

WARM AIR 2 Apr 11

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 021 0255 1556	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday.	Instructing: Peter Coveney	
	Towing: Graham Lake	
	Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote	
Sunday.	Instructing: Rex Carswell	
	Towing: Peter Thorpe	
	Duty Pilot Grant Quinn	

WE HAVE ATC CADETS THIS SUNDAY - EARLY START PLEASE

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Dave Todd pounds the keyboard*

No flying Saturday. Horrible weather

SUNDAY *Instructor Andy McKay reports*

Nil flying Sunday due weather. Withdrawal symptoms are setting in. Last of the summer wine?

TOW FEES

Sorry folks, but we can no longer absorb the ever increasing fuel prices. From Sat 2 April a 500 ft tow will be \$12.50 making a tow to 2000 ft, \$50.00.

ATC CADETS

We have ATC cadets this Sunday Morning. Early start please, assemble at 0830 aiming for a 0900 start flying. Can we have some helpers please.

SOARING NZ CALENDARS

We have a small quantity of these left in the caravan for \$25.00 each. Dig in your pockets and support the club.

WORKING BEE DATE CHANGE *Club Capitaine Ray (the chef) writes:*

At last the planets have fallen into line; three primary alignments on 17th April are Venus-Earth-Saturn, Uranus-Mars-Earth-Moon and Earth-Mercury-Sun - which makes it an ideal time to reschedule the working bee. (it's also convenient that all main players have got over weddings, birthdays and other miscellaneous commitments).

So the day is set : Sunday 17th April.

So to recap from the earlier email:

If we have an early start (say 8:30 - yes, that's AM), we can hopefully knock it off in a couple of hours or three and get it done before we start flying.

What's needed:

- A clean up. Gary has generously offered to dispose of rubbish in the big bin he has at his factory - thanks Gary, unfortunately we have missed the window of opportunity to get rid of the pesky noisy bits, and warm air will resume the task of "gatemaster" to ensure we don't chuck the good stuff.
- Some weedeating - now that we have a weedeater (thanks again Gary), someone needs to get on the end of it (probably the end with the motor) and charge up and down both sides of the Hangar. It will also be a good opportunity to move the trailers and potter around there a bit.
- Some Mowing. If someone can bring a mower it would be about time to have a race around the grass outside the Hangar and follow the weedeater around the trailers. Looking at where the contractors are now working, a couple of mowers might be better than one.
- A good look around for AEP's (avian entry points) and some dealing to with AAB's (anti-avian barricades) would be good. Chicken wire and some mesh has already been provided and awaits us. I will bring a big ladder for dealing with any up high.

If we have more volunteers than work, then a bit of a wash of the outside of the gliders certainly won't go amiss. (they suddenly seem all salty).

We will fire up the Barbie to feed the hungry workers for which I might ask a small amount to cover costs.

So, what's needed now is to put some names to the "someones" mentioned above. Actually, the only named items are the mower bringer and an AAE (anti-Avian Expert). The rest we can sort out on the day.

Can you please let Ray know by email a) if you are coming (for catering purposes) and b) if you can do any of the bits mentioned above and c) any questions. Ray will try to liaise amongst all so that we don't end up with 33 mowers and no weed eaters (or some similar combination).

INSTRUCTORS CORNER *Instructor Steve Wallace contributed these gems:*

As we move from the hot long days of the soaring season into the shorter days and cooler weather of winter our focus shifts from long thermal flights to training flights that will give us the skills to make the most of next summer. While the strong thermals of summer will allow you to thermal a brick and still go up, the smaller weaker thermals of winter are a good time to practice smooth, efficient, balanced turns that will enable you to circle in half a knot of lift and still go up.

Not that winter isn't capable of turning on a good few hours of thermal weather, easily suitable for a quick 50km trip up the road to Springhill. For the prepared pilot any day can turn out to be the right day!

Glider canopies are fragile and expensive. Please treat them with the care they deserve. Need I say more. Other parts of our gliders are also somewhat fragile and this is especially the case for the skin of the PW5. The growing number of thumb and finger indentations on the wing are evidence of this. Please be careful when pushing

and manoeuvring gliders to only push on the strong parts of the glider, i.e. leading edge of the wing. If you are unsure ask, if you see a practice which is not right, in your friendliest manner educate that person as to a better way to do things.

We must never forget that complacency and Murphy's Law are the sworn enemies of safe flying and good airmanship! Please all set yourselves high personal standards when it comes to doing the basics, as it is the basics, which help keep you and everybody else in the air or on the field safe. For example, when doing pre-take off, pre-landing or pre-aerobatic checks always say them out loud regardless of whether or not you are flying solo, with a passenger or an instructor. Make sure that you do these checks precisely and think about what the word in the checks actually means. What are you checking? Why are you checking it? The checks are not something that should become an automated sequence into which you put no thought.

Be mindful of the "IM SAFE" am I fit to fly, checks. If you don't know what they are, look in your blue club information folder! If you arrive at the club distracted, stressed, unwell or hung over think carefully about how this may affect your flying.

The unforgiving nature of aviation accidents emphasizes the need for all those involved to be alert and aware at all times. Pre-take off, pre-landing and all other standardised checks and procedures have been developed over many years for a reason and those who ignore them or treat them with complacency do so at their own peril. Sometimes the lesson dealt out is the last one....ever.

A casual approach to doing checks means a casual approach to flying which is not a good thing for you or anybody else on the field.

AUDREY JACKMAN

Those of you who have been around the airfield for a while will have met Audrey Jackman, the parachuting lady who used to come and talk with us at the field some days. Sad to say she passed away last Sunday. Audrey crammed a great deal into her life. She had a long interest in Aviation and was a skilled master parachutist. She travelled extensively over Europe and America with parachuting and was honored to be one of the Jumpmasters for a major anniversary of the D Day landings. She had many interesting stories and adventures to tell. Her daughter Pam is married to Ralph Gore from the Piako Club so she had strong links to gliding as well as the Aviation Sports Clubs. Rest in peace Audrey, it was a privilege to have known you.

See you at the field

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ROSTER AT THE END

DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2011 Final

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
FEBRUARY	5	am	C Brodie	P Coveney	A McGregor
	-	pm	-	-	-
	6	am	B Buchanan	A MacKay	P Thorpe
		pm			
	12	am	R Burns	D Todd	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	T Dagnin	R Carswell	C De Marce
		pm			
	19	am	J Deetlefs	P Thorpe	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	20	am	S Foreman	L Page	A McGregor
		pm			
	26	am	D Foxcroft	S Wallace	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	27	am	N Francis	A MacKay	C Rook
		pm			
MARCH	5	am	D Grey	D Todd	C De Marce
	-	pm	-	-	-
	6	am	J Harkness	P Coveney	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	12	am	B Hocking	R Carswell	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	K Lamb	P Thorpe	A McGregor
	-	pm	-	-	-
	19	am	RNZAF running	"Jumpstart"	No Flying
		pm	-	-	-
	20	am	T O'Rourke	L Page	P Thorpe
		pm			
	26	am	K Pillai	D Todd	C De Marce
	-	pm	-	-	-
	27	am	G Patten	A MacKay	R Carswell
		pm			
APRIL	2	am	J Pote	P Coveney	G Lake
		pm			
	3	am	G Quinn	R Carswell	P Thorpe
		pm			
	9	am	F Retief	P Thorpe	A McGregor
		pm			
	10	am	G Rosenfeldt	S Wallace	G Lake
		pm			
	16	am	R Thomson	L Page	C De Marco
		pm			
	17	am	R Whitby	A MacKay	R Carswell
		pm			
EASTER WEEKEND	22	am	Woodfield	D Todd	G Lake
		pm			
	23	am	C Brodie	P Coveney	P Thorpe
		pm			
ANZAC DAY	24	am	B Buchanan	R Carswell	A McGregor
		pm			
	25	am	R Burns	S Wallace	C Rook