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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:		Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday.	Instructing:	Steve Wallace
	Towing:	Chris De Marco
	Duty Pilot	Ray Burns
Sunday.	Instructing:	Peter Coveney
	Towing:	Peter Thorpe
	Duty Pilot	Jason Deetlefs

CLUB NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Peter Thorpe kicks off*

A rather gusty South Westerly day with the AK ATIS giving the surface wind as 210/25 gusting 32 and the 2000ft wind as 210/35. A call from our tow pilot who was up at North Shore revealed the conditions were too gusty for him to renew his currency so we cancelled gliding.

Towie Craig Rook continues: I haven't been flying for more than 3 months, so was keen to get up. The AA TAF from 1500 forecast 2000 ft wind 30 knots gusting 40kts with thunderstorms. Having just walked along Browns Bay beach at 1330, the skies were clear, with a reasonable breeze, it looked OK so I went up to NE to pre-flight RDW anyway. I thought at least I might get some circuits in. I checked the rain radar with an instructor in the office, he reckoned lots of rain in 30 mins. At 1430 got a call from Peter T, come on over to WP, people are keen to go gliding (really, did they check the Wx forecast?) I said to Peter, sorry not keen with the 2000 ft wind 30 knots gusting 40kts with heavy rain approaching. I canned the circuits too, so just sat in RDW pushing buttons and knobs, pretending to fly, then right on queue just after 1500, it bucketed down.
It's better to be on the ground wishing you were up in the air than been up in the air wishing you were on the ground!!

SUNDAY *Instructor Dave Todd starts*

Where was everyone? The only flyers were the Duty Pilot (Kris), the Instructor (David) baby towie Marc Oliver hoping to lose the training wheels and the Towie Instructor (Peter Thorpe). Given the four flights we had we managed to get Marc Oliver signed off as our newest towpilot.

Congratulations Marc! Various abnormal situations were thrown as Marc such a the Glider Wave off signal out the side of the tow plane, low tow, brakes open, glider emergency release and the "student from hell" aero tow.

(Peter Thorpe continues): We needed to complete Marc's tow rating but club members were very thin on the ground. A pleasant winter's day with blue sky and scattered cloud with a light SW wind and mild temperature but no lift. David and Neville had volunteered to stand in for Rex whose medical had not arrived in the mail, and Bob was there to supervise but only Kris came to fly. Marc arrived in RDW so Kris kindly offered to take a couple of dual flights so that Marc could experience the range of glider emergencies we might expect. Lot's of airbrakes coming open in flight, emergency wave-offs, unable to release from tow followed by Bob taking a flight where, the

"student from hell" made an appearance and then we tried cross country towing and descending on tow. Marc then did a solo tow while I took one of my grand daughters for a fly in MW and that was it for the day. Marc is now a qualified tow pilot so congratulations to him and my thanks to the others for helping us reach that state.

And from our newest towie Ollie

It took a long time, mostly due to the crappy Auckland weather, but I finally have my tow rating. I'll start off by saying thank you to Peter Thorpe for all the training, and for signing me off as a competent tow pilot. I would also like to thank all those who have given me advice and help along the way.

To be honest I thought Sunday was going to be another miserable day in Auckland, but it turned out ok. There was a steady south westerly breeze blowing with a few showers passing in the distance, but not enough to stop the gliding from getting underway. We were short of students to go up but Peter and I wanted to get the training completed. The first flight had David Todd and Krishna at the glider controls. We went through a few emergency procedures like airbrakes up during takeoff and the climb-out, and rolling left and right to signal the inability to disconnect. This went well but my rolling wasn't quite rapid enough to start with so for the next few flights we went through more of these exercises. We also went through level flight and descending with the glider still on tow.

Due to the lack of numbers, which may I add I hope wasn't due to all the students seeing my name on the tow pilot roster, the last flight of the day was me going solo, towing Peter and his niece. I had a few butterflies in my stomach, but these soon went away once on the takeoff roll. They dropped off at 2000ft and I made my way back to WP safe and sound. Once they landed I asked Peter's niece if she had liked it and if she was happy with my towing. She nodded back and forth with her head, so I quickly took it as a yes.

After the log book was all signed up my partner Renee came out to the field for the quick trip back to NS. She enjoyed it even though the flight only took twelve minutes.

Thank you all for your help and I will see you all on the 31 July for my first official tow day. Let's hope the weather holds up.

Congratulations Ollie. Finally a tow pilot. You do know they all expect to be dropped in a thermal….or did Pete miss that bit out.

CLUB DINNER *Club Capitaine, Ray Burns has decided it's time we had a midwinter dinner*

I have rung the RSA at Browns Bay (that seemed to suit everyone last year) and organised the same for the 24 July at 1830hrs. The cost will be $24 per head. I would like people to email me (ray.burns@xtra.co.nz) with numbers (partners welcome as usual), because I will need to confirm closer to the time.

By amazing coincidence it's also Bob Cridland's birthday and Neville Swan's the next day

PIAKO NEWS *This appeared in the latest Piako Club news*

Saturday was a good ridge day and only a few pilots turned up! Steve was in GVC and Julian & Dave Muckel in GPK got to 8,900ft near Te Aroha in very smooth ridge and wave. Nice one guys wish I could have been there.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE *CFI Peter Thorpe writes*

The words below are from Bill Mace, who is organising the Cross Country Course at Matamata in November. He has particularly asked that nominations come through the CFI so if you are interested let me know. You need to be QGP and close to the stage where you will be attempting a 50km.

The Matamata Soaring Centre will be running a Cross Country Course again this year. The aim of these courses is to prepare pilots for 300km plus tasks and to get more pilots into competitive cross country flying.

Preference will be given to Silver C holders that have not entered in a competition as yet and have a desire to do so, or progress to their gold badge or 500k diploma. However QGP's that have not yet done their Silver C but show a strong interest in becoming cross country and competition pilots should also apply.

In the past we have had some pilots that saw the course as an opportunity to accompany an experienced pilot without any intention of becoming a cross country pilot themselves. This is not fair on the instructors who have given up their week's holiday to teach them.

Nominations to Peter Thorpe if you are interested in this course. This is an excellent course with much to be learnt and a good chance to gain confidence in Cross Country flying. Highly recommended.

FROM THE PAGES OF THE PARAKAI WEST AUCKALND AIRPORT NEWSLETTER

Irwin Rd Glider Strip just South of Manukau Heads at 550ft Altitude. A nice bolt hole between the heads and Bellinghams strip at Glenbrook.....as long as the cloud base is high enough to get in with headroom to spare.

The Parakai/West Auckland Airport has a good number of strips listed on their web site. Most have a Photo, excellent descriptions and GPS coordinates. Too see more check out http://parakaiairfield.co.nz/airfields.shtml

BRENDA OHARA

It was saddening to learn Brenda O'Hara, wife of John and mother of Katie, Todd and Grace passed away peacefully at 6pm on Mon 27 June. John and his family were with her at the end. Our thoughts are with you all as we mourn the loss of this gracious lady.

See you at the field

WARM AIR

Roster below

DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY, JUNE, JULY 2011 FINAL

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
~~APRIL~~	~~30~~	~~am~~	~~J Deetlefs~~	~~P Thorpe~~	~~C De Marco~~
-	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
~~MAY~~	~~1~~	~~am~~	~~D Foxcroft~~	~~L Page~~	~~R Carswell~~
-	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
~~MAY~~	~~7~~	~~am~~	~~N Francis~~	~~D Todd~~	~~R Carswell~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~8~~	~~am~~	~~D Grey~~	~~A MacKay~~	~~P Thorpe~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	~~M Oliver~~
	~~14~~	~~am~~	~~J Harkness~~	~~P Coveney~~	~~C De Marco~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~15~~	~~am~~	~~B Hocking~~	~~S Wallace~~	~~P Thorpe~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	~~M Oliver~~
	~~21~~	~~am~~	~~K Lamb~~	~~L Page~~	~~A McGregor~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~22~~	~~am~~	~~J McIver~~	~~P Coveney~~	~~M Oliver~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~28~~	~~am~~	~~E McPherson~~	~~D Todd~~	~~P Thorpe~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~29~~	~~am~~	~~T O'Rourke~~	~~P Thorpe ??~~	~~P Thorpe~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	~~M Oliver~~
JUNE	~~4~~	~~am~~	~~G Patten~~	~~L Page~~	~~C De Marco~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~5~~	~~am~~	~~I Woodfield~~	~~A MacKay~~	~~P Thorpe~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	~~M Oliver~~
QUEENS BIRTHDAY	~~6~~	~~am~~	~~J Pote~~	~~S Wallace~~	~~G Lake~~
-	~~11~~	pm ~~am~~	~~G Quinn~~	~~P Coveney~~	~~C De Marco~~
~~GNZ~~		~~pm~~	-	-	-
~~AGM~~	~~12~~	~~am~~	~~F Retief~~	~~A MacKay~~	~~R Carswell~~
-		~~pm~~	-	-	-
-	~~18~~	~~am~~	~~G Rosenfeldt~~	~~D Todd~~	~~M Oliver~~
-	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
-	~~19~~	~~am~~	~~R Thomson~~	~~L Page~~	~~C Rook~~
	~~25~~	pm ~~am~~	~~R Whitby~~	~~P Thorpe~~	~~A McGregor~~
	-	~~pm~~	-	-	-
	~~26~~	~~am~~	~~Kris Pillai~~	~~R Carswell~~	~~M Oliver~~
JULY	2	pm am	R Burns	S Wallace	C De Marco
	3	pm am	J Deetlefs	P Coveney	P Thorpe
	9	pm am	S Foreman	D Todd	R Carswell
	10	pm am	D Foxcroft	L Page	G Lake
	16	pm am	N Francis	R Carswell	C Rook
	17	pm am	D Grey	P Thorpe	A McGregor
	23	pm am	J Harkness	P Coveney	C De Marco
	24	pm am	B Hocking	S Wallace	R Carswell
	30	pm am	K Lamb	D Todd	P Thorpe
	31	pm am	J McIver	R Carswell	M Oliver