

WARM AIR 12 Sep 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

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Towing: Andrew Williams

Duty Pilot Claire Dickson

Sunday

Instructing: Andrew Fletcher

Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot Kazic Jasica

WE ARE AT COVID LEVEL 2 AND A BIT THIS WEEKEND - WE ARE ALLOWED TO FLY - MAX OF 10 IN A GROUP

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Peter Thorpe got to the crayon first*

At last a flying day after another four week rest due to Covid. CFI Ray Burns was there early hoping to fly the Grob G109 but found it was still blocked in the hangar so could not do so. We were going to do part of his BFR in the motor glider but reverted to the normal two flights in NF. Derry Belcher was there scraping cob webs off the tow plane before he and I taxied across to the Power Section to refuel.

By the time we got back the team of Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, Jonathan Pote, Matt Moran, Kazik Jasica, Tony Prentice and David Todd had the glider and the caravan ready on 26. Ray and I launched at 1130 for the usual 2500ft tow for a spin followed by some stalling and steep turns finishing with a no airbrake landing. Matt launched in MP

followed by David in his Ventus BZ and then Tony in VF before Ray and I could do a very short low level release flight. Kishan Bhashyam went off in MP while I briefed a new young lad Matthew Peters for his first flight. He seemed to enjoy himself and is keen to do more. Kazik and I then did two 1000ft tows to further hone his circuit flying and that was it for the day - flying over by 1440.

The only excitement for the day was a lovely smooth wheels up landing by one of our pilots who shall be nameless. Fortunately our engineer Derry was on hand to supervise lifting in the approved manner to get the wheel down again. Not even a scratch to the paint so all the miscreant had to do was buy us all a wee fizzy drink as a penance - just joking, a wee human



error that could happen to any one of us even though we do try to do our pre landing checks properly every flight.



Nine launches for the day.

Towie Derry Belcher adds.....Hard to believe we were out of lockdown and at level 2.5, which was a newly invented level by the powers that be, and meant we could fly again if we kept gatherings to 10 or under. This is easy for the tow-pilot as the Cessna only has four seats... 😊 Added to this was the fact that the weather god/s were on our side with what turned out to be a pleasant

soaring day with only a few passing showers that skirted the field, and these were easy enough to avoid when airborne.

With Peter T on as instructor for the day, and the regulars including Tony P (visibly forlorn by the fact that his pet PW-5 GBD was STILL missing a radio), Neville and Roy, Kazik, Kishan, Ray (who needed a BFR), Matt (a keen young fellow and possible new member), then a little later on, Dave Todd arrived and rigged his supership GBZ, followed by Andrew Fletcher who raced out after finishing work.

On preflighting DSM I noted that no elves had snuck in and fixed the port nav light or landing light (or for that matter, the ongoing sticky Bendix of the starter not engaging during startup), during lockdown and I also double-checked that no blood was left on the trailing edge of the aileron where I'd whacked my head while working in the hangar during the week doing annual inspections on GHS and GHD and a supplemental 3 monthly check on GNF so it would be ready for the weekend - one of the pitfalls of wearing a dratted mask which causes the top half of my glasses to fog up... It might help the covid cause to wear a mask but not if it kills you another way eh?

Anyway, everything on the plane was as it was when I last flew it just before the level 3 lockdown, including not much gas in the tanks, so I grabbed Peter Thorpe to help refuel as he is authorised to use the fuel-pump at the power section.

Once we arrived back at the glider flight line on the grass runway 26 it wasn't long before Ray Burns and Peter T in GNF were being towed up to 2500 feet for Ray's BFR. A second tow with a release at 200 feet AGL completed the BFR.

Summer is on the way with some good lift about and the members that flew seemed to enjoy themselves. We carried out a total of nine flights for the day.

Thanks to those that helped, including a weight-lifting exercise at one stage.

Keep up the good work and don't forget to practice those down-wind checks if you're flying on Condor!

SUNDAY

Weather decidedly average and no flying

IZZY BURR IS CADET FORCES CADET OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our Cadet of the Year for 2020, W/O Isabelle Burr from No. 3 (Auckland City) SQN ATC. Her nomination tells the story of someone who has shown dedication and commitment to the Cadet Forces, despite a number of personal setbacks.

Our congratulations also to this years runner-up, WO2 Maria Costas from Ashburton Cadet Unit.

The Cadet of the Year Award is a nomination and selection process that recognises the cadet who most exemplifies the NZCF core values of Courage, Commitment, Comradeship, and Integrity, during a calendar year.

Any cadet (CDTWO1(E) and below) can be nominated for the Cadet of the Year Award.

The Selection Panel looks for the individual that best exemplified the complete set of NZCF values, ahead of an outstanding example of one or more of the values.



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Congratulations Izzy, very well done and well deserved

GNZ TRAINING PRESENTATION-His CFIness Ray Burns writes

Predictably that did not happen last weekend due to COVID restrictions. Current planning is to have this as a video followed by a Zoom meeting. Details and links to follow.

GLIDING EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

Matamata Cross Country Course

-Sat 24th Oct 2020 - Wed 28th Oct 2020

Taupo Central Plateau (practice 31 Oct + 7 comp days 1 to 7 Nov)

-Sat 31st Oct 2020 - Sat 7th Nov 2020

Omarama South Island Regionals (TBC)

-Sat 14th Nov 2020 - Sat 21st Nov 2020

Matamata Northern Regionals

practice 28 Nov + 7 comp days 29 Nov to 5 Dec)

Springfield Soaring Championships

-Sat 28th Nov 2020 - Sat 5th Dec 2020

For further info see

<https://gliding.net.nz/events/?gnz=true&other=true&type=all&timerange=future&pageView=summary>

Matamata Air Cadet Camp

- 7th - 11th December 2020

Omarama YouthGlideNZ camp

-Thu 10th Dec 2020 - Sat 19th Dec 2020

Matamata Sailplane Grand Prix (4 comp days 27 to 30 Dec)

-Sun 27th Dec 2020 - Wed 30th Dec 2020

Omarama Nationals (practice day 01 Jan + 9 comp days 02 to 10 Jan inclusive)

-Fri 1st Jan 2021 - Sun 10th Jan 2021

Auckland Enterprise (practice day 16 Jan + 7 comp days 17 to 23 Jan inclusive)

-Sat 16th Jan 2021 - Sat 23rd Jan 2021 @ Drury

Matamata Club Class and MSC (practice day Fri 29 Jan + 9 comp days 30 Jan to 7 Feb)

-Fri 29th Jan 2021 - Sun 7th Feb 2021

Vintage Kiwi Rally @ Te Kuiti Camp Gliding New Zealand Te Kuiti

Sat 6th Feb 2021 - Sat 13th Feb 2021 Tow plane = Fox Bat LSA

(Waipukarau) Central Districts Regionals Competition Gliding Hawkes Bay & Waipukarau
Inc Waipukarau

Sat 20th Feb 2021 - Sat 27th Feb 2021

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Duty Roster Jul, Aug, Sep 20

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Sep	12	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
	13	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
Sep	19	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	P THORPE	
	20	B MOORE	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
Sep	26	S HAY	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	27	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	