

WARM AIR 1 Sep 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday.	Instructing: Peter Coveney Towing: Rex Carswell Duty Pilot Enya McPherson
Sunday.	Instructing: Andy McKay Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot Ben Hocking

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Rex Carswell starts us off.*

Turned out to be quite a busy day with 18 flights recorded. The weather forecast leading into the weekend suggested that Saturday might be the better day. The upper air movement was northeasterly harbouring an advancing weak trough line producing light winds - essentially straight across our turf.



The first excitement for the day occurred whilst walking two gliders down to '08'. Steve Saunders and I came under 'attack' from a pair of spur-winged plovers - making us 'duck for cover' as they repeatedly harassed us. Driving the tow tractor - with its protective 'tin hat' - Jonathan Pote was kept amused by our plight. It seems the plovers had already nested so it was decided to advise Base Operations of their presence on our patch. Launching was delayed whilst the Base Ops officer 'cleared' the potential take-off hazard.

First take-off - Steve Saunders solo in GMW for just 13 minutes belied the promising appearance of the sky. Most following flights had much better luck in finding soarable conditions. Dual instruction flights were conducted by me for two new members Phil and Isaac, and Neville Swan was with David Grey. The club singles were kept occupied by Gary Patten (2 flights), Steve Foreman (3 flights) & Ray Burns. The twin had some extra flying with Dave Foxcroft taking a friend up for 28 minutes, and Gary - likewise - for 21 minutes.

Privately owned gliders achieved good soaring too - Dave Todd (Kestrel GHU) 88 minutes, Dave Foxcroft (in Libelle GIV) 22 minutes, and Peter Coveney (LS-4A GKP) - after an initial short flight - got away for 76 minutes.



The afternoon sunny conditions were particularly pleasant as I took a back seat ride with Steve Saunders for 30 minutes, and a trial flight with a promising young lad (Joel) to conclude. Thanks to the 'Dave Foxcroft duty team', and towie Andre Sunde - who was also 'gate key/base RT' monitor. Okay - fleet tucked away - 8 hours 24 minutes gliding recorded in the book - time to inspect that fridge again

Towie Andrew Sunde continues: Saturday was a busy day, 18 tows all up. I think we had 4 gliders up together at one stage. There was a fair amount of turbulence around the lower 1000 feet which turned into lift for some parts of the day, decent crosswind on 08 too. One tow up to 3500 through a hole in the clouds for Gary and a passenger, and a trial flight to finish off the day as the sun approached the horizon.

SUNDAY *Instructor Ray Burns does the honours*

What a cracker day. 19 Launches even with two end changes. MW-5 MP-5 VF-4 IV-2 and HU-3.



First launch was at 1053 and last at at 1617. There was so much going on it's hard to know what to report. Ian OKeefe, Kishan Bhashyam, Jonathan Pote, Steve Foreman, Ivor Woodfield, Gary Patten, David Todd and the Wing-Co all took singles for a spin. Graham Hodge's Daughter, Karen quickly mastered the fineries of flying a real aeroplane after all that noisy banging around in the Tecnam. Rudolph Struyck "enjoyed" the out of position stuff. Kishan did some great thermalling and I think could have stayed up all day. We climbed to nearly 3000 while the wanna-be's their single

seaters looked upwards at us longingly.

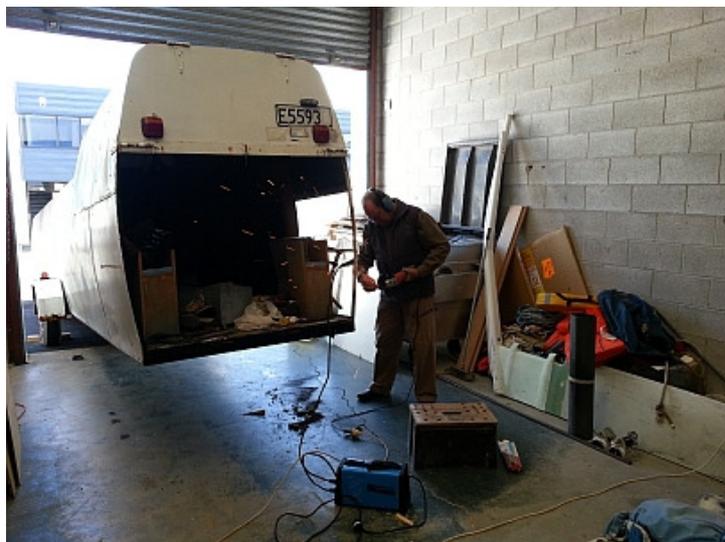
David Todd gets the longest flight honours with 64 minutes.

MATAMATA AT LABOUR WEEKEND *Club Capitaine Ray Burns writes:*

Planning is underway for Labour weekend. There are only 7 weekends left. VF's trailer is having some remedial work. MW trailer was warranted this last weekend past, and MP's hopefully soon.

Please make sure you have booked accommodation if you are planning on staying on the field. Visit <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/> and send an email to Ralph Gore via the link on the page.

Matamata is a great spot for badge flying. I did my (first!) five hours there on Labour weekend 1993. So why not



take the opportunity. If you think this sounds like an idea, start planning now. Find yourself an OO (PC, Peter T, Lionel, Steve Wallace, Gary and myself), tell them what you would like to do and enlist their help NOW.

We need volunteers to tow three trailers (VF, MP and MW) to and from Matamata. I would also like a volunteer who could be at the airfield on the Saturday of Labour W/E and organise the "stuff" to go down (parachute's, volsloggers, batteries, chargers and so on). I have a list so it is a case of making sure the things on the list have been thought of and packed. We probably also need a group of volunteers to do the actual transport of said "stuff". i.e. some vehicles that will have spare room. It will be an early start. There will be a briefing at Matamata before any flying. I did the organisation last year, but I will be flying in the back seat this year and would very much like to be focussed on the flying and flying prep on Saturday and not get distracted but other things.

Could you please email me if you can take on any of these tasks.

PW5 VOLTMETER *Andy McKay has been doing repairs*

The PW5 has or will be fitted with new voltmeter identical to its predecessor. Its possible the previous voltmeter was damaged by an enthusiastic operation of the tow release causing the yellow handle to crack the screen. Could we please ensure that when using the tow release, the yellow handle is eased back into its usual retracted position, rather than pulled and let go from its extended position.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be Thursday 18 October 2012. Naturally we are looking for volunteers for the committee and we are calling for remits. Can we please have remits in by 1 October 2012

LIBELLE SHARE FOR SALE



Terry Dagnin's share in Libelle 201B GIV is up for sale. GIV has done a touch under 3000hrs and had some 1540 aerotows. There are two other partners. She has a Borgelt vario, winter vario airspeed, altimeter and compass, O2, radio and transponder and parachute.

Ill health prevents Terry flying solo again so his share is available. He is open to offers. Call him on 021 181 5664. See Graham or Ivor for more information.

LS-4a ZK-GKP FOR SALE *Peter Coveney has his LS-4A up for sale:*

This is a really good example of one of the nicest gliders to fly. KP comes with a Colibri secure logger, the latest Borgelt, B500 vario and B2500 glide computer, combination worth over \$7000.

The trailer is a clam shell type Komet which makes rigging and derigging a breeze. Great value at \$55,000. Currently located at Whenuapai. Contact Peter Coveney at petercove@ihug.co.nz or phone 021 02251470.



MOSQUITO SYNDICATE?

Is anyone interested in forming a 2 or 3 person syndicate for purchase of GKK - a Glasflugel Mosquito currently in Taranaki. List price is \$31,000 and is fully equipped with O2, electric turn and bank, Mode A & C Transponder, radio, trailer & wingwalker. Fresh annuals, trailer reg and WOF. Estimated running costs are \$2800 per annum. Item is on Trademe and I have several additional pics for any interested parties. Large cockpit, but no chute included. Replies to Andy McKay please...

See you at the field

WARM AIR

ROSTER
BELOW



DML out of the new owners paint shop

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUG/SEP/OCT 2012 V2

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
AUGUST	4	am	R Thomson	L Page	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	5	am	R Whitby	R Burns	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	11	am	I Woodfield	D Todd	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	12	am	K Bhashyam	A MacKay	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	18	am	J Deetlefs	S Wallace	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	19	am	S Foreman	L Page	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	25	am	D Foxcroft	R Carswell	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	26	am	D Grey	R Burns	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
SEPTEMBER	1	am	E McPherson	P Coveney	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	2	am	B Hocking	A MacKay	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	8	am	G Hodge	L Page	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	9	am	B Mawhinney	P Thorpe	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	15	am	J Harkness	S Wallace	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	16	am	T O'Rourke	R Burns	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	22	am	G Patten	P Coveney	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	23	am	K Pillai	A MacKay	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	29	am	I Woodfield	L Page	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	30	am	F Retief	D Todd	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
OCTOBER	6	am	G Rosenfeldt	S Wallace	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	7	am	S Saunders	R Burns	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	R Struyck	P Coveney	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	14	am	R Thomson	R Carswell	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
LABOUR	20	am	R Whitby	R Burns	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
WEEKEND	21	am	J Pote	Wallace/Page/Burns	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	22	am	K Bhashyam	P Thorpe	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	27	am	J Deetlefs	P Thorpe	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	28	am	S Foreman	A MacKay	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-