

WARM AIR 17 Oct 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Andrew Fletcher

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Towing: Ruan Heynike

Duty Pilot Thomas ORourke

Sunday

Instructing: Rex Carswell

Towing: Peter Thorpe/Gus Cabre

Duty Pilot Roy Whitby

**AGM SATURDAY MORNING 1000
MEMBERS NEWS**

SATURDAY *Dirty Instructor Lionel Page gets first go at the crayons*

Early start - Derry Belcher kindly offered to collect the keys and get a briefing. I arrived at the gate and was shortly joined by Ray Burns, Ian O'Keefe and Andrew Fletcher. A little while later Roy Whitby and Tony Prentice rocked up - and then Derry with the keys....

After a bit of a discussion we decided that the strong winds were not conducive to good instructional flights and so canned the flying day. Derry then got stuck into trying to fix BD's stubborn radio issues while Ray went to remove the ASIs from GMW. Ian continued cleaning is trailer. So lots happening - just no flying. At about 11am we left Derry and Tony to continue to fix BD. A few of us went home and then went "Condor" (simulator) flying instead.



Here's hoping the weather starts improving soon so we can get some better gliding in.

Towie Derry Belcher eventually turned up..... I told Lionel that I would draw the key and get a briefing and the radio in case we flew but ended up running a little late, most probably from sorting and loading my boxes of electrical gear, tool box etc that I needed to try and find the transmit problem in Tony Prentices' PW-5.

At the gate was a queue of regulars when I arrived and once the pushing and shoving through the gate was over the enthusiasm fizzled out, as the crosswind put any ideas of flying to rest. This made Tony happy as I was then able to get on with his glider. Within a short time we were left alone in the hangar, with only Ian O'Keefe outside polishing his glider trailer until he too decided to flag-it and departed for cosier surroundings.

This report is a lot to do with nothing really, but fills up the Warm Air column inches and keeps the grinch off our backs... :)

SUNDAY *His CFIness Ray Burns managed to write something*

I arrived at the club to find Gus already there and keen as mustard. We had a fairly stiff "Breeze" (others may have called it howling gale) from the north. Eventually some hardy souls came out and were keen to try. We hauled the fleet down to the 08 end Craig took the first launch. We managed 38 minutes for the longest flight.

Issy Burr did a couple of circuits and Matt Moran and Ivor Woofield both flew GMP. Andrew Fletcher came out and watched the first launch and then thought better of it (that should have been a warning to the rest of us!)

An educational day for everyone.

DERIGGING FOR MATAMATA

The current plan is to derig and trailer the singles in preparation for the trip top Matamata on Sunday afternoon. If the weather tanks we will bring that forward to Saturday after the AGM. At the moment, the forecast is good so plan A should be the one we use.

Naturally we could use some folks to assist in this task, relax, it's only the singles.

MATAMATA IN THE TWIN

As usual we will Aerotow the twin to and from Matamata. This saves the derig and rig...twice. There is a seat available both ways and a chance to get cross country towing signed off. Talk to Ray Burns if you are keen.

YVES 1150KM FLIGHT

Many club members will remember Yves Gerster who came and flew with us some 5 years back. A Swiss chap and a member of the Swiss National Youth Gliding team he was here for study for the summer. He entered our Nationals with the Libelle IV.....and won the racing class, (*have I mentioned that before, I forget*). Last weekend he did a 1150km flight and put up a wee video to record the event.

https://www.facebook.com/yves.gerster/posts/10160420744628378?comment_id=10160422359588378&reply_comment_id=10160422394993378¬if_id=1602410458682488¬if_t=feed_comment_reply&ref=notif

CFI CORNER 11 Oct 20....*His CFIness Ray Burns writes some more stuff*

You will notice that *Warm Air* included a short paragraph on checklists last week. I want to take this opportunity to re-iterate his comments.

In particular we have had two recent incidents that occurred due to not performing checks adequately.

For all of us, this year has seen our flying seriously disrupted by the Covid lockdowns. For many of us we are just now getting back to the airfield and we are all somewhat "un-current". This is not the time to be skimming on checks.

In August 1987 an MD82 took off from Detroit and crashed shortly after takeoff killing 154 people. The flaps had not been extended. The NTSB report stated that the "...probable cause of the accident was the flight crew's failure to use the taxi checklist..."

In 2014 a Gulfstream IV took off from a Massachusetts airfield with the gust locks installed. The NTSB accident report stated that the crew failed to perform a "full and free controls" check. The result: seven fatalities.

In 2017 a Beechcraft King Air took off from Essendon (Melbourne) and crashed shortly after take-off killing 5 people. The Australian ATSB found that the crew failed to check the rudder trim which was a standard check list item for the aircraft.

On the flip side of the coin: At our own airfield in the recent past one of our tow pilots felt that controls were NOT full and free and did not take-off. Investigation found a small pottle of barrier cream wedged under the aileron mechanism in the FK9. Had those checks not been done properly the outcome of the consequent flight could have been very different.

Note that while these three accidents are on significantly more complex a/c than a glider the checks are checks we use at every take-off (controls full and free?, flaps set for take-off?)

Checklists are there for a reason. Go through them carefully and thoroughly.

Membership Forms and Subs

Membership forms and subs are due 1 October. It is important that we receive membership forms from EVERY member. There is a PDF "Fillable" form available on the web site (Members/Documents/2020-21 Membership Form.pdf). Please download it, fill it in and email to either Lionel or myself asap. Once again, access to a decent printer has made it difficult for me to produce hard copies.

To avoid frustration, I suggest you open the PDF and complete the first field. Save it and re-open it a second time to ensure it saves correctly. If you insist on printing it and using a pen, please try to avoid the use of Egyptian hieroglyphics that have made it difficult to interpret the contents in previous years.

Note that completion of the form confirms you have read and understood the SOP (see previous paragraph!)

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. (if its not already in....too late

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/?qnz=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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Brian



"OKAY, LAST NIGHT YOU DID THE DISHES...
TODAY, YOU'RE FOLDING THE LAUNDRY.
WHAT WEEKEND IS THE AIRSHOW?"

Duty Roster For Oct, Nov, Dec 20

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
	17	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	AGM
	18	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	P THORPE / G CABRE	
Labour Weekend	24	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	MATAMATA
	25	R BAGCHI	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	MATAMATA
	26	I BURR	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	MATAMATA
	31	C DICKSON	P THORPE	R CARSWELL / G CABRE	
Nov	1	K JASICA	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	30 SQN ATC
	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	30 SQN ATC
	21	G LEYLAND	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	30 SQN ATC
	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	