

WARM AIR 20 Oct 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday.	Instructing: Ray Burns Towing: Andrew Sunde Duty Pilot Roy Whitby
Sunday.	Instructing: Steve Wallace/Lionel Page/Ray Burns Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote
Monday.	Instructing: Peter Thorpe Towing: Craig Rook Duty Pilot Krish Bhashyam

THIS WEEKEND - MATAMATA MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

Horrible weather so no flying,

SUNDAY

Weather not much better and although the sun did appear now and then so did the wind and rain squalls. We did have a great turnout (twelve if my count and recollection is right) to derig all the gliders and get them in their trailers ready for the road trip. An outside observer might have formed the impressions we did not know what we were doing or, perhaps, did not do this very often. Not a bad guess on both counts as we racked our collective brains to remember how it all went into the trailer. MW produced the usual entertainment as the ten chiefs and one Indian got to work. 'What are chiefs and Indians?' asked one of our young members, (who shall remain nameless just this once). We explained but struggled to find a modern analogy. Ah the digital age.

There was a great deal of "which wing comes out first", "who's got the instructions" (Huh ... instructions???? Have we failed yet???), "This wing is getting heavy guys", "ow", "why won't this wing come out...are the locks released?" (No! was the answer to that one). "Perhaps we should pump the tyres up" "how does this wing go in the trailer" and so on. Perhaps the worst event was the sight of Ian O'Keefe's major builders crack as he pushed a wing into the trailer. Someone should have taken a photo but the expression, 'transfixed with horror', springs to mind, if only we could wipe away the image. Despite the entertainment all good things have to come to an end...eventually.

Meanwhile Graham Hodge roamed around the hangar collecting all the gear that was on Ray Burn's list of stuff that had to be taken. This is the same Burns who was already in Matamata enjoying himself on an instructor's course while we all slaved away doing his every command.

Eventually they all vanished inside the trailers and the doors closed all ready to be towed south this coming weekend. Well almost all as VF sat lonely and rigged while, elsewhere, the trailer fixers (Roy Whitby and Gary Patten), toiled on. Word on the street suggests the trailer might be ready and road legal. Good work guys.

INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE *Baby..no..embryo wannabe instructor Ivor Woodfield attended the Instructors course at Matamata. He writes:*

Early on Friday morning Ray and his K6 arrived to collect me and we headed off to Matamata and the GNZ Instructors course. I was not too sure what I had let myself in for, and was fairly certain I had done too little flying to be anywhere close to ready for what lay ahead.

We arrived at the airfield at 11, to find a small band of people already there, and were immediately offered a hot drink. We had signed up for meals, and with Jan and Brian Mace organising the food, we were promised a high standard of catering. And so it turned out, starting with a very welcome lunch soon after we arrived.

In all there were around 38 people on the course, plus instructors. There was a mix of aspirant 'B' and 'C' applicants, together with a sizable group of 'refreshers' and some Instructor Trainer applicants. Three tow planes had been brought together, along with around 8 twin seat gliders, so there was clearly going to be a lot of organising to be done throughout the weekend.

Once we finished lunch, and had moved our 'stuff' into the various rooms, we assembled for a briefing. We were provided with information packs, although as the weather was expected to pack up on Saturday it was decided that we would see what flying could be done on Friday afternoon and leave any theory until Saturday. The weather did not look all that encouraging as we moved the fleet down onto the threshold. However, by the end of the day we had successfully completed 58 launches .. which in itself was a great lesson in working a glider event.

For myself, I had three flights in three different gliders with three different instructors. There was very little in the way of thermals until later in the day, and certainly no ridge activity, so I started off doing some spinning in a Puchacz, which was definitely well worthwhile. While up, we also managed to cover off a few basic instructional activities, including circuit planning and landing. It certainly kept the brain active being in the back of an unfamiliar glider at a relatively unfamiliar field with the air full of other gliders and an instructor in the front closely watching my every move!! Next I managed to grab a session in a K13, which was quite a contrast. A shorter flight in the conditions, but still heaps to learn .. not least having the trim control on the right, which took a little thinking about. My final flight of the day was in a Janus, which was very different again. More things to learn and to think about, including the requirement to do everything very smoothly as I had a fairly airsick person in the front.

All in all it had turned out to be a very good day's flying. Saturday was forecast to be fairly rough, so we had to get everything packed carefully away, after which we had an excellent and most welcome evening meal before the bar was opened. Most people headed off for a much needed early night.

Overnight the weather really packed in, so Saturday was turned into a full classroom day. The day started with bacon and eggs, toast, coffee and much else besides for breakfast. We then had sessions on 'Personality Types and Learning Styles' from David Hirst, 'When to take Control' from Russell Thorne, 'CAA Rules' from Alan Belworthy, the infamous 'Part 115' from Iggy Wood, 'When to Talk and when to Keep Quiet' from Peter Leaver, 'Solo Prerequisites' from Norm Duke and 'Non Normal Situations' from Bob Gray. These went on for much of the day, and were interspersed by morning and afternoon tea as well as lunch. Finally we had a presentation from Steve Care and George Rogers around standards, including a discussion on competency reviews, various advisory circulars and 'Threat and Error Management'. The long day ended once again with an excellent

dinner before the bar opened. Most people were fairly tired by this stage and so once again early nights were the general order of the day.

Sunday started with rain, and low cloud over the ridge, so most judged it to be none too promising. However, the locals in particular were predicting things would improve, so the fleet was moved down to the threshold, before we all had breakfast. The weather did indeed start to clear, and so following a full briefing we were split up to fly, with the hope that everyone could fit in at least one more flight before lunch. I ended up flying another Puchacz, which turned out to be slightly more comfortable than the one I had flown on Friday. Just as well too. After I had briefed my 'student' on cross wind take-off and landing, off we went so I could teach him in the definitely cross wind conditions. Once we were safely airborne it was off to the ridge for around an hour of exercises, including not just ridge flying but also teaching spiral dives as well as various control and turning exercises. Then we were back to the field to see just how well my pupil would cope with the circuit and landing exercise in a cross wind. Suffice to say that we got back on the ground safely, and I got to learn heaps about teaching such activities in the process ;-)

Following that we managed another couple of coffees, as well as all our goodbyes [including to Ray's trusty glider] before packing up and heading back to Auckland.

Overall this was an excellent course, with lots of input from a great many skilful pilots and instructors. It was a really good opportunity to develop further in the sport, and it was particularly good to see so many people there for a 'refresher'. The opportunity to meet with so many others from across the country, and to discuss, sometimes at length, the various issues around the sport, was most welcome. For myself I feel I learned a great deal about both gliding and instructing, although have come away very aware of just how much there is still to learn.

MATAMATA AT LABOUR WEEKEND

LIBELLE SHARE FOR SALE



Terry Dagnin's share in Libelle 201B GIV is up for sale. GIV has done a touch under 3000hrs and had some 1540 aerotows. There are two other partners. She has a Borgelt vario, winter vario airspeed, altimeter and compass, O2, radio and transponder and parachute.

Ill health prevents Terry flying solo again so his share is available. He is open to offers. Call him on 021 181 5664. See Graham or Ivor for more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be Thursday 18 October 2012 on Base in the base headquarters lunchroom at 7pm (1900 for us normal folk). Naturally we are looking for volunteers for the committee.

If you are intending to come, or even might come, please let Mike Ward know. He will put your name at the main gate so you can get in

TAILPIECE

See you at the field

WARM AIR

ROSTER BELOW

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
AUGUST	4	am pm	R Thomson -	L Page -	R Carswell -
	5	am pm	R Whitby -	R Burns -	R Carswell -
	11	am pm	I Woodfield -	D Todd -	G Lake -
	12	am pm	K Bhashyam -	A MacKay -	A Sunde -
	18	am pm	J Deetlefs -	S Wallace -	R Carswell -
	19	am pm	S Foreman -	L Page -	G Lake -
	25	am pm	D Foxcroft -	R Carswell -	A Sunde -
	26	am pm	D Grey -	R Burns -	C Rook -
SEPTEMBER	1	am pm	E McPherson -	P Coveney -	R Carswell -
	2	am pm	B Hocking -	A MacKay -	P Thorpe -
	8	am pm	G Hodge -	L Page -	C Rook -
	9	am pm	B Mawhinney -	P Thorpe -	G Lake -
	15	am pm	J Harkness -	S Wallace -	M Oliver -
	16	am pm	T O'Rourke -	R Burns -	A Sunde -
	22	am pm	K Pillai -	P Coveney -	P Thorpe -
	23	am pm	G Patten -	A MacKay -	A Sunde -
	29	am pm	I Woodfield -	L Page -	G Lake -
	30	am pm	F Retief -	D Todd -	M Oliver -
OCTOBER	6	am pm	G Rosenfeldt -	P Coveney/L Page -	C Rook -
	7	am pm	S Saunders -	R Burns -	P Thorpe -
	13	am pm	R Struyck -	S Wallace -	M Oliver -
	14	am pm	R Thomson -	R Carswell -	G Lake -
LABOUR WEEKEND	20	am pm	R Whitby -	R Burns -	A Sunde -
	21	am pm	J Pote -	Wallace/Page/Burns -	P Thorpe -
	22	am pm	K Bhashyam -	P Thorpe -	C Rook -
	27	am pm	J Deetlefs -	P Thorpe -	R Carswell -
	28	am pm	S Foreman -	A MacKay -	G Lake -