

# WARM AIR 15 Feb 20

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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#### Saturday

Instructing: Peter Thorpe

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Towing: TBA

Duty Pilot Thomas O'Rourke

#### Sunday

Instructing: Andrew Fletcher

Towing: Rex Carswell

Duty Pilot Rahul Bagchi

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### SATURDAY

A fine gathering of the faithful members attended a Special General meeting to unanimously approve the purchase of the new Twin GNF. Members were able to see what they were getting as it was sitting in the hangar. Well done to the folks who went to get her as well as the club members who assisted Derry Belcher throughout the week to get the annuals done and knock off a couple of repairs. A bit more work required to free up the wheel brake and some paintwork touch up but almost there.



#### SUNDAY *Instructor Rex Carswell has a good story.....*



The word was out - the planets were aligning following a huge effort by many to have us flying a twin again. A good number were present, not only to rig the 'new' G103 (GNF), but to see it fly for the first time at Whenuapai - and maybe get a flight in her as well. GNF is a fine looking sailplane, and getting her wings attached didn't disappoint either - clicked into place with little fuss. Following detailed rigging checks, we were ready for a test flight. Our CFI Ray Burns was PIC, flying front seat, while I got to assist and observe from the rear seat. Take-off was at



1139 hours for an aero tow to 3000ft. Suffice to say, expectations were all satisfactorily met for all our planned handling manoeuvres. Following this flight, was a further two launches conducted for the purpose of my Biennial Flight Review to satisfy Ray I could continue to exercise my 'B' Cat. Instructor Rating. All 'good to go' - a brand new signed sticker graces a new page in my log book.



Oddly, GNF was the only glider on the flight line - not a single in sight. I guess those present, were all favouring a 'first day' experience with our new acquisition. I flew with Kazic Jasica and Matt Moran, Ray flew with Craig Best, Roy Whitby with Neville Swan, Ian O'Keefe with Andrew Fletcher, and Ivor Woodfield with towie Andrew Williams ( I got to fly the tug), then Ivor with Rahul Bacchi on the final launch.



In all - ten launches for the twin, with nearly all flights struggling to remain aloft - landing in under 20 minutes. However, Ian & Andrew F. showed the way with a 50 minute sortie. Well done chaps. Once the two



aircraft were put to bed, the usual debriefing followed whereby we discussed our flights and expressed our gratitude to those that worked so determinedly at getting us back into the air. Thankyou.

## 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	