

WARM AIR 24

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Lionel Page

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Towing: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot Joseph Dickson

Sunday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

Anzac Day 12 pm Start

Towing: Fletcher McKenzie

Duty Pilot Simon Hay Sunday

Monday

Instructing: Andrew Fletcher

Towing: Gus Cabre

Duty Pilot Kishan Bhashyam

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

Peter Thorpe reports

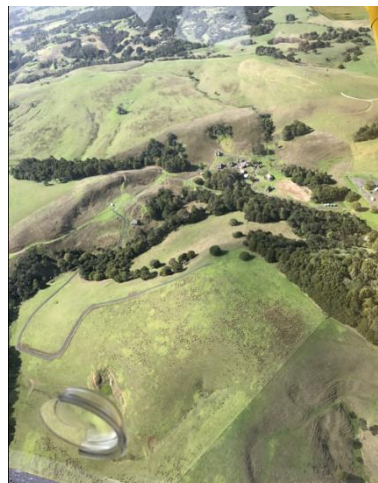
The forecast for Saturday was for showers in the morning clearing in the afternoon. General opinion seemed to be that it was not a good flying day but we needed to retrieve RDW from Parakai where it had a 50hr check and some minor rectification carried out, so tow pilot Fletcher McKenzie and I agreed to meet at the field to look at the weather and plan our trip to Parakai.

It turned out that Ray Burns was waiting at the gate with a bunch of ATC cadets who were hoping to fly in the Grob G109 motor glider. Alex Michael and Tony Prentice were also there and were soon followed by Roy Whitby and Neville Swan. Roy was keen to do some more de-rusting on NF's trailer while the rest of us looked at the weather and wondered about flying. First, however, was retrieving the tow plane so Fletcher and I set off by road. At Parakai the sky divers were already in action so we quickly opened Bryn Lockie's hangar doors (they are electric and only require the push of a button, unlike those on the ATC hangar which are manual and often need assistance from a hammer and crow bar) and carried out a DI on RDW which was full of gas and ready to go. As soon as Fletcher started the engine I headed back to Whenuapai but he beat me by about 15 minutes.



By this time the wind had increased to around 17 kts on the ground and 37 kts at 2000 ft so there was little inclination from club members to fly. The wind was more or less straight down runway 21 and as there was no other traffic the nice controller let Ray use the runway, otherwise the cross wind would have been too much for operating GNW on grass 26. We declared a no fly day for club ops and everyone went home while I stayed to monitor the cadet activities on the ground and help Ray close the hangar when he had

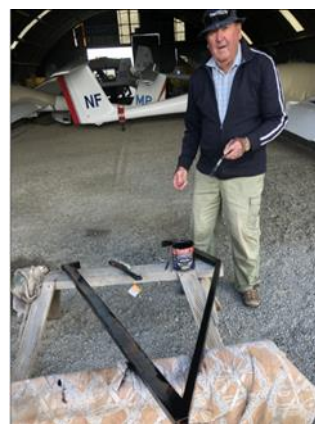
finished. I filled in time by mowing the grass in front of the hangar entrance as the paspalum was rather high. Ray completed half a dozen or more flights with keen cadets before we packed GNW into her hangar along with Ray's Ka6 GBU then I handed the keys back and headed for home.



Fletcher chips in on the RDW retrieve from Parakai

The wind was blowing hard at Parakai, we checked the manual and the work completed, watched the PAC 750 land and fuel. We did a full inspection and got ready for a start. We watched a Cessna 172 attempt a crosswind landing. It was interesting to watch. After speaking with Adam at the Whenuapai Tower, I started the engine and awaited the Rotax to warm up. Taxied and off I flew. I saw an interesting movie set or TV series set and was soon back in the circuit. After discussion with Adam in the Tower we selected a 21 seal approach due to the crosswind on grass 26.

Having parked RDW back in the hangar I saw Kazik and Roy using large power tools, I hassled Roy about missing a few bits as he painted the steel frame (for the trailer) and soon after we decided to call it a day due to the fierce crosswind.



Another day done attempting to tow gliders. Looking forward to future Blue skies!

SUNDAY *His CFI ness Ray Burns reports on a busy day*

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After flying the cadets in some somewhat challenging conditions on Saturday it was a relief to have a light 10kt crosswind on Sunday. We were forecast for about 10kts SW all day and that was what we got. There was some suggestion there might be a small convergence about mid afternoon and that too was delivered about 1430.



Alex, Kazik, Jonathan, Roy and Derry were all waiting for me when I arrived at the gate and we soon had the fleet out DI'd and on the line.

Craig, Tony and Kazik aired the singles and Alex demonstrated a lovely landing for his third solo flight. Matt managed the longest flight of the day and requested airspace to be opened. Kazik followed with second longest flight.



Toni & Matt coaching Craig to get into the Zen mode. There will be lift.





Kazik again showing the perfect landing in VF.

Izzy did a bit of instructing for me which was much appreciated. Two new members took their first instructional flights today. A big Welcome to Brendah Breedt and Jacob Church. Say hello to them when you meet them. We also did one trial flight today with Melanie. Melanie and I managed to time it just right to hit the little convergence when it arrived and were able to do 3 x 1000 foot climbs.



While all this was going on, Roy was tirelessly toiling away painting NF's trailer. He is doing a grand job. Thanks Roy!



Finally, I would like to add my words of thanks for Graham's sterling job of publishing Warm Air for the last 17 years. He has set the high-water mark for anyone following in his boots. Graham, on behalf of the rest of the club, I cannot thank you enough for the outstanding job of producing our newsletter every week.



2021 Theory Lectures and Examination Schedule Auckland Gliding Club

Russell Thorne Auckland Club CFI sent out this invite to us. So seriously think about attending these sessions.

Commencing after Queens Birthday weekend at 9am on Saturdays during the Winter Season. All Glider Pilots under training should consider attending this series. The 1 hour exams are multi choice and require a 70% pass rate. Please bring your training Syllabus for exam signoff.

Apart from the GNZ online content, there is the Qualified Glider Pilot Study Notes available from Gliding International Bookroom at \$32.00. Most exam content is sourced from this publication.

<https://www.glidinginternational.com/books-dvds>

Schedule

12 June Air Law - Gerard Robertson

19 June Navigation and Airmanship - Russell Thorne

26 Jun Exams Law and Navigation/Airmanship- Russell Thorne

3rd July Meteorology-Anton Lawrence

10th July Human Factors -Jonathan Cross

17th July Exams Meteorology and Human Factors-Russell Thorne

24th July Glider Technical - Gerard Robertson

31st July VHF Radio Theory- Russell Thorne

7th August Exams Glider Technical and Radio Theory-Russell Thorne

14th August VHF Radio Practical -Russell Thorne

Contact The Auckland Club and Russell Thorne if you are keen to attend these sessions.

ANZAC Day

On Sunday the 25th April, gliding operations will not commence until 12pm.

We thank NZDF personnel and their families for their service.



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

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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 | Anzac Day Midday Start |
| | 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 | |