

WARM AIR 22 Aug 15

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Steve Wallace	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
	Towing: Craig Rook	
	Duty Pilot: Nathan Graves	
Sunday	Instructing: Lionel Page	
	Towing: Derry Belcher	
	Duty Pilot Kishan Bhashyam	

SATURDAY *Instructor Ivor Woodfield found this pen.....*

Despite the forecast for lots of rain, by the time I was due to leave home the sun was out. It still looked unlikely that there would be any flying so I agreed with the tow pilot, Peter Thorpe, that I would let him know if anyone was wanting to fly. There was no military flying scheduled all day, and no-one at the field when I arrived around 9.30.

However, I had hardly opened up the hangar before first Jonathan Pote and then Roy Whitby were coming through the gate. We spent the first hour or so returning the wings of Jonathan's Ka6 back into his trailer as they had been left in the hangar following an annuals inspection. The rest of the glider was repositioned more safely in the hangar as some follow-up work was scheduled. By the time all this had been done we had a larger gathering of people, including Tony Prentice, Ray Burns and Peter Thorpe, although rain had come through several times and still no-one was wanting to fly.

Peter and Roy discovered that the fan-belt on the yellow tractor was extremely loose, and there was no further adjustment possible, so Peter went off in search of a new belt while Tony and Ray headed home and Jonathan set about doing some work in his trailer.

Before too long a new belt had been located and fitted, and things were all tidied away. By now it was well past 1300 and still no takers for flying, even though patches of blue sky could clearly be seen and there was a steady breeze straight down 26. Therefore we decided to call it a day, and left Jonathan alone with his trailer work. And not a moment too soon as I had hardly got to the other side of the field before the rain started steadily falling. So sadly no flying for the day, and apart from Jonathan's wings, nothing had even come out of the hangar

SUNDAY ~~Fowie~~ *Instructor Peter Thorpe gives the word*

There was no flying on Saturday due to the weather so I expected a flock of keen punters on Sunday. But no, I was all alone and resorted to oiling the hangar door hinges for something to do until nearly 1030 when the regular team began to arrive. Fletcher McKenzie was towing and Jack Foot was Duty Pilot, the wind was from the SE so we moved camp to the other end and prepared to aviate. Jack was first up at 1225 and we climbed to 2000ft for some spiral dives and flying at Va. It didn't take long to burn off the height but exercise completed and back on the ground in 11 minutes. Roy Whitby and Tony Prentice took the singles up but only 20 minutes or so. Jonathan Pote and Ray Burns went to 3000ft for a BFR spinning exercise which again saw them back in 20 minutes. Kishan Bhashyam had a go in MP and scored the shortest soaring (joke) flight of the day. Brendon Moore and I then did two 1000ft launches for some circuit practise - also very short flights. Then because Jonathan loves spinning so much, he and Ray did the flight again after which I took over and boosted Jonathan's adrenalin levels some more with a low release check. All tucked away in the hangar by 1600 followed by a beverage and a chat. Nine flights with an average flight time of 12.7 minutes - you would not call it a good soaring day. *Warm Air, busy following orders from Home Command, cast an eye west at a*

sky that looked like it was booming. There was little sympathy to my apparent plight from she who must be obeyed. Don't feel so bad now.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 20 October 2015. Notices of Motion should be with the Secretary, Ivor Woodfield by 20 September. Nominations are also sought for the committee.

SOARING SEASON BRIEFING

We intend to introduce the soaring season with a briefing held in our Hangar on Sunday 18 October at 1030 followed by a BBQ and, maybe, some of that soaring stuff.....provided we are not now too heavy from lunch.

Sporting Code

Having been inspired by Christina's soaring feats, remember to study the new Sporting Code for your upcoming badge flights. This is available from the FAI web site at http://www.fai.org/downloads/igc/SC3_2015 . This version of the sporting code will come into effect on 1/Oct/2015.

2.2 BADGE REQUIREMENTS

2.2.1 Silver Badge The Silver badge is achieved on completing these soaring performances:

- a. SILVER DISTANCE A distance flight (as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h) to a finish or turn point at least 50 km from release or MoP stop. The Silver distance should not be flown with guidance from another pilot.
- b. SILVER DURATION a duration flight of at least 5 hours (see 2.4.4c on allowed loss of height).
- c. SILVER HEIGHT a gain of height of at least 1000 metres.

2.2.2 Gold Badge The Gold badge is achieved on completing these soaring performances:

- a. GOLD DISTANCE a distance flight of at least 300 kilometres as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.
- b. GOLD DURATION a duration flight of at least 5 hours (see 2.4.4c on allowed loss of height).
- c. GOLD HEIGHT a gain of height of at least 3000 metres.

2.2.3 Diamonds There are three Diamonds, each of which may be mounted on the Silver or Gold badge, and the badges for flights of 750 kilometres or more. A Diamond is achieved by completing one of the soaring performances below:

- a. DIAMOND GOAL a distance flight of at least 300 kilometres over an out-and-return (1.4.2g) or triangle (1.4.2h) course.
- b. DIAMOND DISTANCE a distance flight of at least 500 kilometres as defined 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.
- c. DIAMOND HEIGHT a gain of height of at least 5000 metres.

2.2.4 FAI Diploma flights Diploma flights begin with a minimum distance of 750 km and increase in 250 km increments. They may use any course defined at 1.4.2d through 1.4.2h. Each Diploma is awarded once for the incremental distance immediately less than the distance flown.

2.2.5 FAI register of 3 Diamond and Diploma badges On completion of 3 Diamonds or any Diploma flight, the NAC shall provide the FAI with the flight data contained in its national register per 2.0a. In turn, the FAI will enter the name of the pilot in an international register, and award the pilot a special Diploma to recognise these flights.

For those going to Matamata at Labour weekend the 50km is easily achieved with a Matamata airfield to Thames airfield run. All made much easier if the ridge is working. Read up the new rules and tune up your OO. look out for the CFI tap on the shoulder.

MATAMATA

We intend our annual deployment to Matamata for Labour Weekend. For those who have not been before this offers great flying, the possibility of ridge flying on the Kaimais, maybe wave, good thermals and opportunities for cross country with endless easy landout spots. The airfield has good accommodation in the form of inexpensive cabins (book through the Matamata Soaring centre web site) or there are good motels in the local area.

Naturally everything has to get there and get back. We will need volunteers to tow trailers down and back, someone or two to help fly the twin down and back, (cross country tow sign off). Matamata - Thames is a great 50km.

SOME OLD TIME GLIDING.....Apparently the occupiers of the fields were not too happy about hosting the outlandings. Towplanes are Handley Page Halifax bombers



Duty Roster For Aug, Sep, Oct

		DUTY PILOT	DUTY INSTRUCTOR	DUTY TOWPILOT	NOTES
Aug	1	S THOMAS	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	2	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	8	J POTE	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE	
	9	G LAKE	R BURNS	J WAGNER	
	15	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER	
	16	J FOOT	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
	22	N GRAVES	S WALLACE	C ROOK	
	23	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	29	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	30	D FOXCROFT	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
Sep	5	D GREY	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	6	B MOORE	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	12	E MCPHERSON	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	13	G HEALEY	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	19	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	C ROOK	
	20	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	26	G LAKE	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	27	G PATTEN	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
Oct	3	S THOMAS	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	4	K PILLAI	R BURNS	C ROOK	
	10	J POTE	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL	
	11	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	17	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	P THORPE	
	18	J FOOT	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
Labour W/E	24	N GRAVES	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	25	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	C ROOK	
	26	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	J WAGNER	
	31	D FOXCROFT	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
Nov	1	D GREY	S WALLACE	P THORPE	