

WARM AIR 1 Oct 11

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday.	Instructing: David Todd Towing: Marc Oliver Duty Pilot Thomas O'Rourke
Sunday.	Instructing: Rex Carswell Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot Jay Harkness

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY WOOOHOOOO We had soaring conditions. *Instructor Peter Thorpe starts us off*

At last a nice looking day so Ray Burns was there bright and early to draw the key and rig BU. The wind was 5-7 knots pretty well straight down the runway and we were set up and ready by 1130 after waiting for a Seasprite to finish cavorting on OUR airfield. He was followed by Westpac Rescue 1 who wanted to do some practice auto rotations but he kindly offered to operate on the southern side of runway 26 so were free to get started. Then followed the usual reluctance to be the first single seater to launch because they were not sure if the white fluffy clouds would be producing lift. Ray started the day off by taking his mother-in-law for a flight then I launched with the first of two trial flighters and noted the odd burst of 10 knots up during the tow so it was pretty clear there was thermal activity.

Warm Air (Graham Lake) and Ivor Woodfield rigged IV (As usual, Graham started and Ivor



appeared when the work was mostly done), and suddenly there were three single seaters queuing for take off - a sight not seen for many months. Steve Foreman managed a creditable 22 minutes solo in MW and then Gary Patten produced a star turn by completing 83 minutes in VF to complete his B Certificate. Well done Gary. Warm Air did 105 minutes in IV and Ray 54 mins in BU so the conditions were pretty good. Some strong thermals but equally strong sink which Roy proved to be a master at

finding. Francois Reteif and Dave Foxcroft flew together, Ivor had a fly in IV and I flew the second trial flight plus instructional flights for David Grey and Hamish Park. Andy MacKay and Yvette dropped in to say hi and show off their new baby and we finished the day with a beer at Bubbas Curry Café after a very pleasant day's flying for a total of 14 flights.

Towie Chris De Marco adds his bit. After so many of my rostered weekends being rained out over the last few months, I was quite excited to wake up to sunshine on Saturday morning. I arrived to find RDW sitting outside and waiting for the once over. After some close inspection (and discussion with Peter) I decided a spanner, screw driver and some tape was needed (don't worry Graham



everything is fine now), small tweaks complete it was time launch some gliders.

The day started a little slowly with everyone waiting for the perfect gliding conditions, until Peter landed and gave the hurry up.

After 14 tows for the day they have all blurred into one, however the highlights for me were having five gliders up at one time with everyone having some very good flights. Roy and I continuing our little battle of who can get back to the airfield the quickest, I beat him both times.....but

only just, and our illustrious tug master being towed straight into the lift he ordered (you're welcome). A fantastic day from my point of view and looking forward to more.

Gary Patten writes: Graham, I will leave all the gloating to you this week, what a magic day.

I looked at your, Ray's and my flights and added the GNZ handicaps. You still cleaned up.

GIV 105mins .89Hcp = 117.97 mins
GVF 83mins .81Hcp = 102.46 mins
GBU 54mins .76Hcp = 71.05 mins



Ray in BU

Hopefully the start of a boomer season

SUNDAY *Towie Craig Rook and instructor Peter Coveney had the same report.*

Rain, rain rain, rain..... almost all day - no flying

FLIGHT RADIO COURSE

This Tuesday 4 October there will be a Radio Procedures training evening. Base Operations Briefing room at 1900. Interested members please notify Peter Thorpe so he knows how many exam papers to prepare. If you have not done and passed this course or hold a FRT0 ticket then you need to do this course.

LABOUR WEEKEND

Don't forget to make your arrangements if you are coming to Matamata for Labour Weekend.

The airfield has an associated camping ground on site with plenty of space for tents and caravans. There are also a number of well set up cabins that are reasonably priced and just need you to take linen. The camp kitchen and ablutions are also excellent so take your food and eating irons etc. Visit the Matamata Soaring Centre web site for bookings. <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accomodation/>

For those who have not been before, this is great opportunity to get away to some gliding immersion, A chance to work with another club, a different environment and in an area with plenty of good prospects and possibilities. Come for the whole weekend or just a day or two.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The waiting is nearly over! The Club AGM is on Thursday 13th October at 1900 hrs in the Education Squadron classroom - see below. Please make every attempt to attend and launch the new Club year. This is the chance to hold the old Committee to account, elect a new one, and have your Remit discussed and voted upon.

Remits should be submitted to me at least two weeks before the AGM (by the end of this month in effect) for general distribution, as should nominations for the Committee. Your existing Committee is happy to continue if requested, but new blood is always welcomed. The resignation of Bevin Buchanan, who has moved away for a while, has created a vacancy; a newer, younger member would be especially welcome on the Committee. Meetings are at Whenuapai on the Tuesday evening before the 20th of the month at 1900 hrs , and are over by 2100 hrs.

This year Gliding New Zealand has tightened procedures and we **MUST have your membership and the initial fees in before the end of October.** The Club has to pay the GNZ levy (up \$10 to \$110 this year, the sole intended increase in the annual subs) on November 1st, based on membership on that day. Those whose form has not been received by 31st October will have to be deleted from the Club on that day to avoid overpayment to GNZ. You can, of course, rejoin after November 1st, but it is much easier to renew in good time. A membership form in several formats will follow. Complete one, and bring it with a cheque to the AGM (or you can pay the fees directly into the Club account 12-3026-0447357-00 beforehand).

Your Committee looks forward to seeing you on 13th October.

CHECK THIS GLIDER OUT, BIG COJONES THIS BLOKE

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TWfph3iNC-k>

TAILPIECE

A good Saturday last with some excellent soaring. Thoroughly enjoyed by all those who came out and partook. Let there be lots more.

WARM AIR

Roster below

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2011 Final

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
AUGUST	6	am	E McPherson	L Page	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	7	am	T O'Rourke	P Thorpe	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	K Pillai	P Coveney	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	14	am	G Patten	S Wallace	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	20	am	J Pote	D Todd	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	21	am	G Quinn	R Carswell	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	27	am	F Retief	L Page	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	28	am	G Rosenfeldt	P Thorpe	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
SEPTEMBER	<u>3</u>	<u>am</u>	<u>G Rosenfeldt</u>	<u>S Wallace</u>	<u>P Thorpe</u>
	-	<u>pm</u>	-	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>am</u>	<u>R Whitby</u>	<u>P Thorpe</u>	<u>C Rook</u>
	-	<u>pm</u>	-	-	-
	10	am	I Woodfield	D Todd	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	11	am	C Brodie	R Carswell	C De Marco
	-	pm	-	-	-
	17	pm	J Deetlefs	L Page	R Carswell
	-	am	-	-	-
	18	pm	S Foreman	S Wallace	M Oliver
	-	am	-	-	-
	24	am	D Foxcroft	P Thorpe	C De Marco
	-	pm	-	-	-
	25	pm	N Francis	P Coveney	C Rook
	-	am	-	-	-
OCTOBER	1	am	T O'Rourke	D Todd	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	2	am	J Harkness	R Carswell	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	8	am	B Hocking	L Page	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	9	am	K Lamb	P Thorpe	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	15	am	J McIver	S Wallace	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	16	am	E McPherson	P Coveney	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
LABOUR WEEKEND	22	am	G Patten	P Thorpe	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	23	am	J Pote	P Coveney /	G Lake
	-	pm	-	S Wallace	-
	24	am	I Woodfield	tba	tba
	-	pm	-	-	-
	29	am	T O'Rourke	D Todd	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	30	am	K Pillai	L Page	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-