

WARM AIR 19 Sep 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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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 Brendan Moore

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

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY Towie Andrew Williams gives the report

This was my last tow duty day and it was a busy one! We started on 08 and within an hour had made five launches and needed to refuel. The Aero Club tank was running on low on fuel, so they suggested keeping enough in the tow plane to get to North Shore in case they didn't get a refill by the time we needed more. After that it was another five launches in quick succession before I had time for lunch before doing two more at the end of the day. So it was very busy for a non-summer day!



The wind was coming from the south for much of the day so it was great for practicing crosswind technique. And there was a strong gradient at about 50-100ft leading to a good quick height gain to 200ft. There were patches of lift along the north side of the river. They were near the prison (over the mountain bike park), over the mansion on the highest hill and the ridge near Riverhead. They were pretty fleeting for most of the morning but strengthened later in the afternoon leading to some faster climbs and long glider flights.

The wind changed direction near the end of the day. I'm told it was due to the convergence that was out to the west moving across the airfield and to the east. I've found that being involved with towing and doing some gliding myself I have learned and experienced a lot about meteorology and local weather effects that I did not do during my CPL training.



Most of you will have heard this was my last tow day as I am moving to Germany soon. I have really enjoyed my time with the club, both towing and as a gliding student. It is a very friendly place and I learned a lot from my experiences here.

It is very satisfying to get into a nice thermal right when I know the glider is about to release, and I am hooked on the feeling you get in a glider when you enter a good thermal or hit some ridge lift and feel yourself being lifted into the sky. I'll be moving to Bonn, and plan to get involved in the gliding scene over there. I've heard it's very good! When air travel is more regular again I'll be back for holidays, and if you end up coming to Germany please get in touch! My email address is ajwill@gmail.com. Auf Wiedersehen!



SUNDAY *His CFIness himself deigned to write for this esteemed publication*

Not as nice a day as Saturday but still flyable. A decent cross-wind made life interesting.

While towie Ruan Heynike set off to refuel at NS, the intrepid tractor team (Neville Swan and Roy Whitby) gave the tractor a bit of a tune. (Could have been "John Deere Green" by Joe Diffie. With its unforgettable lyric of "looked good to Charlene... in John Deere Green") Must have worked because the tractor started first time after their rendition.

The Twin was dusted off and DI'd and flights by Geoff and Jonathan Pote tested the cross winds. Krishna Pillai did a bit more back seat flying after which Jonathan and Tony Prentice took it for a blast.

VF was flown by Kazik Jasica and Krishna while Dave Todd took long flight honours of 100 minutes in BZ (I'm pretty sure I heard with the motor on at one stage....) Peter Thorpe came out and did some practice aers in GMP.

We were honoured with a visit from our esteemed ASC OIC Gus Cabre. Gus will be joining us as a tow pilot so make sure you say hello to him when you see him. The flying day finished with a blast for Gus in the Twin so he could see what it is like at the "Business End" of the rope.

The Day ended in the club rooms with an excellent few plates of finger food supplied by Peter on the occasion of his 80th Birthday. Happy Birthday Peter!



CFI CornerHis CFIness Ray Burns writes some more stuff

AGM

The AGM will be held on Saturday the 17th of October in the club rooms at 10:00 am. This is election day so you won't forget. A formal notice will be emailed to everyone by the Secretary

(Ivor Woodfield). Formal remits must be made in writing and received by Ivor Woodfield no later than 26 September.

SOSB (Start of season Briefing)

Covid Gathering limits are making this a headache to schedule so we have decided to abandon this for this year. I will let you know if this changes. We will organise the Matamata trip after the AGM.

New GNZ Training Program

The presentation of the new training programme will now be done electronically.

A video of the presentation can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xoy6cR8-wm1Z8_9A_6Zf38Ts3CYwKuNU/view?ts=5f56d2c6

There will be a Zoom meeting on 29 September at 1900. The link for the meeting is here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87958656170?pwd=Z1RZV3NoYU5CaHYzRTlPb00zQUtBUT09>

LABOUR WEEKEND

As usual, we are deploying to Matamata over Labour weekend.

There is a Cross Country course at Matamata over the same weekend so on field accommodation may be somewhat pressed. If you plan to go, and stay in the cabins then you need to book those now <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/>

Camping on the airfield is OK.

We will need folks to tow gliders and glider trailers down and back as well as take and bring back to stuff we also need. If you can help let Ray know.

But wait...there is more.....We will aerotow the twin down and back so this is an opportunity to get your cross country tow signed off. Interested.....let Ray Burns know.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE

This is normally a great course that gets you flying cross country in a controlled and benign environment with plenty of mentors on hand. If you are interested have a chat to Ray Burns as you will need his endorsement.

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	26	S HAY	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	27	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	

Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 20

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Oct	3	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	4	G LEYLAND	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	10	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	11	M MORAN	R BURNS	R CARSWELL / G CABRE	
	17	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	18	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	P THORPE / G CABRE	
Labour Weekend	24	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	25	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	26	I BURR	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	31	C DICKSON	P THORPE	R CARSWELL / G CABRE	
Nov	1	K JASICA	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	7	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	F MCKENZIE	
	8	S HAY	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	14	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	P THORPE / G CABRE	
	15	K PILLAI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	21	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	22	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	28	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	29	T O'ROURKE	R CARSWELL	P THORPE / G CABRE	
Dec	5	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	6	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	12	R WHITBY	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	13	I BURR	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE	
	19	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	G CABRE	
	20	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	