

WARM AIR 17 Mar 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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

Saturday. Instructing: No Flying

Towing:

Duty Pilot

Sunday. Instructing: Rex Carswell

Towing: Peter Thorpe

Duty Pilot Francois Reteif

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Towie Graham Lake starts us off*

A grey overcast day greeting the early rising towie and that's pretty much how it stayed for the rest of the day. Cloudbase turned out to be a shade over 2000ft, good fortune for those who wanted to go there, not so good for those who wanted higher. A good turnout of club members eventually trundled down to 08 where we managed to stay all day.

Dave Foxcroft started us off with two guest flights for his homestays, he was the first to be disappointed as he wanted 2500ft but gave it away as we scudded into the hanging cloud bottoms at 2100. The air was nice and smooth so his guests both got nice flights - of the sled ride variety. David Grey, Kishan Bhashyam, Jay Harkness, new member, Stephen Saunders, trial flighter Shane and Gary Patten all took flights while Ivor Woodfield gave the mighty Libelle several 1000ft flights to practice his landings. Rex Carswell, Bob Cridland, Roy Whitby, duty pilot Thomas O'Rourke and Neville Swan completed the crowd. The day remained pretty smooth with little that would pass for lift. The only flyer really enjoying the day was the towie with 16 launches for the day in smooth flying conditions. Eventually we ran out of customers, tucked all to bed and had a well earned beer.

Instructor Lionel Page gives his version of events. Arrived late - thinking that I was going to get a good telling off by those already there and waiting. Turns out only David Grey and family to give me a well deserved telling off. (Where was everyone else?)

After the usual natter plenty of bodies arrived and we got everything dragged down to 08 with Dave Foxcroft jumping the queue (actually totally fair as the early birds had not written their names on the board) and took a few friends for a couple of flights. The flights were meant to be to 2,500ft but an 8/8 sky at 2,000ft ensured that the tow was taken no higher.

Shane, a trial flighter returned to try his remaining club rate flights.

I would like to welcome a new member (subject to base approval which should not be a problem given that he is a serviceman) Stephen Saunders. Stephen is an experienced glider pilot from the UK so should be up and gliding rather quickly - watch out those in the single seaters.

Kishan and Jay both did a solo flight after a check flight and Ivor managed to get 4 circuits in for a bit of landing practice in GIV.

All in all a great day, although the weather was never very good for soaring. All packed away by 5pm followed by a bit of gas bagging in the hangar, now that there is electricity and a fridge.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE ELVES that arranged and did everything to get electricity to the hangar.

SUNDAY

Rain, mist and low cloud and no flying. We did not even get the towplane to Parakai for maintenance.

AND NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS

Avid readers will recall news a film company will be on Base shooting a segment of an upcoming movie this weekend. We would not be able to fly while this is going on. We have since been told that we may be able to fly Sunday provided the shoot goes well on Saturday. We will firm that up, possibly as late as Sunday morning. In hopeful anticipation we have rostered an Instructor, Towie and duty pilot. Fingers crossed.

THE OLD GENTLEMENS FILE *News from the Hangar Elves.*

Although there was no flying last Sunday because of the Army and Air force training session, Neville and Bob took the opportunity to do along overdue oil and filter change on the yellow Ferguson tractor. This has been recorded in felt pen on the top of the yellow tractor body.

Also thanks go out to Rob Meenhorst (Bob's ex neighbour from Taupaki) for the generous donation of the builders power pole, located by the trailer park, the 40mm power conduit cover pipe and the large fridge freezer in the hangar which Maureen Swan kindly cleaned up and now looks like new. They have loaded it up with lots of goodies. In return for Rob's donations, I have promised him a free glider ride.

WANTED - OLD KITCHEN SINK UNIT

Does anyone have an unwanted, but in good nick, kitchen sink unit that would be suitable for hangar. Please let Neville know if you do.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newest towpilot, Andrew Sunde who has passed his CPL flight test. Well done.

TOWPLANE

We are planning to wash and polish the towplane Sunday morning from around 0830. Appreciate any help we can get.



UP COMING EVENTS

- 16 - 18 March. No flying for us due to filming a segment of the Movie "Emperor" in front of 5 SQN hangar. We would end up in the shot and apparently there were no yellow towplanes or fiberglass gliders around when McArthur entered Japan at the end of WWII. K6's are not welcome either.
- 25 Mar 30 Sqn ATC, six cadets
- 31 Mar and 1 Apr. Young Eagles. Four on Saturday and four on Sunday.
- Easter Landing Competition. \$5 entry fee per flight (plus tow of course) to be used for a prize pool.
- Jumpstart has been delayed until 5/6 May

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY SPORT NETWORK

Wed 28 March 2012, 6pm to 8.00 pm

Oratia United Clubrooms, Parrs Park, Cnr West Coast Rd and Parrs Cross Rd, Oratia

A chance to talk to like minded sports enthusiasts and to hear the guest speaker, Dave Currie NZ Olympic Team Chef De Mission. We have a couple of tickets and there is no charge to attend. Complimentray food and drink on arrival followed by a cash bar.

Please let Warm Air know if you wish to attend.

Air Force Reflexes Test...try it

The object of the game is to move the red block around without getting hit by the blue blocks or touching the black walls.

If you can go longer than 18 seconds you are phenomenal. It's been said that the US Air Force uses this for fighter pilots. They are expected to go for at least 2 minutes.

Give it a try but be careful....it is addictive (or forward it to someone you want to frustrate)!!

[AIR FORCE TEST](#)

Apparently that show off, Wallace, is claiming 29 secs.

TAILPIECE

Check out the upcoming events

See you at the field

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ROSTER BELOW

DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2012 FINAL

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
FEBRUARY	4	am pm	G Patten -	R Burns -	P Thorpe A Sunde
	5	am pm	R Whitby -	A McKay -	R Carswell -
	6	am pm	J Pote	P Coveney	G Lake
	11	am pm	Kishan Bhashyam	D Todd	C Rook
	12	am pm	Steve Foreman	L Page	P Thorpe A Sunde
	18	am pm	Kris Pillai	R Burns	M Oliver
	19	am pm	Dave Foxcroft	A McKay	R Carswell
	25	am pm	D Grey -	P Thorpe -	A Sunde -
	26	am pm	G Patten	S Wallace	G Lake
MARCH	3	am pm	B Hocking -	P Coveney -	A Sunde -
	4	am pm	E McPherson	R Burns	C Rook
	10	am pm	T O'Rourke -	L Page -	G Lake -
	11	am pm	F Retief	R Carswell	M Oliver
	17	am pm	Filming at Whenuapai	No flying	
	18	am pm	F Retief	R Carswell	P Thorpe
	24	am pm	R Thomson	P Thorpe	R Carswell
	25	am pm	I Woodfield	S Wallace	A Sunde
APRIL	31	am pm	J Harkness	A Mackay	R Carswell
	1	am pm	R Whitby	L Page	C Rook
EASTER WEEKEND	6	am pm	J Pote	R Burns	R Carswell
	7	am pm	K Bhashyam	P Coveney	G Lake
	8	am pm	S Foreman	R Carswell	P Thorpe
	9	am pm	G Rosenfeldt	P Thorpe	A Sunde
	14	am pm	K Pillai	D Todd	P Thorpe
	15	am pm	D Foxcroft	R Burns	C Rook
	21	am pm	D Grey	S Wallace	R Carswell
	22	am pm	J Harkness	A Mackay	G Lake
	28	am pm	B Hocking	P Coveney	M Oliver
	29	am	E McPherson	L Page	A Sunde