhead, Kumeu and Waimauku. We landed and shortly after Kazik was ready to get started. We ended up doing five tows before packing it up. It was a beautiful day and I was surprised there weren't more aircraft out over the city enjoying it. There was plenty of aeroclub training happening at Whenuapai though!



*Instructor Steve Wallace adds a couple of details.....As I drove to the airfield in low cloud and drizzle the day did not look too promising but the forecast said it was going to clear up and that we would get a good few hours of nice thermals before marine air from the west blued everything out in our area. That's pretty much what happened. The morning visible satellite picture showed the back of the frontal cloud had quite a sharp clearance line and as we began to set up the clear air and blue skies could be easily seen to the South West. We elected to wait a bit for the clearance to arrive so*

sat in the caravan and did a bit of QGP theory with Kazik Jasica and Brendan Moore. After a Boeing

departure at 11.30am we got underway around midday. First up was Kazik who wanted to look at safe gliding distance back to the field so of tow he picked up a nice thermal and we made our way out to the far side of the Riverhead Forest and then guessed / calculated the height we would arrive back at the circuit at. It all worked out nicely to within a few hundred feet. Having been away for almost an hour this inspired Tony Prentice in BD and Kris Pillai in MP to come and try their luck. The good stuff was slowly drifting off to the North and East however so things were getting trickier. Brendan was also keen to get into some of the QGP so up we went and did some high speed stuff before coming back to earth and calling it a day. So not a bad day considering how it started out weather wise.



## **POWER SECTION COMPETITIONS**

The Power Section are running their local competitions on Saturday with Sunday the rain alternate almost as they have done for many, many years. This time Base has ruled that we cannot fly while the comps are on.

The weather forecast indicates it should be OK for Power Section on Saturday so make sure you give our day on Sunday a good nudge.

## **START OF SEASON BRIEFING AND AGM**

The Start of Season briefing will be in our hangar on Saturday 19 October at 1000 followed by the Annual General Meeting. Attendance at the SOBS is essential.

Nominations for the committee and Notices of Motion are sought, to the secretary, Ivor Woodfield please.



## LABOUR WEEKEND - MATAMATA

As usual your club is planning to deploy to Matamata at Labour Weekend. Now is a good time to start planning your trip, having somewhere to stay. Matamata is a great place to attempt badge flights and to have some decent cross countries too. Further down is an excellent piece by Piako CFI Steve Care describing good landout spots on the run to Thames, how to find them and some useful tips. Excellent preparation for those planning badge flights and, indeed for everyone else flying the area. We are grateful to Steve both for writing this and for allowing it be published in Warm Air.



Can I please have an indication who thinks they might attend. So far four have bothered replying although a number have given verbal indications.

There is also a cross country course during and straight after labour weekend at Matamata. This is a great course for those new to cross country and for those who would like a refresher and, sometimes, a kick start to go further afield. If you wish to attend the course talk to his CFIness Ray Burns.

Word on the street suggests airfield accommodation is filling fast. Don't wait but book now. The airfield cabins can be booked through Ralph Gore <mailto:Gore.Family@xtra.co.nz>

## LABOUR WEEKEND DINNER

For those making it to Matamata this labour weekend (26th to 28th Oct) and would like to part take of Saturday diner (or Sunday to be confirmed), please send your interest and numbers to [kishan@bhashyam.co.nz](mailto:kishan@bhashyam.co.nz)

Cost is usually \$35pp (currently awaiting confirmation). There might even be a 'live band' in if enough interest is expressed!

Please send your interest and numbers. Specific details to follow.

## STEPPING STONES a wee correction

Last week we published a piece by Steve Care on some cross country tips from Matamata. I managed to make Steve the Piako CFI. While he used to be, he is not now, that's Bob Gray. Steve is the Joint Club Captain with Genny Healey.

In trying to fit everything in I made the GPS coordinates table a bit too small and cut off a few. Here it is again

Pohlen Rd Goat Farm	37° 47.186' S 175° 46.406' E
Wardville Rd Goat Farm	37° 43.605' S 175° 47.789' E
Te Aroha Racecourse	37° 33.511' S 175° 42.412' E
Old Te Aroha Airfield - Otway	37° 28.523' S 175° 37.176' E
Thorp Road Paeroa	37° 24.947' S 175° 40.682' E
Hikutaia paddocks	37° 18.075' S 175° 38.620' E
Thames Airfield	37° 9.647' S 175° 32.904' E

## Duty Roster For Sep,Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Oct	12	J DICKSON	R BURNS	A WILLIAMS	Power Sect Comps
	13	B MOORE	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	19	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	20	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
Labour W/E	26	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	27	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	28	M MORAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
Nov	2	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	3	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	G LAKE	
	9	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	10	R WHITBY	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	16	I BURR	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	17	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	23	K JASICA	R BURNS	G LAKE	
	24	J DICKSON	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
	30	B MOORE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
Dec	1	S HAY	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	7	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	8	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	14	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
	15	M MORAN	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	21	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	22	R BAGCHI	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	