

WARM AIR 16 Aug 14

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| THIS WEEKEND: | Club Cellphone 021 745 433 | www.ascgliding.org |
| Saturday | Instructing: Ray Burns | Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000 |
| | Towing: Rex Carswell | |
| | Duty Pilot: Rudolph Struyck | |
| Sunday. | Instructing: David Todd | |
| | Towing: Graham Lake | |
| | Duty Pilot: Roy Whitby | |

SUNDAY 5 SQN ATC - EARLY START PLEASE 0900 MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Towie Derry Belcher kicks us off*

Operations were a tad slow to begin with as we had a wee issue with RDW's electrical accumulator which was eventually sorted, (thanks to Roy volunteering...?.. to hold jumper leads on appropriate places) and with the battery charged up it was all go on 08 with a pleasant little southerly wind across the runway.

Nathan set off first in the PW-5 VF with the new wheel-brake to try out, but I think he found it lonely up there because he followed me down. Maybe he was just having a practice flight before the real one ;). On his second tow we somehow miraculously arrived at a big thermal while turning right, so this time he had no problem getting away.

The tower was on in the afternoon as a King Air came and went again and the airwaves were so busy at times it was hard to get a call to the tower.

Tony in MP and Steve in KP launched into the good soaring conditions, followed by Aida with Andy in MW and even the Warm Ear's man dragged something out of the hangar and skIVED off into the sky (*you forgot to mention, the longest flight*). Roy took MP for a late afternoon flight and only came down because we were putting everything away. - I think it is daft to give up a good flight if you are enjoying yourself and the conditions are still good, as this is what we are there for, unless the instructor has to leave by a certain time of course...



Not many club members came out but those that did had good flights and big grins at the end of the day.

Instructor Andy McKay continues: Seven glider flights for the day and nothing broken. Another good day :). Only one instructor flight with Aida who enjoyed her longest flight so far, and enjoyed the opportunity to get some air-to-air photos of GKP with Steve at the helm.

Amazing conditions given the previous forecast and time of year - 6-8kt averages!

The Libelle does great...Graham Lake adds: The sky showed much promise as the Libelle was readied. other thought so too and the Libelle was soon at the back of the grid. Nathan's early return did not bode well but

the reality was much better. Lift everywhere and long cloud streets to show the way. One such ran from Kumeu to North Shore Airfield. Much sink as we ran out from underneath prompted an about turn to find the cloud street had vanished and all and turned to a blue day. The blue was working well and the fun continued. Eventually chilled feet overcame the fun factor and a long descent begun. The big thermal over Riverhead overcame the chill and back up we went. A great winter thermal flight, the Tower most helpful, what more could we want. It would have been nice if Auckland Control had found a way to let us above 3500ft.

SUNDAY *Towie Peter Thorpe*

I had to dash into the city on Sunday morning but there was still not much activity when I got to the airfield at 1020. Others soon appeared so we set up on 26 with the ATIS saying the surface wind was 340/05 and at 200ft 220/07. The clouds looked promising and Rex and Jack started the day at 1145 with a tow to 3000ft for some spinning. Rex advised me that Jack was ready to solo so we had a discussion regarding the GNZ



rules for 14 year olds and confirmed with GNZ National Ops O that all was well so Jack called his mum out to the field and in the meantime Steve F launched in KP followed by Nathan, Roy and even Warm Air himself who promptly qualified for the shortest flight of the day. Rex took Kishan for a quick check flight and then it was time for Jack's first solo. He flew an immaculate 2000ft flight, ballooned a bit on the round-out but recovered smoothly for a perfect touch down. Congratulations to Jack and also to his mum who did an excellent job

of not looking worried. No more flying for Rex, but Rudolf, Kishan, Steve F and Graham all flew in the singles. Pretty much finished by 1530 so we packed up and had a celebratory drink with Jack before heading home. Eleven flights for the day - not bad for mid winter.

Instructor Rex Carswell adds: Even though I was a little late to the field, after collecting base radio and gate keys, I was still the first to arrive. Roy Whitby was only minutes behind though - leading the usual



gaggle of arrivees - in preparation for another day of doing what we love to do.

First flight got away before midday with young Jack Foot hoping to complete his 'A' certificate syllabus. We needed a 3000ft tow to get us straight onto the task of completing the spiral dive and spin recovery exercises. The G103 obliged, and Jack was subsequently deemed competent. "Okay - that's done". With the realisation a 'First Solo' was possible today, I now

briefed Jack to continue the remainder of the flight as if I weren't on board. The result was a competent and accurately flown circuit - and beaut landing.

As part of the de-brief, Jack also completed his '10 oral questions', discussion on 'handling and performance,

and 'responsibilities as PIC'. Now, this was all quite a load, but Jack remained confident and expressed he was still 'up for it' - so, time was made for Jack to phone his mother, so she could be present at the field. Jack launched on his first solo - with his Mum - and the rest of the team watching. With a 2000ft launch, into a fairly flat sky, Jack achieved a 15 minute flight, and his first 'P' 'crew capacity' log book entry. Well done.

Other activity taking place included two launches by Steve Foreman in KP with 48 and 60 minutes. Nathan Graves 19 minutes in VF. Roy Whitby 18 minutes in MP. Rudolf Struyck a brief 11 minutes in VF, and Graham Lake with two launches in IV for 14 and 38 minutes.

The only other dual flight in MW was to provide a currency circuit check for Kishan Bhashyam before he could solo in VF - a good 41 minutes achieved.

In all, 11 launches achieved, which kept towie Peter Thorpe happy. Non - flyers present today included Lionel Page, Neville Swan and Gary Patten.

Today's accolade belongs to 14 year old Jack Foot - a day he will never forget. Congratulations Jack!

WHERE'S WALLACE *Our Steve Wallace, crew Lisa and cheer squad, Fraser and Gracie (their youngsters) have gone to Poland where Steve will represent NZ at the World Gliding Championships.*



The worlds are all over. Congratulations to John Coutts for his silver medal in the 18m class. The blogs below make interesting reading how John's last developed, or perhaps that should be undeveloped, as the day wore on and gliders came home or landed out.

Steve was 42nd in the 15m class (his first Worlds) with Brett Hunter 42nd in the 18m class.

Check out the Blogs on <http://lesznowqc.blogspot.co.nz/>

ATC GLIDING THIS WEEKEND

Sunday we are hosting around eight cadets from 5 Squadron ATC. This is our Ben Mawhinnie's unit. Can we please have an early start 0900 with the aim to get flying around 1000. Can we please have some helpers to run things and to teach the cadets how to do this stuff. We should get four cadets for the early start with the other four coming around 1130ish.

TAILPIECE

Those who take a flight towards the end of a day that has had good activity often get to enjoy a good flight themselves. The sight of the rest of the fleet going into the hangar is often a powerful suggestion to curtail the flight when most times this is unnecessary. Someone is usually able to hang about and help put your glider away. For a club machine only the twin really requires more than one helper. Please guys, make a radio call to check that someone is happy to stay. If so then enjoy the flight while we have a refreshment. We wont make your IOU too big.

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ROSTER BELOW

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUG, SEP, OCT 2014 Final

| Month | Date | Time | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | |
|---------------------|------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| AUG | 2 | am pm | G Patten - | L Page - | J Wagner - | |
| | 3 | am pm | C Pillai - | P Thorpe - | C Rook - | |
| | 9 | am pm | J Pote - | A MacKay - | D Belcher - | |
| | 10 | am pm | T Prentice - | R Carswell - | P Thorpe - | |
| | 16 | am pm | R Struyck | R Burns | R Carswell | |
| | 17 | am pm | R Whitby | D Todd | G Lake | 5 Sqn ATC |
| | 23 | am pm | N Graves | P Coveney | D Belcher | |
| | 24 | am pm | E McPherson | I Woodfield | P Thorpe | |
| | 30 | am pm | K Bashyam | L Page | D Belcher | |
| | 31 | am pm | K Bridges | P Thorpe | G Lake | |
| SEP | 6 | am pm | S Foreman | A MacKay | P Thorpe | |
| | 7 | am pm | R Forster | S Wallace | J Wagner | |
| | 13 | am pm | D Foxcroft | R Burns | P Thorpe | Power Sect Comps |
| | 14 | am pm | G Healey | D Todd | G Lake | |
| General Election | 20 | am pm | B Hocking | P Coveney | P Thorpe | |
| | 21 | am pm | I O'Keefe | I Woodfield | J Wagner | |
| Daylight Saving | 27 | am pm | T O'Rourke | L Page | C Rook | |
| | 28 | am pm | G Patten | R Carswell | G Lake | |
| OCT | 4 | am pm | C Pillai | P Thorpe | R Carswell | 19 Sqn ATC |
| | 5 | am pm | J Pote | A MacKay | C Rook | Camp Both days |
| | 11 | am pm | T Prentice | S Wallace | P Thorpe | 19 Sqn ATC |
| | 12 | am pm | R Struyck | R Burns | R Carswell | Camp Bad WX Alt |
| | 18 | am pm | R Whitby | P Coveney | G Lake | |
| | 19 | am pm | N Graves | D Todd | C Rook | 30 Sqn ATC |
| LABOUR WEEKEND | 25 | am pm | E McPherson | I Woodfield | P Thorpe | Matamata Matamata |
| | 26 | am pm | K Bashyam | P Thorpe | R Carswell | Matamata Matamata |
| | 27 | am pm | K Bridges | R Burns | G Lake | Matamata Matamata |