

# WARM AIR 2 May 15

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Jaime Wagner	
	Duty Pilot: David Grey	
Sunday	Instructing: Steve Wallace	
	Towing: Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot: Dan Moore	

### MATT AND LAURA'S LEAVING DINNER.. SUNDAY EVENING..BABAS CURRY CAFE MEMBERS NEWS

#### SATURDAY *Instructor Lionel Page kicks off*

After attending a very packed Dawn Parade at the Domain, I thought that as I made mention of the early start in last week's warm air - I'd better be there on time. Needless to say, everyone else expected a late start due to ANZAC day parades. Rex gave me a call at 9am to ask what time we should start - to which I replied - NOW. Actually there were only three people at the field - me, myself and I, so no rush.

Eventually everyone one arrived, first up was a very keen trial flyer (Sam) ready for his second flight. After a thorough DI with Sam, we had GMW ready, and by that time Tony had VF ready - so Rex got permission from the tower which was on watch for an Orion departure and the arrival of a couple of Iroquois that had been doing fly-bys at the parades.

We also had the privilege of seeing a formation of Harvards do a quick flight over the field.

Conditions were not great and all flights returned to earth fairly soon after take off. (They were a little longer I think than Sunday by all accounts)

All in all I had 4 flights and VF got a single airing by Tony. Eventually all packed up by 4pm with a cool one.

#### SUNDAY *Instructor and illustrious Libelle owner Ivor Woodfield does the honours*

I arrived early to collect the key, to learn that there would be just one outbound movement, and the tower would be on from 11.30. The sun was shining when I got to the field and opened up the hangar, although the clouds looked low and 'fluffy', Before too long I had been joined by duty-pilot Nathan and tow-pilot Rex, who went off to fill the petrol containers while we got GMW and GVF out and ready. The wind was a brisk northerly, and after some brief discussion we headed off to set up on 08. Ray had his trailer out and we had been joined by Roy and Neville. It was still early although the sky was not looking too inviting. On the walk down with GMW to 08 the noise from the wheel had been very pronounced so a team of people crawled around underneath for a while to see what they could find. After lots of poking and prodding nothing significant was discovered. However the noise was noticeable absent during the few flights done?

After a while Kishan decided to try out VF, and was the first launch of the day at just before 1200. Sadly all he found was "lots of sink", and before very long he was back on the ground. A short while later Matt decided he would have a try in GMW, As predicted the air was quite rough, and a strong crosswind from the north added to the learning opportunities. Although the flight was again short, Matt handled everything well, and was keen to try again "later".

Rudolf had brought his nephew out to experience gliding, and as we were setting up he informed me that he had only flown on a few occasions, and only in commercial airliners. However, he was really looking forward to giving this a go, and was not put off by the talk of crosswinds and sink. We climbed up over the forest, and



for a while managed to circle in some lift, perhaps gaining a couple of hundred feet here and there. However, overall the ride was a downhill one, although we were in the air long enough for Joris to get some time on the controls, and enjoy the experience of turns and dives.

Shortly after we landed Lionel decided to try his skill in GVF. Overall he did stay aloft slightly longer than the previous PW5 flight, although it was not too long before he too succumbed to the conditions. Next up in GMW was Genny, who is unfortunately not able to get out to fly all that regularly and was wanting some airtime. The conditions were easing slightly although the crosswind on take-off was still challenging. However, Genny showed she had not forgotten her basic flying skills, and managed a reasonable overall flight, including finding and using some tricky thermals before executing a good circuit and landing. With the conditions a little less of a challenge Matt was keen to go for a solo flight, and after a careful briefing off he went for a short but well handled flight and then a good crosswind landing.

Final flight of the day was a circuit and hangar landing with Genny, who experienced how easy it is to be challenged by a short flight and non-standard landing pattern, especially in such conditions. With that, flying wrapped up shortly after 1500. We got everything checked and packed away and despite the slightly early finish several members were happy to grab a beer and share the inevitable stories. It also turned out that Nathan had managed to discover the 'bike-lock' so thanks to his detective work that will now be back in action from next week. All in all a reasonable day's flying, given the conditions, with a total of 7 launches.

**MONDAY** *Towie Craig Rook, normally a verbose chap, got this one spot on*

*Monday. Didn't bother getting up, rain, rain, rain*

#### **NEW CLUB CELLPHONE NUMBER**

Those who operate on pre pay will know the rule about regular top ups specified by the provider and what happens if you do not do this. We just got nailed by this, we went outside the regulation top up [period and

the number is Kaput..., so we have a new sim card and number 022 357 6731. Up date your contacts and records please.

### MATT AND LAURA ARE LEAVING

Get your social calendar out and pencil in **Sunday the 3rd May at 6 pm** for a dinner at Baba's Curry Cafe at Whenuapai Village.

As you may be aware Laura and Matt are returning to the United Kingdom in early May and staying there for the foreseeable future. So to give them a fitting farewell, join us for a good ole curry and a chinwag.

Appreciate if you could let me know if you can join us by Thursday the 30th April. email: [ian.okeefe@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.okeefe@xtra.co.nz)

Kind regards

Ian (aka Zorro) Club Skipperoo



## DUTY ROSTER FOR May, Jun, Jul 2015 Final

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
May	2	D GREY	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	3	B MOORE	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	9	E MCPHERSON	R CARSWELL	J OLSZEWSKI C ROOK	
	10	G HEALEY	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	16	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	17	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	J WAGNER	
	23	G LAKE	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	24	G PATTEN	R CARSWELL	J WAGNER	
	30	K PILLAI	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
	31	J POTE	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
Jun	1	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	
	6	R STRUYCK	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	7	R WHITBY	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	13	J FOOT	S WALLACE	J OLSZEWSKI C ROOK	
	14	N GRAVES	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	20	K BHASHYAM	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	21	K BRIDGES	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	27	S FOREMAN	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	28	D FOXCROFT	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
Jul	4	D GREY	L PAGE	J OLSZEWSKI C ROOK	
	5	B MOORE	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	11	E MCPHERSON	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	12	G HEALEY	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	18	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	19	T O'ROURKE	L PAGE	J OLSZEWSKI C ROOK	
	25	G LAKE	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	26	G PATTEN	P THORPE	J WAGNER	