

WARM AIR 9 Nov 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: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot: Joseph Dickson

Sunday Instructing: Lionel Page

Towing: Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot Rot Whitby

**SUNDAY WE HOST 30 SQN ATC, EARLY START PLEASE
MEMBERS NEWS**

SATURDAY

*Duty Instructor Peter Thorpe gives his version.....*A wee bit of a hiatus at the beginning of the day in that I had missed the fact we needed an early start for some cadet flying in the Grob. Lionel Page kindly drew the key and things were soon back on track once Jonathan Pote arrived to guard the gate. The single seaters needed rigging after the Labour Weekend camp at Matamata so that task kept everyone busy for the rest of the morning. Ray Burns had the Grob 109 GNW up and running by 1100 and had completed three sorties before we finally launched in MW at 1300. There was a brisk SW wind so we were operating off 26 and with Derry Belcher towing Craig Best and I took a launch to 2000ft to see what thermal activity there was - the answer was not much as we were back on the ground in 16 minutes but we did complete a 'getting low in the circuit' exercise. Andrew Fletcher took a flight in MP for a slightly better time of 27 minutes followed by Ian O'Keefe in his high speed pursuit ship HS for 28 minutes. Then Tony Prentice showed the big boys how to do it by managing 40 minutes in his PW5 BD. The control tower came on watch for a couple of military movements but did not restrict our activities so Andrew and Ian both took second flights and this time achieved 121 and 110 minutes respectively. Craig and I launched again and this time completed a high approach and signed off cross wind take offs and landings - well done Craig. Ray completed six sorties in NW while we did eight flights all faithfully recorded by Neville Swan who manned the duty pilot desk. All on the ground by 1600 and off home soon after.

SUNDAY

*Duty Instructor Ivor Woodfield explains all.....*Sunday dawned warm, with clear blue skies. While RASP was not predicting good thermals, it should at least be a reasonable day to be outside. I first went to talk to Base Ops, who had just one movement of a Hercules later in the day, then picked up the key and went to open up. It was not long before we had Neville Swan, Andrew Fletcher, Tony Prentice, Kazik Jasica, Ray Burns and Duty Pilot Joseph Dickson were all arriving, together with Jonathan Pote who once again arranged to sit in the car park for the start of the day to manage and record access through the gate and onto the field. We set about preparing the fleet for the day's flying, and trying to decide on which end to fly from. All the forecasts were for a light SW breeze, with a stronger southerly higher up. However, shortly after we set up on runway 26 it became clear that a south easterly was building, so together with towie Graham Lake, we re-established ourselves at the other end of the field. Another check of RASP showed that a very strong inversion layer was likely to be waiting for us in the blue at around 1500', and this turned out to be very accurate.

First flight of the day was an initial flight with a new club youth member, Rebecca McMillan, who had previously had a couple of glider flights at the Taupo club and was keen to continue in the sport. She launched with Andrew Fletcher in the back seat shortly after 1230 for a good initial flight. Then at around 1330, Geoff Leyland launched, also with Andrew, to see if they could find any activity at all in the calm blue sky. They had a successful 20 min flight.

Both Tony Prentice and Kazik Jasica launched in PW5s, hoping that these light responsive aircraft could make the most of the light conditions. They both managed to find weak thermals, which kept them aloft for a while, albeit not very high, before returning to the field in what was becoming a light tail wind.

Throughout all this activity, Ray, Joseph and a couple of members of the ATC had been working on repairing the door of the red hangar, which had been recently damaged such that it was jammed open. They successfully completed their work around 1430, and with no sign of any further enthusiasm from other pilots, and a steady slight westerly, Joseph decided he would like to take a short flight and then return GMW to the hangar at the other end. We released at 1500', from where the inversion layer was clearly visible around the entire horizon. The air was very smooth as we flew around, and we had dropped around 300' before finding any instability at all. Around us we could see the smoke from a few small fires was rising a short way before levelling out, and in the area of one of these we did find a small amount of lift, which provided a challenge for a while. However, all too soon we were joining right base for 26, and returning to the ground, where others had started to pack everything away.

Once the tow plane had been carefully cleaned, and everything returned into the hangar, everyone stayed around discussing the day for a while, before we left. All locked up by 1545 after 5 glider flights, two tow plane sorties and some significant engineering on the Pegasus hangar door.

Towie Graham Lake adds.....A funny old day featuring tailwinds at both ends. After considerable watching we decided O8 was the lesser of the evils for the take off, so we went there. All good to start but as the day progressed the changeover point moved over the airfield until we had a light tailwind over the whole length. Only the announcement of the last flight prevented another "swap ends" call. Andrew Fletcher and I finished the day with a city scenic, clean towplane and tell stories.

NEW CHARTS

Members should note new charts come into force 7 Nov 2019. There have been some changes to the WP control zone with subsequent renumbering of one of our GAAs. G154 Whenuapai has become G158 Whenuapai. There



has also been some height changes, resizing and reshaping the two transit zones on both coastal ends of the Whenuapai MBZ.

TOILETS *Jonathan Pote reports...*

Human Factors Update Members may not be aware (I was not) of a very convenient public toilet about 300m from our usual entrance. Head down Waimarie Road, and a short distance past the Puriri Road turning on the right is a well concealed metal track to 'Bill Moir Reserve'. Facilities are maintained and very satisfactory. As we apparently cannot now use the toilets at the western end, this is very useful to know.



Forthcoming events

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 Nov, Dec 2019

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Nov	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	G LAKE	40 SQN ATC
Dec	1	S HAY	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	7	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	8	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	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	