

# WARM AIR 1 May

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing:

Rex Carswell

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Towing:

Derry Belcher

Duty Pilot

Kris Pillai

Sunday

Instructing:

Steve Wallace

Towing:

Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot

Geoff Leyland

### MEMBERS NEWS

#### SATURDAY Lionel and Peter Report



Nice and early - to an empty airfield but not for long. Soon Alex and Debrah arrived, and we started extracting aircraft.

First up was Debrah with her initial training - and we managed a credible 43 minutes with plenty control time for her. Next was a quick check flight for Alex after which he did another solo with an impressive 45 minutes.

RASP forecasted difficult conditions, but the fleet proved it wrong with most flights being of a good duration in excess of 30 minutes until later in the day when the

conditions deteriorated. Finished up just before 5pm for another great day of flying. Line honours goes to Tony with 85 minutes in GBD.

#### Peter at the noisy end reports

Saturday morning looked promising with a SW wind of 13 kts on the ground and some Cu in the sky. Duty instructor Lionel Page was there along with stalwarts Neville Swan, Roy Whitby, duty pilot Clare Dickson, Tony Prentice, Alex Michael and Kazik Jasica so we pulled the fleet out of the hangar and did the usual DI-ing, cleaning and polishing before setting up on grass 26. The previous tow pilot had kindly left RDW nearly full of fuel so my DI was easy and we were all ready to launch by 1115.



First away were Lionel and new student Debrah for a 2000 ft launch followed a while after by Lionel and Alex for a 1000 ft circuit. Alex then went solo in NF followed by Tony Prentice in BD and Kazik in VF. Lionel and Rahul Bagchi took two flights at which stage we were nearly ready to close up shop when a young cadet and his Dad arrived for a trial flight and Daisy Hagon appeared for a fly.

We closed up and went home by about 1700. Nine flights for the day.

**SUNDAY** *Ivor reports on the Wind being Cross*

As Sunday was ANZAC Day, we were asked not to start activities before 1200. I arrived around 1030 to find a stiff breeze blowing from around 190 across our 260 runway, providing a significant cross wind component. It would mean some interesting conditions for anyone wanting to fly! Before too long people started to arrive. Tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie and duty pilot Simon Hay, together with Neville Swan, Tony Prentice, Ray Burns, Roy Whitby and Alex Michael were all soon busy getting things ready for the day. Daisy Hogan also arrived with friend Hendri, who was keen to experience a glider flight despite being warned about the conditions.

Hendri and I took to the air. As expected, the tow was quite interesting up to 2000'. However, Hendri was happy with the experience, and before long we had released and were climbing up towards cloudbase at around 3500'. From there we had an enjoyable flight around the area, with clear views of the surf running all along the west coast although not such a clear view towards the east. As expected, the wind strengthened from the west as we climbed, meaning some slow runs out over Huapai and some much faster runs back towards the east. Hendri had not flown in any small planes or gliders before. However, he has a simulator and has lots of hours with that. During some quick hands-on time in the real thing, once he had got used to the very light controls and heavy rudder pedals, he was able to fly straight, control his speed and even climb some way up a thermal. All too soon we were needing to return, so we headed back into the circuit and were able to experience the effect of a strong crosswind on the approach and landing. All in all and interesting flight.



We had been joined by Dave Foxcroft, an old club member who we had not seen for some time, and who was coming out to try and get a flight with Lionel Page. Also Dave Todd had arrived, an ex-club instructor and competition pilot who was initially wanting to fly the single Astir. While they checked out the conditions and said their hellos, we got back in the air. Next up was Daisy flight, given the strengthening conditions, she opted for a circuit so she could work on cross wind conditions as well as practicing radio work. With the crosswind launch and interesting climb to 1000', we released and were soon back into the circuit. Daisy judged and allowed for the crosswind appropriately and made a good landing. With the twin now available, Dave Todd took the next flight with Dave Foxcroft. Both experienced pilots, they should have no issues with the conditions, and were soon climbing up into the available lift. After around 30 mins they were returning from their enjoyable flight.



Keep a lookout for the Knots that form on the tow rope after each flight and remove before the next tow!!

Lionel was also keen to take a flight with Dave Foxcroft, so climbed into the back seat vacated by Dave Todd and off they went. Another 30 minutes of enjoyable flying, leaving Dave Foxcroft very happy with the experience. Alex decided that he would also take a 1000' circuit, having not previously experienced this firm a crosswind. He managed the launch very well, and flew a good circuit with good communications with the tower throughout. Having discussed angles to the aiming point prior to take off, he maintained a good height throughout the downwind and coped well with the headwind on base. His approach was good, allowing for the crosswind effect. This was a good flight, especially in the conditions. By this time things were largely packed away, and in very little time we had the twin and towplane back in the hangar, and everything packed away. By the time I collected my things and got to the gate there was just Alex and Simon left.

Simon had done good work on the record keeping, so thanks for that. We were locking up around 1630 after a good, if short day's flying.

### MONDAY Ray reports

The forecast for today was a mixed bag. Certainly the wind forecast was for a lower wind than the previous two days. A 30% chance of thunderstorms and hail was not welcome, but in the end it never eventuated. Arriving at the field I could see one large CB pass west and then north leaving NZWP in clear air.

Alex and Jonathan welcomed me at the gate Alex had NF out in short order and Alex started the DI. Gus was not long after us and RDW was duly prepped.

Not many flights for the day. Alex clocked up another solo and Craig, Tony and Kazik had a crack at the tricky conditions with varying degrees of success. Line honours were taken by Rahul and I. We managed a creditable 68 minutes.



### Dreaming of a Duo Discus "FES"

Now Schemp-Hirth have designed and equipped the latest Duo Discus with the innovative FES system. It had its maiden flight last week. FES stands for Front Electric Sustainer. Batteries positioned behind the cockpit and in the fuselage power the sustainer engine on the nose of the glider with a foldaway propeller (like model gliders). Should you run out of lift or get low, turn on the electric engine and climb away to find some better sky or get home.

Imagine those long distant cross-country flights to Kaikohe and back or places to explore.

Go buy a lotto ticket now!





**Some Pictures of some mighty old warbirds at Ardmore on Anzac Day**



**GLASFLUGEL LIBELLE 201B SHARE FOR SALE**

Ill health forces me to sell my share in LIbelle 201B ZK GIV. This glider is based at Whenuapai in partnership of two. Easy to fly, the Libelle has a good performance that in the right hands puts more modern machines to shame. Email Graham Lake [gclake@pl.net](mailto:gclake@pl.net)

## Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Apr	10	R-WHITBY	S-WALLACE	F-MCKENZIE	
	11	I-BURR	I-WOODFIELD	G-CABRE	30 SQN ATC
	17	C-DICKSON	P-THORPE	F-MCKENZIE	
	18	K-JASICA	R-BURNS	D-BELCHER	
Anzac Weeks	24	J-DICKSON	L-PAGE	P-THORPE	
	25	S-HAY	I-WOODFIELD	F-MCKENZIE	
	26	K-BHASHYAM	A-FLETCHER	G-CABRE	
May	1	K-PILLAI	R-CARSWELL	D-BELCHER	
	2	G-LEYLAND	S-WALLACE	P-THORPE	
	8	I-O'KEEFE	P-THORPE	R-CARSWELL	
	9	M-MORAN	R-BURNS	F-MCKENZIE	
	15	T-O'ROURKE	L-PAGE	R-HEYNIKE	
	16	R-BAGCHI	I-WOODFIELD	G-CABRE	
	22	T-PRENTICE	A-FLETCHER	D-BELCHER	
	23	C-BEST	R-CARSWELL	R-HEYNIKE	
	29	E-LEAL SCHWENKE	S-WALLACE	R-CARSWELL	
	30	R-MCMILLAN	P-THORPE	G-CABRE	
Queens Birth	5	A-MICHAEL	R-BURNS	P-THORPE	
	6	R-WHITBY	L-PAGE	D-BELCHER	
	7	I-BURR	I-WOODFIELD	R-HEYNIKE	
Jun	12	C-DICKSON	A-FLETCHER	F-MCKENZIE	
	13	K-JASICA	R-CARSWELL	G-CABRE	
	19	J-DICKSON	S-WALLACE	R-CARSWELL	
	20	S-HAY	R-BURNS	D-BELCHER	
	26	K-BHASHYAM	P-THORPE	R-HEYNIKE	
	27	K-PILLAI	L-PAGE	G-CABRE	