

# WARM AIR 15 Sep 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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

Saturday. Instructing: Steve Wallace

Towing: Marc Oliver

Duty Pilot Jay Harkness

Sunday. Instructing: Ray Burns

Towing: Andrew Sunde

Duty Pilot Thomas O'Rourke

## MEMBERS NEWS

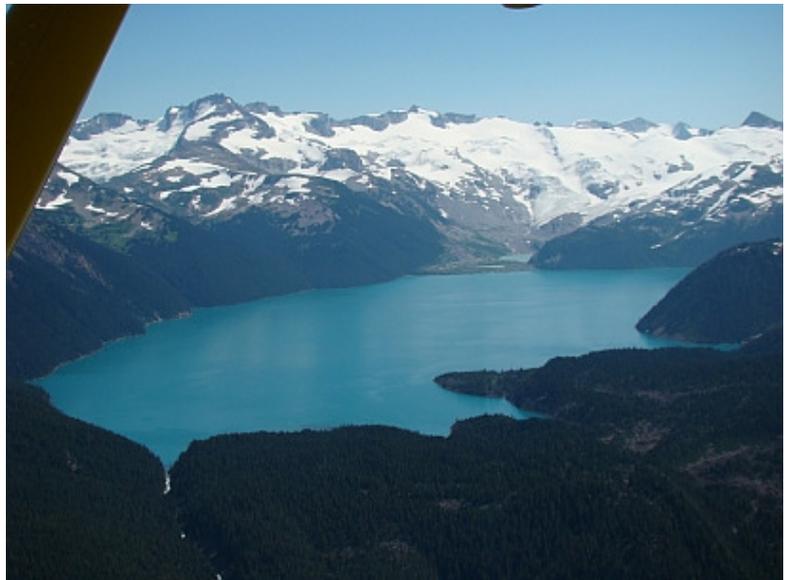
**SATURDAY** *Towie Craig Rook gets top billing...he managed more than two lines*

I arrived at the airfield to a fairly strong crosswind, the AA report was 340/16 knots which was about the same at WP, and the 2000ft wind was 290/30knots, QNH1010.

After some discussion about the weather, the first flight with Lionel & Issac was away just before 11, with a rather bumpy take off, at which point I realised the lap belt needed to be much tighter. There was not a lot of lift about and they were back on the ground 14 minutes later.

Next up was David Grey in MW as the wind continued unabated, with the longest flight of the day with 18 minutes.

By the time Steve Foreman went up in



VF, the barometer had plummeted to 1007 and at AA it was now 340/20knots, which made for some interesting landings, including a go around by me!!

Roy was up next for a BFR with Lionel for a 17 min flight and Neville took Jay up for a 16 min flight just as the wind backed a bit to about 290 deg so made the takeoff & landing a bit easier.

Last flight of the day was just after 1300 with David Grey & Lionel for a 1500ft circuit & a 9

minute flight as the black clouds gathered in the west and the wind veered to 320/20knots, QNH 1004, we decided to call it a day and have a beer.

Interesting to note was the barometer dropped 6mb over the space of 3.5 hours, then just as we drove home the first rain came just after 1400.

PS - New tow plane for us, well its yellow like ours, we just need to fit floats to our glider fleet!! (recent flight from Vancouver to Whistler in de-Havilland Beaver, awesome fun)

*Instructor Lionel Page continues:* Saturday was forecast to be a horrible day with little chance of flying - so I made lots of other plans. So much for that, the day dawned with no rain in sight. I arrived early, got the keys and radio, and a very brief briefing - not much going on, no military movements and I was supposedly the first one out - no modellers or power section flying.

Eventually Isaac Middlemiss and his father arrived and we started getting things going slowly. Not long afterwards, David Grey, Roy, Neville, Towie Craig and Graham Hodge arrived and we got some of the toys out to play. The weather was not flash but certainly flyable. There was a strong 14kts nor westerly that swung to the west occasionally.

The first flight with Isaac was very turbulent and surprisingly increasing in turbulence with height. The lift was there but very broken. By this time Jay, Graham Lake and Steve Foreman had arrived and Steve took VF for a little wander. Everyone bar the two Grahams braved the conditions and I think learnt a lot with pretty trying conditions. The pressure dropped from 1010mb to 1004mb during the morning, and there was a strong wind gradient with 30kts at 2000ft, as well as a good cross wind at most times.

We packed up just in time because as I left at 3pm the first droplets of the forecast rain arrived. Well, what can I say - not a great soaring day but still a good learning experience for those that gave it a go.

Thanks to all for another enjoyable day flying (any day I get to fly is generally enjoyable!)

**SUNDAY** *Towie Graham Lake takes his turn at the crayons:*

Arriving somewhat late, having paused at home to quickly run the vacuum cleaner round before the Dragon got back from Taupo, then paused at the café to buy lunch and coffee. The usual suspects were on hand, Roy Whitby, Peter Thorpe, Neville Swan, Ian O'Keefe and Ivor Woodfield. One hangar door was open. The wind was howling down the strip with reported 2000ft winds of 30knots. Given yesterday's beating there seemed a marked reluctance to fly and the nearest we got to that was to check all of the EPIRBs and PLB's as Base Operations had reported one was going off somewhere round the airfield. More looks around the end of the hangar at the ever stiffening wind sock seemed to drive away any thoughts of flying and we made the call to give it away to mutterings about cowardly towpilots. Yeah that's it...blame the last to arrive.

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

It's been such a long week for me, pondering who I would select from the mountains of replies I received regarding volunteers for Labour weekend. I worried and fretted. Who would be offended if I didn't pick them.... I tossed and I turned.

**And then I woke up.....Nobody.....Zip.....Zilch.....The big Bagel.**

**Chaps and Chapesses! We need some volunteers. Please get in touch.**

Planning is underway for Labour weekend. There are only 6 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.glidering.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, volksloggers, 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.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our AGM will be Thursday 18 October 2012 on Base in the base headquarters lunchroom at 7pm (1900 for us normal folk). 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.

If you are intending to come, or even might come, please let Mike Ward know. He will put your name at the main gate so you can get in.

## **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.

## 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...

## TAILPIECE

Don't forget Ray's heartfelt plea for willing or unwilling helpers, (he is not fussy) for our Labour weekend deployment.

See you at the field

## WARM AIR

## STUFF

The F-18 starts in at the Russian river and heads north. There is a great run up the Klamath River at 3 and a half minutes then back east on the Smith River....go full screen.....enjoy....

[http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=17e\\_1346455094](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=17e_1346455094)

The average fighter pilot, despite the sometimes swaggering exterior, is very much capable of feelings of love, affection, intimacy and caring.

These feelings just don't involve anyone else

## ROSTER BELOW

**DUTY ROSTER FOR AUG/SEP/OCT 2012 V2**

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