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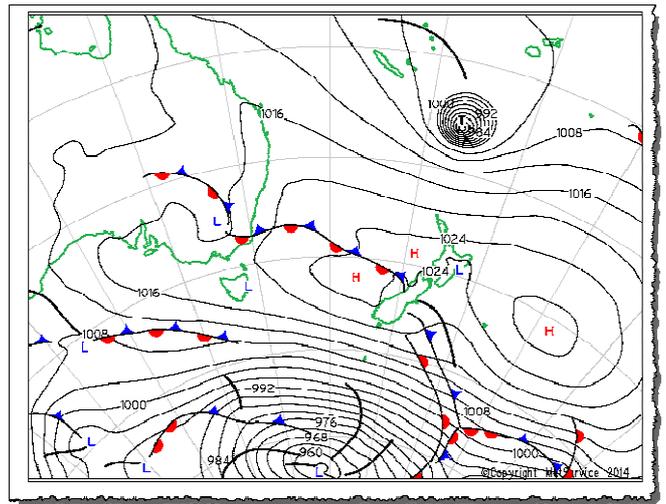
Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND: Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday. Instructing: Ray Burns Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Towing: Jamie Wagner
Duty Pilot: Rob Forster
Sunday. Instructing: Rex Carswell
Towing: Graham Lake
Duty Pilot: Steve Foreman

MEMBERS NEWS

WEEKEND FLYING REPORT

It's going to be real hard to write up our weekend flying....mainly because we did not do any at all.... thanks to Cyclone Lucis. Our only activity for the week was for a bunch of us to rock up Thursday evening to fill the hangar with all of the glider trailers, most containing club and private gliders not yet rigged following our Drury visit. Many thanks to Gary Patten who thought this might be a good idea and to the dozen or so members who came across after work to help out. Ivor Woodfield took some photos



VISIT TO NORTH SHORE AERO CLUB *SATURDAY 5 APRIL WITH SUNDAY AS ALTERNATE*

JUMPSTART, The annual tandem parachute ride for CanTeen and disadvantaged kids is scheduled for the weekend of 5 April. We will not be able to fly at home, NSAC are keen for a return visit so we are going there for Saturday....or Sunday if the WX is not good on Saturday. We will aerotow the fleet over and back. We will need to take over the glider trailers for the club gliders as well as the usual paraphernalia we need, radios, timesheets etc.

GARY DOES THE WINCH *Gary Patten got his winch rating and ASK21 rating at Drury last weekend*

A winch rating Why, some may ask. Why not? Well actually when the K8 is finally finished I wouldn't mind doing a Christmas road trip. Problem is there are a lot of clubs that don't aero tow and only winch, so.....

I had done four winch launches previously around the country, but the upcoming the Drury weekend seemed like a perfect opportunity. Saturday after the road trip and rigging I set about getting the wheels in motion. Well as the day was so good and they had many trial flights the wheels just went round and round and round.

1600hours and MP was available so off I went, a great flight near on 80mins up to 4500ft some great gaggles and close flying. I even had the varo pegged at one stage.

After landing and the picket/pack up was complete I went back to getting the wheels going round.... Deal was get to Drury early help set up and it will happen.

A wee lesson here - if in a different glider and different surroundings ask for the suggested circuit heights and any possible pit fall areas. Needless to say but first winch launch got me to 1200ft agl, all good until we were late down wind. Let's just say it was a 'much modified circuit' and one not to repeat.

Luckily Shamus Breene had faith enough for us to continue, so another two launches and much better circuits. We got away on our second launch for a nice 21min flight, but traffic meant we couldn't hang around where we were. A break for lunch, and to let some of the Drury folk use their glider. Later in the afternoon Shamus briefed me on the abnormal situations, robe breaks, winch engine issues etc.

So winch launch four was to be a rope break simulation - were off nearing the top of the steep bit and 'bang', Shamus releases us - nose down Aviate, Navigate, Communicate. This was interesting as I had expected it to take about 2 seconds to get over the top and to flying speed, it felt more like 4-5. A close in circuit and were all good.

Winch launch five was a loss of power simulation, release nose down and get flying, all good until Ray Kerr called Number one in the circuit and landing long in the K8. We pull the speed right back and I managed to come in behind him with what seemed like full air breaks.

After all that Number six which was a low level rope break simulation seem quite mundane, nose down, flying, and land ahead, with a long walk back to the launch point.

My seventh winch launch of the day was solo in Drury's ASK21, I released at 1400ft and turned straight into a weak thermal where I gained another 100ft. Happy and knowing there was a queue for AK I gave it away and flew over to the circuit side, only to be radioed to land long.

After the Drury pack up I had a beer with Shamus and Norman, where they gave me a debrief, and some handy information sites to look up re winch launches.

All in all a great weekend and something achieved to boot - Cheers Auckland Gliding Club

CLUB CLASS NATIONALS AT LAKE STATION *I Know Ray Burns said not to go on about it...but...you have to ...really*

This is day three, by day five Libelles had 1st, 3rd and 4th.

Club class					
Overall results after day 3					
#	CN	Pilot	Team	Glider	Total
1.	HM	Dickinson Dane	Wellington	Std. Libelle	2927
2.	LE	Oakley Nick	Canterbury	ASW 19b	2601
3.	ZB	Dickinson Warren	Wellington	LS 8	2360
4.	IA	Walker Bill	Omarama	Std. Libelle	2324
5.	MJ	Alex Mccaw	Canterbury	JANTAR_STANDARD_2	2013
6.	GX	Wilson Mark	Wellington	Std. Libelle	1962
7.	RC	O'Neil Jerry	NLGC	Discus	1881
8.	TK	Morgan Jones T & K	CLV	LS 8	1643
9.	TH	Saxton Frank	NLGC	Discus	1027
10.	XL	Chris Richards	Marlborough GC	Ventus CM	595
11.	ZT	Elder Julian	Piako	DG800b	128
12.	7C	Jenkins Melissa	Taranaki	LS 4	77

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TOW UPSETS *This from the Tugmaster from the London Gliding Club*

In the last few days there have been 3 potential tug upset incidents. One glider was released and the other two were within a split second of the tug pilot dumping them too, all below 200' and all in potentially difficult positions just outside the airfield boundary. This is not acceptable behaviour on the part of the glider pilots involved.

One was a private owner who failed to release having gone wildly off to one side before the tug got airborne. Another was an Air Experience flight, where, for whatever reason, climbed inexplicably above the tug and off to one side just after getting airborne. The last was an instructional flight where the instructor just failed to take over in time and keep his glider within acceptable limits at the most critical phase of flight.

All the tug pilots were understandably quite shaken by the incidents and they absolutely deserve more respect from all of us as glider pilots. A tug upset in each of these incidents is potentially life threatening. Only last year we were all reminded of the dangers of a tug upset by BGA Safety leaflets and articles in S&G.

We must all be alert and extra vigilant in the early part of every aero-tow. Instructors must be ready to take control immediately if the glider starts to move away from an acceptable position.

I have requested that all tug pilots record names of pilots that cannot or do not keep their aircraft fully under control below 500'. This could result in further training, or worse, not being allowed to aero-tow at all.

MATAMATA SOARING CENTRE YOUTH GLIDE CAMP, MATAMATA.

Club Youth Members, Interested??? should be a good week. Contact Bill Mace directly or via Ray Burns

Evening Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th April 2013

**Open to GNZ Club members
15 to 25 year olds.**

Designed to advance pilots from all ranges of experience as far as possible in the week.

Yes even ab-initio (as long as they have had a flight and are keen to carry on).

There will be an extensive range of briefing subjects from A & B Certificate to advanced subjects as have been delivered to the Cross Country Courses.

Please see your Club President, Secretary, or Youth Flying Coordinator for details or email direct to

Bill Mace <wajvmace@gmail.com>

Information Sheet, Registration, Consent, and Liability Release Forms can be got [here](#).

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f2o0sgzlhqqlnm/GTXxL_dWXI/YG%20info%202013%20%26%20Consent%20Form.doc

DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2014 Final

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	
FEBRUARY	1	am pm	K Bridges	I Woodfield	C Rook	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	2	am pm	B Hocking	R Carswell	P Thorpe	
	-	-	-	-	-	
WAITANGI DAY	6	am pm	I O'Keefe	A MacKay	D Belcher	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	8	am pm	T O'Rourke	R Burns	J Wagner	
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	9	am pm	G Patten	L Page	R Carswell	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	15	am pm	K Pillai	P Thorpe	G Lake	
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	16	am pm	R Pitt	R Carswell	C Rook	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	22	am pm	J Pote	S Wallace	P Thorpe	
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	23	am pm	T Prentice	D Todd	D Belcher	30 Sqn ATC
MARCH	1	am pm	R Struyck	P Coveney	D Belcher	
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	2	am pm	R Whitby	I Woodfield	R Carswell	
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	8	am pm	E McPherson	S Wallace	G Lake	Drury
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	9	am pm	C Hall	R Burns	P Thorpe	Drury
	-	-	-	-	-	
	15	am pm	K Bhashyam	L Page	C Rook	
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	16	am pm	K Boyes	P Thorpe	D Belcher	
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	22	am pm	R Forster	R Burns	J Wagner	
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	23	am pm	S Foreman	R Carswell	G Lake	
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	29	am pm	R Forster	S Wallace	R Carswell	
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	30	am pm	D Foxcroft	D Todd	P Thorpe	
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APRIL	5	am pm	G Healey	P Thorpe	C Rook	Jumpstart NSAC
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	6	am pm	B Hocking	R Burns	D Belcher	Jumpstart Alternate
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	12	am pm	I O'Keefe	P Coveney	J Wagner	
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	13	am pm	T Prentice	A MacKay	G Lake	30 Sqn ATC
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EASTER WEEKEND	18	am pm	T O'Rourke	I Woodfield	R Carswell	
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	19	am pm	K Pillai	L Page	P Thorpe	
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	20	am pm	R Pitt	R Carswell	C Rook	
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	21	am pm	J Pote	S Wallace	D Belcher	
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ANZAC DAY	25	am pm	K Bridges	D Todd	C Rook	
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	26	am pm	R Struyck	P Coveney	J Wagner	
	-	-	-	-	-	
	27	am pm	R Whitby	P Thorpe	G Lake	
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