

WARM AIR 21 Dec 19

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Andrew Williams Duty Pilot: Thomas O'Rourke	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday	Instructing: Rex Carswell Towing: Fletcher McKenzie Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Instructor Lionel Page reports

Arrived a little late to find Ivor Woodfield and Tony Prentice waiting with GMW (de-rigged and on her trailer) at the gate. Ivor had just returned from Matamata where he instructed for the ATC. On the way in it was raining so I thought that there would not be much flying. As soon as we opened the hangar, out came the sun and it soon heated up quite a bit.



With much "committee" discussion we finally had GMW rigged and ready to go. As no one else seemed eager to go actual flying, I took Brendan up and we managed a good 51 minutes until Rex Carswell jinxed the flight by calling and saying there was no rush as no one else was waiting - wham - back on the ground lickety-split.

Ian O'Keefe then took Roy Whitby up and was not seen on the ground again for well over an hour. They



obviously knew something I did not.

Once they landed we packed up and headed home after the normal banter in the hangar. Oh yes, Tony was a bit miffed as he took his trailer for a WOF which it failed - so some remedial work required there.

SUNDAY *Instructor Steve Wallace tells a tale*

Sunday started out great but unfortunately did not end that way. First flight Matt Moran and myself. Nice 42 minute flight as Matt demonstrated his skills at thermalling in a difficult and weak sky. Next up was Tony Prentice testing out his back seat flying skills with Rahul Bagchi in the front acting as P2. Last flight was

Rahul in the front as P1 and Matt in the back as P2. Unfortunately, this flight resulted in an aborted take-off shortly after the tow plane and glider became airborne, ending with MW ground-looping

IVOR WENT THE CADET GLIDING CAMP AT MATAMATA



Ivor Woodfield and GMW went to the ATC Gliding Camp at Matamata from late evening Sunday 8th until early morning Saturday 14th

Leaving Whenuapai with GMW, which had been de-rigged and packed into its trailer after a full day of cadet flying, I arrived close to dark Sunday evening to find a great meal waiting for me. This was to set the tone for the entire week.

Each day started with breakfast soon after 0630. On Monday the morning was devoted to briefings and presentations. Then in the afternoon each cadet took a tow to 3000' from where we went through the basics of flight and effects of controls. This was also the day when we had reasonable lift, so at least thermaling demonstrations were possible.

Once all the aircraft were back on the ground, GMW was picketed down and then everyone moved on to another briefing session, after which we had dinner. The day ended around 10, by which time everyone was ready for bed!

From Tuesday to Thursday the cadets covered as much as they could of the A certificate syllabus. Each day started very early with a good breakfast, followed by a briefing session. There was a separate session for the instructors, tow pilots and ground crew. By 0930 we were heading out to fly. With 14 students and 4 training gliders there was a lot of flying to do, particularly for the instructors who were flying pretty much straight through from then until 1700 with a short break for lunch. The days were very hot and the air extremely stable for most of the week, with almost no available thermal activity. Heaps of sunblock and

hydration were critical, and the ground crew were proactive in ensuring people's needs were being met. Nonetheless, exhaustion was an ever present risk, and cadets were encouraged to take time out as required.



By the end of the week, most cadets were flying well, with some even showing potential for a solo circuit. With GMW I had a group of 4 cadets to teach to fly. All four made really good progress, generally from a background of little or no previous flying experience. By the end of the week all four students were flying complete circuits, with little or no input from the back seat, had worked through a chunk of high air work and were able to identify, enter and climb in the lift that was sometimes available at the end of the day.

In some cases we were able to cover off the non-normal aspects of the syllabus and thanks to the daily briefing sessions all the theory sessions were covered well. By the end of flying on the Friday, all four students had made really significant progress, GMW had made 48 flights and two of the cadets in my group were able to fly a solo circuit. Several of the cadets have expressed an interest in joining the club, where hopefully they will be able to follow up on the good progress that was made.

Overall, this was a very well organised and run activity. While the days were long and the heat was sometimes almost overwhelming, everyone seemed to have a really good time, as well as there being lots of learning, and even more story telling. And hopefully a few more people have been inspired to take up gliding

FLY WITH PETER HARTMANN

And don't forget you have the opportunity to fly with Peter Hartmann at the Early Feb Nationals in Taupo (and before that too). After the success of the Sebastian Kawa visit last year, there is obvious demand to learn from the world's best pilots. Peter Hartmann has won world and continental championships, so a day or two flying with him is the ultimate opportunity to really improve your skills.

Spots to fly with Peter are filling up, so register your interest today. <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/events/fly-with-peter-hartmann-jan-2020-nationals/>

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.



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 . . .

Forthcoming events

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 ???

Duty Roster For Nov, Dec 2019, Jan 2020

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	No Flying
	17	G DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	No Flying
	23	K JASICA	R BURNS	G LAKE	No Flying
	24	J DICKSON	L PAGE	P THORPE	-
	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	30 SQN ATC
	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	
Dec	28		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	29		A FLETCHER	G LAKE	
	30		R BURNS	P THORPE	
	31		L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
Jan	1		R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	2		P THORPE	G LAKE	
	3		I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	