

# WARM AIR 14 Jul 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** Club Cellphone 021 745 433 [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org)

Saturday. Instructing: Rex Carswell  
Towing: Graham Lake  
Duty Pilot Graham Hodge

Sunday. Instructing: Ray Burns  
Towing: Peter Thorpe  
Duty Pilot Kris Pillai

## SUNDAY ATC CADETS - EARLY START PLEASE MEMBERS NEWS

**SATURDAY** *Towie Craig Rook does the honours*

Awesome weather for flying, and everyone else thought the same. Blue sky, sunshine and light south east winds.

I arrived soon after 0930 (OK, almost 10) with everything all set up on 26 ready to go. Remembering the new cold start procedures for RDW, she burst into life on the 3rd crank, (pew I didn't want to repeat the tractor jump start performance from a few weeks ago). First flight was away at about 1030 just as the wind decided to waft in from the east. We took off down wind anyway in about 3 knots of wind with ease, but after that we all moved to 08 and stayed there for the rest of the day.

We quickly completed 6 or 7 flights just before midday as there was not much lift about. I quickly had a scone and coffee, and then I wasn't allowed out of the tow plane (except to refuel twice), until the last flight at about 1630. It was such a hive of activity with many many launches in MW and VF, as most flight times were around 20 to 30 minutes, except for one oddball flight. The only useful cloud was half way between the coast and Kumeu & this seemed too far away. Dave Todd didn't think so, and requested to Go West. Well west he went and we didn't see him for over 2 hours, 130 minutes I think.

So does that mean we only had one decent glider pilot for the day and 19 duds, or the tow pilot did one decent tow and 19 duds? Yes, we did 20 tows for a winters day, when was the last time we did this? The last I did this was in 2006.

All packed up around 1700 and time for lunch and a beer.

*In case you are surprised to see towie Rook actually writing a report, it appears he had all of Warm Air's missives directed straight to his junk folder. And this after the great towing days WA has given him, especially a day at Matamata where he creamed 26 tows from Warm Air's towing day yet dropped WA and the Libelle straight into sink on one of those many tows. Soooo ungrateful.*

**SUNDAY** *Instructor Lionel Page takes the crayons*

What a mid winter day. Arrived as planned at 9.30 with only Roy nice and warm in his car, waiting patiently whilst my eyes, chin and cheeks were thoroughly frozen, having arrived by motor bike.

Base Ops had informed me that the modellers and the power section were all operational while only the "Ghost squadron" from the Airforce was flying. ie not military movements.

Rex arrived as we had opened the gate and we slowly started extricating the planes from the hangar and getting them DI'd. A brief discussion between Rex, Roy and myself and it was decided that it was a 08 day although there was NIL wind on the ground. A call to Base Ops ended very quickly with me having no say on which end - it had been unilaterally decided we would be on 26. We swapped ends about 1300 as the SE came in just as the forecast said. *(Gotta be more positive guys and not be dictated by others).*

RDW was not happy to be pulled out of the nice warm hangar on such a chilly morning and decided not to start. After much coaxing by Roy and help from the red tractor it finally gave in and started.

First up in very still air was a trial flighter. Harley, a friend of François, really enjoyed his flight and was obviously very interested in aviation. Steve Foreman then took VF up and to the vague annoyance of those waiting, managed to break the wheel brake cable. This meant that Gary Patten had to spring into action and a repair was done (with Derry's and others assistance I believe) - thanks to all. Good to see Bevan Buchanan rock up for a chin wag. He is heading back to Palmerston North to resume his studies and start his PPL.

There were then plenty of relatively short flights. Even Graham came out to rig and then take up Libelle GIV for a couple of flights. (We kept waiting to see if radar ears Ivor Woodfield would pop out expecting to fly her as soon as there was the rattle of controls being connected, the sound of joints being taped, the signing of the DI but no...his normal predictability failed this time). Second flight in the mighty Libelle proved to be the longest of the day, but still a miserable 27 minutes. Smooth as, but a small half knot thermal at 1500 ft lasted for a while.

A very interesting call was made on 134.5 - "We have just had a aircraft crash on the main run 21/03" - turned out it was from the modellers and they wanted to get permission to go clean up the debris. Base Ops was very polite and asked whose the pilot was. A rather low key "Me" was the response from the modeller. Condolences were sincerely issued - a lot of work appeared to have been destroyed.

Fortunately all our aircraft ended the day as serviceable as they started - so all good there.

All packed up by 5pm for a quiet, cold one to finish a superb winter day. 17 or 18 flights I think

### **GARY PATTEN IS QGP**

Congratulations to Gary Patten who achieved his QGP and passenger rating on Saturday. Well done. He bought the beers on Sunday.

### **ATC CADETS SUNDAY**

We have ATC cadets Sunday morning, 5 Squadron from Silverdale. Early start please 0830 and flying at 0900ish. Can we have some helpers please.

## CLUB DINNER

Folks, it's that time of year again. The Club dinner will be on the 22 July 1900 hrs at Chez RSA in Browns Bay. \$25 per head. Please email me at [ray@rayburns.co.nz](mailto:ray@rayburns.co.nz) and let me know if you can make it and whether or not you are bringing a partner.

Don't forget to let Ray know if you are going to the dinner, (apparently coincides with a couple of birthdays for some of our senior members, is one of these a significant birthday? Seventy ten I hear).



**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](mailto:petercove@ihug.co.nz) or phone 021 02251470.

## TAILPIECE

Nice to have two good days on a weekend and no disruption from the airfield owners....sweet. Craig's comment on how long since we did so many tows in winter is a lament most of us share. We have had



a less than glorious weather run the past four or five years so here's hoping for a great soaring summer where we get to report many three to four hour flights.

Some folks don't know how lucky they are. This from Trevor Terry's Facebook and they are moaning it was "only" at 4500ft.....sob. And... it was nearly 8kts up..damn.

See you at the field

## WARM AIR

ROSTER BELOW

**DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY, JUNE, JULY 2012**

| <b>Month</b>               | <b>Date</b> | <b>Time</b> | <b>Duty Pilot</b> | <b>Instructor</b> | <b>Tow Pilot</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>MAY</b>                 | 5           | am<br>pm    | No flying<br>-    | "Jumpstart"<br>-  | -<br>-           |
|                            | 6           | am<br>pm    | G Patten<br>-     | R Burns<br>-      | C Rook<br>-      |
|                            | 12          | am<br>pm    | S Saunders        | S Wallace         | A Sunde          |
|                            | 13          | am<br>pm    | J Pote            | A MacKay          | C Rook           |
|                            | 19          | am<br>pm    | F Retief          | P Coveney         | G Lake           |
|                            | 20          | am<br>pm    | G Rosenfeldt      | L Page            | A Sunde          |
|                            | 26          | am<br>pm    | J Pote            | R Carswell        | A Sunde          |
|                            | 27          | am<br>pm    | K Pillai          | R Burns           | G Lake           |
| <b>JUNE</b>                | 2           | am<br>pm    | R Thomson         | D Todd            | A Sunde          |
|                            | 3           | am<br>pm    | R Whitby          | S Wallace         | R Carswell       |
| <b>QUEENS<br/>BIRTHDAY</b> | 4           | am<br>pm    | I Woodfield       | P Coveney         | C Rook           |
|                            | 9           | am<br>pm    | K Bashyam         | A MacKay          | A Sunde          |
|                            | 10          | am<br>pm    | J Deetlefs        | L Page            | G Lake           |
|                            | 16          | am<br>pm    | S Foreman         | R Carswell        | M Oliver         |
|                            | 17          | am<br>pm    | D Foxcroft        | R Burns           | C Rook           |
|                            | 23          | am<br>pm    | D Grey            | S Wallace         | R Carswell       |
|                            | 24          | am<br>pm    | J Harkness        | P Thorpe          | A Sunde          |
|                            | 30          | am<br>pm    | B Hocking         | P Coveney         | P Thorpe         |
| <b>JULY</b>                | 1           | am<br>pm    | G Hodge           | A MacKay          | M Oliver         |
|                            | 7           | am<br>pm    | E McPherson       | D Todd            | C Rook           |
|                            | 8           | am<br>pm    | T O'Rourke        | L Page            | R Carswell       |
|                            | 14          | am<br>pm    | G Hodge           | R Carswell        | G Lake           |
|                            | 15          | am<br>pm    | K Pillai          | R Burns           | P Thorpe         |
|                            | 21          | am<br>pm    | J Pote            | S Wallace         | M Oliver         |
|                            | 22          | am<br>pm    | F Retief          | P Thorpe          | C Rook           |
|                            | 28          | am<br>pm    | G Rosenfeldt      | P Coveney         | P Thorpe         |
|                            | 29          | am<br>pm    | S Saunders        | A MacKay          | R Carswell       |