

WARM AIR 19 Dec 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	Rex Carswell	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing:	Gus Cabre/Peter Thorpe	
	Duty Pilot	Clare Dickson	
Sunday	Instructing:	Ivor Woodfield	
	Towing:	Gus Cabre	
	Duty Pilot	Kazik Jasica	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

No Flying Saturday due to a broken towplane

SUNDAY



Rigging GNF
(13-12-20)

No flying due to very high wind. Twin got rigged though.



Matt & Roy
(13-12-20)

NATIONAL CHAMPION...OR NOT

This is a story about the fastest, most locked in, the most gorgeous thermal flight I ever made, which counted for absolutely nothing.

The Task

It was June 25th 2017 at the Club Class Nationals in Hobbs NM. Up to that point, I was having a decent contest and was in the top ten with a shot at the podium. The forecast for the day was good enough by this east coast pilot's standards. The task was a triangle to the east, southeast, then back home.

I felt good, relaxed, energetic. I remember thinking to myself, "today I'm gonna rip it UP." And I did. On the first leg, I lit out, making long glides, blowing through weak thermals, picking up a strong climb before the bottom of the working band every time. On the second leg, the glides were even longer, I was doing a great job of working streets and energy lines. I was full of momentum. It was one of those flights where everything you see and plan works out. "That cloud looks like six knots." BOOM, 6.5, even better.



SNATCHED A DAY WIN

I was an early starter so I was alone. I went deep into the second turn. Starting back home from the second turn I started seeing other gliders who were making the turn closer in. "This is great!" I thought. I used a few people as markers and felt like I had already snatched a day win for myself, propelling me further towards the podium. I just needed to stay out of trouble and find one or two more decent climbs. And I got 'em. I rocketed home full of smash. According to my box, 78.5 MPH in a dry ASW 20. Holy smokes man.



NON VALID START (NVS)

As the scores trickled in I waited and waited for my day-win to populate. The next highest speed (and most were in already) was *only* 69 MPH. With my score not showing up yet, panic started to creep in. Finally, I asked the scorer who told me that I had a non-valid start (NVS). Elation turned to rage. I had a brief tantrum in front of my crew. He was a sport about it. Then embarrassment over my behavior set in. "Why am I so mad, why am I acting this way?" Calm washed over me. I went to dinner with the surprisingly large under 40 gang. I salvaged my

wound with a fat beer and related the flight to my sympathetic audience. All was right with the world again.

WORND START GATE

I had mistakenly modified the previous day's task in my Clearnav, rather than starting a new task. I left in start gate B, instead of changing it to D. My friends still haven't let me live it down. "Are you really the right person to be teaching your son the ABC's Andy?"

In the End, We Do This for Fun

At the time I was laser-focused on winning, but the experience reminded me why we fly. Goals and winning are important. But honestly, it ain't that serious. We do this for fun and for camaraderie. I had both that day in large measure. And after all, I was on vacation. I enjoyed the rest of the contest, making lemonade out of lemons, seeing how much I could try to come back. I had some great flights, good food, and good memories with friends.

Oh, and my trailer tongue broke in two on the way home. No other damage... good times.

Andy Brayer has been flying gliders for 17 years and is currently establishing a career as a professional pilot. He has worked with M&H Soaring in their shop for more years than he can remember. He flies a beautifully restored ASW-20 from Harris Hill, which he co-owns with Bryan Riegal. In 2017 he was the Sports Class National Champion. He also had the honor of painting Dick Butler's famous Concordia. Andy's future aspirations include flying jets, competing nationally alongside his friends, and representing the U.S. at future world championships.



Membership Forms.

There are still a number of membership forms outstanding. If you have not yet done so please get one filled out and sent to either Lionel or me. The name and shame board is currently under construction.....

[Events](#) » Auckland Gliding Club Smeg Task and Goal Week

Starts in a month at Drury

NOTE the Auckland Enterprise Competition has been cancelled and replaced with this Task Week. Keep an eye out for the January 2022 Auckland Enterprise Competition!

Date: Sat 2nd Jan 2021 - Sat 9th Jan 2021

Start Time: 1000 **End Time** 1800

Practice Days: 1

Classes Enterprise and Novice Class

An opportunity exists for club pilots to enter on a daily basis or for the whole week.

Entries (last week)

Name	Class	Glider	Model	Wingspan	Handicap
David Johnson	Enterprise			15	
Andrew Fletcher	Enterprise	ZK-GKT	Mosquito	15	98
Steve Foreman	Enterprise	ZK-GKP	LS 4-a	15	96

GLIDING EVENTS CALENDAR 2020/21

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

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

Sat 20th Feb 2021 - Sat 27th Feb 2021

GLIDER FOR SALE

Unfortunately, due to ill health, my half share in Libelle 201B ZK GIV is for sale. A 1974 model she has done about 3100 hours since new. She has had the 3000 hour life extension program done and annuals were done in October. She has a Strong cushion parachute. She is also fitted with Oxygen but not in date.

The Libelle is easy to fly and has a good performance (Yves Gerster won the Nations in her against much more modern ships). This is a chance to buy into a small syndicate for south of \$10K

Interested: contact Graham Lake on gclake@pl.net

Duty Roster For, Xmas Break

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Dec	21	J DICKSON	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
	22	S HAY	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	23	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	24	K PILLAI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	27	G LEYLAND	A FLETCHER	P THORPE	
	28	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	29	M MORAN	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	30	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	31	R BAGCHI	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	
Jan 21	3	G LAKE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	4	T PRENTICE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	5	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	6	I BURR	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	7	C DICKSON	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	8	K JASICA	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	9	J DICKSON	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	10	S HAY	L PAGE	P THORPE	