

WARM AIR 16 Mar 13

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND: Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org

Saturday. Instructing: Ray Burns
Towing: Craig Rook
Duty Pilot: Kris Pillai

Sunday. Instructing: Lionel Page
Towing: Graham Lake
Duty Pilot: Nathan Graves

SATURDAY - NO FLYING - AIR FORCE USING 8 GRASS ...and another small detail MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Andy provides a brief report*

Saturday was a long hot blue day, no clouds to guide us and some very tricky lift. It was there but hard to work. Steve Foreman was already waiting when I rocked up at 0930 and we soon got going. We had a number of trial flights as well as those of our members. Neville Swan was kind enough to take a coupe to give me a break. Steve foreman racked up the longest of the day at 70 minutes while Genny Healey took the last for a 1930 finish.

SUNDAY *Instructor Ray Burns gets the crayons*

Another absolutely stunning clear day with light



winds. But this day is different - 'cos we get to fly at North Shore Airfield as guests of the North Shore Aero Club. The ferry team gathered early. Duty pilot Jonathan Pote - diligent as ever - had the gate open shortly after 0730 hours(!) at our Whenuapai base to ready the fleet, gather 'other stuff' that is needed, and see our three gliders safely launched in the direction of NZNE. Genny Healey & I crewed GMW, followed by Steve Foreman in GVF and Gary Patten in GMP - with Andrew Sunde flying the tug.

A fully booked flight schedule awaited us at North Shore so it wasn't long before we had the first Aero Club member 'up and away' getting their first 'hands on' experience in a glider. During the day, the single seaters had some additional action, with Lionel Page flying

GVF. Steve Foreman, Gary Patten and Ivor Woodfield flew GMP. The longest flights of the day were by Lionel - 67 minutes, and Steve - 66 minutes. Meanwhile, I struggled to keep aloft with my 'trial flighters' - all four of them, and CFI Peter Thorpe didn't fare any better with his one and only attempt. However, Ray Burns said it was 'easy peasy' - kept both his flights aloft for the allotted period! What can I say!



The day was 'humming along' with the ground crew doing excellent work in positioning gliders - complete with crew onboard - out onto the concrete runway for take-off, and clearing gliders immediately upon landing.

Unfortunately, all came to a halt when the FK9 tug became unserviceable. No choice now, but to realise the situation - our flying was 'done' - and trailers would need to be fetched from Whenuapai to get

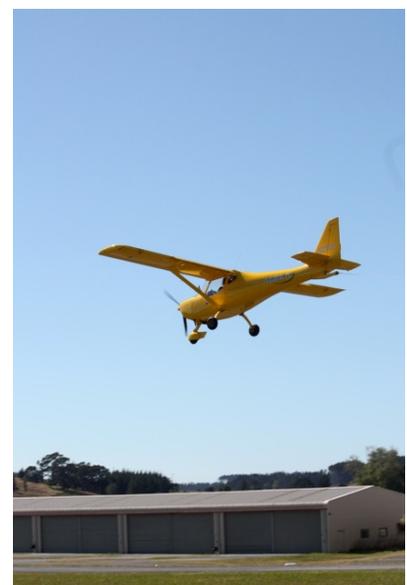
the gliders back. The tug would stay at North Shore.

It was 2030 hours - with gliders tucked up in their trailers - as we locked the gate at Whenuapai.

The day was none the less enjoyable with our excellent club spirit making it all work. Many thanks to all who participated and helped today :- Genny Healey, Tony Prentice, Ivor Woodfield, Lionel Page, Roy Whitby, Rudolf Struyck, Gary Patten, Steve Foreman, Andrew Sunde, Ray Burns, Jonathan Pote, Graham Lake, and Peter Thorpe. (Gosh - I do hope I haven't missed anyone! My apology if I have.) It was good to see Bob & Janet Cridland 'rock up' too - Bob needed to check we were doing everything right.

As Duty Instructor, my thanks also to the North Shore Aero Club for hosting our visit - and to Michael Bach for overseeing and co-ordinating flightline safety.

Towie Andrew gives his version There's usually not much to say in a weekend report but this weekend may be an exception! Operating out of North Shore was fairly successful with no major issues with traffic and the unusual runway and taxiway system. The runway distance was marginal but we made it work, it was consistent at least. The local area west of the airfield proved OK to tow into and facilitated a quick rejoin on the base leg. All was running smoothly until, as most of the bar at North Shore could tell you, I went digging with the nose wheel of RDW. I was running long on all my landing rolls to allow room for the tow rope over the fence, and unfortunately this sent me flying over the hump created by the cross runway at North Shore. On this particular occasion I had perhaps 20 or 30 knots up, still braking after landing, as I went up the hump. This rocketed the plane into the air. Rather than applying full power and climbing away like any good pilot knows he should



do, I figured it would only be a minor bounce and unexciting just like the previous landings. How wrong can you be! Several nose-first bounces later the nose wheel fork bent and subsequently dug the nose into the ground. Luckily, the FK9 is designed to have prop clearance even with the fork bent, so the damage was limited to the landing gear and supports. I won't do that again! Thanks to all who assisted and very very sorry to make you all have to stay late to disassemble gliders. Hopefully this does not put the Club out more than a weekend!

NO FLYING SATURDAY

Apart from the small detail of a broken towplane, the Air Force are going to be using O8 grass for helicopter work and we will not be able to operate. What to do????? I know....a nice big working bee to do some more hangar doors.

OUR SAD TOWPLANE

How quickly we can get back in the air depends on how soon we can get parts shipped in from Germany and that Bryn finds no other damage. We do not yet have a delivery date for the parts.

In the meantime we are looking for another tug for a short period. We will let you know.

THE GREAT HANGAR REPAINT ... DOORS THIS TIME.

We are planning a big push on the rest of the Hangar doors this Saturday. Don't worry you won't miss any gliding cos there is not going to be any. So what do we need. Lots of bodies, Angle grinders and sanding/rust removal discs fitted, some extension leads, scrapers, paintbrushes, screw drivers, impact rattle drivers, (to get the TEK screws out), saw horses and anything else you think we might need. With enough gear and bodies we should be able to do three or four doors at, maybe all remaining five doors.

Early start please and we should be able to knock these off.

NORTH SHORE DEPLOYMENT THIS SUNDAY *This from Michael Bach, Club Captain at the North Shore Club:*

It was a pleasure to have you and the team at NE. There is a lot of interest been generated by your visit. I suspect we could easily fill the glider on another Sunday soon if you get the tug fixed and have a spare Sunday in your busy schedule.

Had a brief word with Bruce Lynch who is a tiger owner and he would be keen to help arrange access to AIA which is the old AGC Tiger used for towing. Thought it might be fun to have Ray's K6 towed behind a Tiger...vintage stuff:)

So as soon as you have a spare Sunday and a working towplane let me know...and we will set up to do similar again.



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DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2013

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Events
WAITANGI DAY	6	am pm	D Grey -	I Woodfield/R Burns -	P Thorpe -	
-	9	am pm	N Graves -	R Carswell -	A Sunde -	
-	10	am pm	R Thonson -	R Burns -	R Carswell -	
	16	am pm	G Healey -	R Carswell -	A Sunde -	
	17	am pm	G Hodge -	A McKay -	C Rook -	
	23	am pm	E McPherson -	D Todd -	G Lake -	Hangar Doors
	24	am pm	M Belcher -	L Page -	A Sunde -	30 Sqn ATC -am only
MARCH	2	am pm	T O'Rourke -	S Wallace -	R Carswell -	
	3	am pm	I O'Keefe -	I Woodfield -	P Thorpe -	Youth Glide
	9	am pm	S Foreman -	A McKay -	R Brookes -	
	10	am pm	J Pote -	R Carswell -	M Oliver -	North Shore
	16	am pm	K Pillai -	R Burns -	C Rook -	Not allowed To fly
	17	am pm	T Prentice -	L Page -	G Lake -	5 Sqn ATC am
	23	am pm	J Rosenfeldt -	S Wallace -	R Carswell -	
	24	am pm	G Rosenfeldt -	I Woodfield -	A Sunde -	30 Sqn ATC All day
EASTER WEEKEND	29	am pm	S Saunders -	P Thorpe -	C Rook -	
	30	am pm	R Struyck -	D Todd -	R Brookes -	
	31	am pm	R Whitby -	R Carswell -	M Oliver -	
APRIL	1	am pm	K Bhashyam -	P Coveney -	A Sunde -	
	6	am pm	S Foreman -	R Burns -	P Thorpe -	
	7	am pm	D Foxcroft -	I Woodfield -	G Lake -	Youth Glide
	13	am pm	D Grey -	L Page -	R Carswell -	Jump Start
	14	am pm	G Patten -	S Wallace -	R Brookes -	
	20	am pm	C Hall -	P Thorpe -	C Rook -	19 Sqn ATC All day
	21	am pm	G Healey -	D Todd -	G Lake -	19 Sqn ATC All day
ANZAC DAY	25	am pm	G Hodge -	L Page -	R Brookes -	
	27	am pm	E McPherson -	P Coveney -	P Thorpe -	
	28	am pm	C Hall -	I Woodfield -	M Oliver -	