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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Steve Wallace

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Towing: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot: Geoff Leyland

Sunday

Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Fletcher McKenzie

Duty Pilot: Ian O'Keefe

Monday

Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot: Matt Moran

LABOUR WEEKEND AND WE ARE OFF TO MATAMATA
MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield reports*

With our AGM and pre-season briefing taking place in the hangar before any flying, I set off for the field early. CFI Ray Burns set out even earlier, and collected the just before I arrived. We were both beaten to the gate by Jonathan Pote, who wanted to manage access carefully from the start to ensure everyone was recorded as required by the security measures we currently operate under.





Before too long we had the west end of the hangar cleared out to allow for the two meetings, and people were steadily arriving. Thanks to Jonathan's careful management, around 30 people were parked up and signed in through the gate well before the scheduled 1000 start. Lionel Page also had the BBQ going, and with a little help was starting to prepare the sausages, onions etc. that we would tuck into once the meetings finished.



First up was the club AGM, which was well attended and ran smoothly under the skilful guidance of OIC Ryan McRae. Presentation were giving by Ryan, Ray and Lionel, a few cups were awarded for notable piloting achievements through the year, and the meeting was soon wrapping up.

We then moved on to our start of season briefing, with CFI Burns raising various items and issues of interest to all club pilots. We were joined by Gerard Robertson from the Auckland club and Dusty

Miller, a fellow pilot from the UK. We were also introduced to our Northern Region Operations Officer, David Moody, who told us a bit about his role and reinforced the value of Incident Reporting.

Once this meeting ended, people moved on to the BBQ, which was certainly most gratefully received.

As the meetings had been progressing, and certainly while the eating was happening, it was clear from inside the metal hangar that heavy rain had started falling, and a strong wind was blowing in from the west. Also there was an



improvement in the forecast for later in the day, most people had seen enough to convince them that this was not likely to be a good gliding day, and as the sausages began to run out, people started to drift off. By around 1400 there were just a small handful remaining, with no-one now wanting to fly. A short while later, with no real break in the weather apparent, I decided to leave engineer Derry Belcher, who was working on an annual check of a glider, and a couple of members finishing some short tasks, and head off out myself.



Overall a very productive and informative day, although sadly not a single aircraft or pilot left the ground. At least Sunday has an improved weather forecast ?

SUNDAY

They flew 5 flights on Sunday, Kazic flew with Andrew Fletcher, Ray Burns, flew MP, Tony Prentice flew his BD and Brendan Moore gave VF a nudge. Last launch of the day was Dave Todd with Andrew Fletcher in MW.



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 it sounds like we are going to be able to roll into the catering for the Cross Country course.

Cost is \$7 for Breakfast, \$8 for Lunch and \$15 for Dinner and an all meals ensemble for \$30. The caterers will need to know the day before which parts you want or you will miss out.

Please send your interest and numbers to Kishan kishan@bhashyam.co.nz



Forthcoming events

26th to 30th Oct MSC Cross Country Course at Matamata

3rd to 10th Nov Central Plateau Comp at Taupo

9th to 16th Nov SI Regionals & Club Class Champs at Omarama

24th to 30th Nov Northern Regionals at Matamata

5th to 14th Dec YouthGlide Development Camp at Omarama

9th to 13th Dec Air Cadet Camp at Matamata

26th Dec to 4th Jan Matamata Christmas Camp

27th to 31st Dec Grand Prix at Matamata

4th to 11th Jan Auckland Soaring Champs at Drury

15th Jan to 15th Feb 2020 Fly with Peter Hartmann (International Coach)

2nd to 15th Feb National Champs at Taupo

22nd to 29th Feb Central Districts Comp at ???



Matamata Airfield

December 27th - 30th (or 31st if required)

**The first Grand Prix held in the North Island !
Planned to be fast and exciting racing !
Better visibility for supporters !**

2 classes (to be confirmed on Day 1)

- **18 meters** (with Duo's/Arcus's allowed)
- **15-ish meters**—handicapped- i.e. tasks will be slightly longer for high handicaps.
- **Limited to 12 gliders per class** - first in etc.

The event will be during the traditional Xmas camp held on the airfield which provides some synergies and collegiality.

Questions to: **David Jensen** (0274 517757) or **Rob Lyon** (021 324232)

Try out this contest format in a shortened
and relaxed setting - no pressure (well not much).

Enter at the new GNZ Contest Site - <http://gliding.net.nz/contests>

More info to follow ...

Duty Roster For Sep,Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
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	30 Sqn ATC
	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	