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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Ray Burns

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Towing: Andrew Williams

Duty Pilot Ian O'Keefe

Sunday

Instructing: Rex Carswell

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot Matt Moran

MEMBERS NEWS

WAITANGI DAY THURSDAY

No flying but some work around the hangar



SATURDAY *Instructor Lionel Page reports*

Arrived to find the normal crew waiting patiently for me. I confirmed a text from Fletcher to check whether we had any pilots interested in flying the singles. Kishan optimistically asked me to open all the airspace, which I duly did. It was not unwarranted as we soon heard that the guys were at 4,000ft. Only Kazik seem to struggle, having launched last I think, into a very variable sky.

Roy and I (with changing other experts) reassembled GVF's trailer. The trailer now has a nice refurbished bright blue drawbar.

The fleet returned from some nice long flights in time for the formation take off of the Airforce's Texans. (For a display at Eden Park I believe.)

The assembled crew then helped me put ZK-GON in her new trailer to assess how the fittings were going to work. Much discussion before deciding to use the current fitting from the rusted out trailer.

All packed up and headed home by about 4pm. Thanks to everyone for a good day.



SUNDAY *Duty Instructor Ivor Woodfield gives his version*

Sunday started warm and cloudy. That cloud was set to burn off around mid day, so blue skies for the afternoon. I learned from base ops that there was due to be an arrival and departure of a King Air during the day, together with some flying from the Texans of the Black Falcons aerobatic display team, who were putting on a display towards the city in the middle of the day.



There were several people at the field from around 9.30, including Neville Swan, who was to be duty pilot, Kazik Jasica, Matt Moran, Ruan Heynike, Tony Prentice and Roy Whitby. Jonathan Pote once again guarded the gate, ensuring that all arrivals were logged and signed in.

Before long we had both the club singles out and ready to fly. Ruan had the tow plane prepared and ready to fly. Then Peter Thorpe and Ray Burns arrived with the Twin Astir from Taranaki. For the next hour or so we all helped get it off the trailer and into the hangar, ready for Derry who was hoping to inspect it thoroughly during the week, prior to our possibly adding it into our fleet.

By this time the Texans were due to depart, and as Izzy Burr and Kris Pillau arrived, the 6 Texans taxied to our end of the runway and took to the air. We were treated to a short display of skilled flying before they headed east and we were able to start flying ourselves.



First up was Matt in GMP. It was getting very warm and the few clouds didn't provide much indication of suitable lift in the southerly wind. Nonetheless Matt managed to find what lift there was and make good use of it. Next up was Kazik in GVF. He too managed a good flight. Once he landed there were no more takers for GVF, so I took it up and spent a fun half hour or so hunting around in a blue sky for what lift there was. While I was up, Izzy took to the air in GMP. Between us we managed to use up what little lift was left, and we were back on the ground and starting to pack away by shortly after 1500.

Once everything was back in the hangar there was time for a bit of story telling, and poring over the 'new' Grob Twin. As people started to leave and head home, Kisham Bhashyam appeared around the door of the hangar. He had been flying in Drury all day, and was now planning on derigging his glider which he had left behind the hangar and returning it to his trailer. So a couple of us agreed to stay and give him a hand. The job didn't take too long, and we were locking up and returning the key not long after 1600. A reasonable days flying all in all, with a total of just over 3 hours of glider flying time.



GNF Retrieve. Peter Thorpe ray Burns and Derry Belcher went to the Naki

Last week on the strength of some positive emails from both insurance assessors and club members the committee decided to bite the bullet and offer to buy G103 ZK-GNF from the Norfolk Aviation Sports Club. We had been in discussions with them for a few weeks so we knew pretty much what we were getting and after a flurry of activity last Friday when we arranged insurance for

glider and trailer and the Norfolk guys registered and WOF'd the trailer we were ready for a retrieval run on Saturday.



Peter Thorpe, Ray Burns and Derry Belcher set off at 6-am on Saturday morning and after a stop for breakfast at Te Kuiti arrived at the North Taranaki Aero Club airfield just south of Inglewood a bit before midday. We were met by Kevin Wisnewski who had the glider outside and the trailer ready for us. Derry checked the log books and declared there were no nasty surprises so we proceeded to load up. The glider had

not been derigged or the trailer used for a few years so it took us the best part of three hours to derig and figure out where everything went. The trailer is a beauty - all steel with fittings and trollies designed for the G103 so that wings and fuselage and tailplane all lock into place without the need for straps and padding although we did use some as the felt padding on the fittings has hardened with outside storage and the metal fittings needed some lubrication.



Two new tyres were fitted for the WOF so once loaded up all was sweet. We paused in Inglewood for lunch and then headed north at about 3-30pm. A good run with

light traffic saw us dropping the trailer in the Base car park just before 9-pm. On Sunday we delivered NF to our hangar and spread the parts around so that Derry can tackle the Annual Inspection plus quite a few other little jobs that need to be done. There are lots of small things that need doing to fit the glider with the way we like to do things but nothing major and we still believe we got a good deal. Derry is hoping to have NF serviceable by next weekend but no guarantees at this stage.

CLUB WEBSITE

On an unrelated matter, you may have noticed that the website has been completely redesigned. Content is still being fleshed out but the basic design is now complete. The images were simply the ones I had available to me and I would like a few others. Contributions will be welcomed.

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar 20

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Feb	8	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	9	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	15	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	A WILLIAMS	
	16	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	22	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	TBA	
	23	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	29	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
Mar	1	R WHITBY	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	7	I BURR	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	8	C DICKSON	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	14	K JASICA	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	15	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	TBA	
	21	B MOORE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	22	S HAY	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	28	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	