

WARM AIR 23 Aug 14

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Ray Burns Towing: Derry Belcher Duty Pilot: Nathan Graves Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday.	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Enya McPherson

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

For *Warm Air*, Saturday's gliding started with a phone call from the assembled multitude.....just as he was heading out the door to go sailing. They were at the gate, no instructor, no towie, Ray who was supposed to be instructing said it was PC and neither PC nor Rex answered the phone. By the time *WA* confirmed who he thought it should be and checked phone numbers, he got the marina late and had to park miles away. Still it was good to have been told of the last minute swap.....not. To be fair the weather was pretty average and did not look like a flying day anyway. We came third in our yacht race BTW.

Instructor Peter Coveney adds his excuses; Morning showers, low cloud. Rex rang to discuss whether to head to the airfield and we decided to make a D at 11am. The time came but weather still unpleasant so we gave it a miss.

SUNDAY *Towie Graham Lake gets first hack*

We had ATC cadets so we had called an early start. Your truly got to get the Base Ops briefing while Dave, the instructor, got the key. Quite a bit earlier than he had originally planned until we was guided to actually read *WA*, especially the bit about the early start. The forecast for gradually clearing with light south westerlies seemed a little farfetched as we had nothing to a very light southerly. We both arrived to find folks already there and in the gate Gary Patten having got the key way earlier. The cadets helped get stuff out and do the preflights. The near still conditions and the forecast got us set up on 26 and got the first cadet away fairly smartly.

The towie certainly enjoyed the still conditions but he was the only one. Helpers included Rex Carswell, Gary Patten, Roy Whitby, Dave Foxcroft, Tony Prentice, Jack Foot, Nathan Graves Andy McKay and Neville Swan. Rex was kind enough to bring fuel for the towplane whose gauge rested somewhere between not very much and sod all.



Once the cadets were done of the mums took a flight followed with Nathan up in VF. He did not last much longer than the rest. Jack Foot went up for a 1000ft dual circuit followed by his second solo. Dave Foxcroft and Tony Prentice tried to show us how it was done in MW and that seemed it when Chelle Thomson joined us. The realisation Jack Foot had already done his ten questions got us persuading him to do his third solo to complete his A cert. Well done Jack. Rochelle took a dual with Dave Todd just to get back in the swing while



Roy Whitby decided he would take up MP. He got the good luck as the towie decided to check out a nearby cloud on initial climbout. The results suggested we should circle back and Roy started on the longest flight of the day with well over an hour. Tony Prentice in VF and Gary Patten with Chelle Thomson soon joined him and all managed reasonable flights.

Packup, a towplane clean and a well earned refreshment ended a successful day with more club members present

that I have seen for some time. A good day and thanks to all. 13 flights in all plus a wee play in the towplane for the towie.

LABOUR WEEKEND

Yes, I know it is only August but Labour Weekend is approaching fast. Your club is planning to deploy to Matamata for the weekend taking all the club gliders, the towplane and most of the privateers. We intend to go down Saturday morning aerotowing MW and this is a chance to get cross country towing signed off, first in to Peter Thorpe for this one. We will need three folks to tow down VF, MP (in their trailers) and MW's trailer (just in case someone lands out in MW or the weather is not conducive to an Aerotow return. Anyone willing to do this please contact *Warm Air*.

The airfield features a well equipped camping ground with good ablutions and kitchen plus some excellent and cheap bunkrooms, - check these out at <http://msc.gliding.co.nz/accommodation/> Alternates include motels in Matamata, Morrinsville or further afield.

These camps are normally great fun and great flying especially if the ridge is working. Time to start planning.

TAILPIECE

From time to time we find we cannot do our rostered duty. No problem just arrange a swap with someone else. Please make sure *Warm Air* knows so he can include this WA and know what answers to give when folks ring looking for the duty whoever.

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ROSTER BELOW

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUG, SEP, OCT 2014 Final

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	
AUG	2	am pm	G Patten -	L Page -	J Wagner -	
	3	am pm	C Pillai -	P Thorpe -	C Rook -	
	9	am pm	J Pote -	A MacKay -	D Belcher -	
	10	am pm	T Prentice -	R Carswell -	P Thorpe -	
	16	am pm	R Struyck -	P Coveney -	R Carswell -	
	17	am pm	R Whitby	D Todd	G Lake	5 Sqn ATC
	23	am pm	N Graves	R Burns	D Belcher	
	24	am pm	E McPherson	I Woodfield	P Thorpe	
	30	am pm	K Bashyam	L Page	D Belcher	
	31	am pm	K Bridges	P Thorpe	G Lake	
SEP	6	am pm	S Foreman	A MacKay	P Thorpe	
	7	am pm	R Forster	S Wallace	P Thorpe	
	13	am pm	D Foxcroft	R Burns	J Wagner	Power Sect Comps
	14	am pm	G Healey	D Todd	G Lake	
General Election	20	am pm	B Hocking	P Coveney	P Thorpe	
	21	am pm	I O'Keefe	I Woodfield	J Wagner	
Daylight Saving	27	am pm	T O'Rourke	L Page	C Rook	
	28	am pm	G Patten	R Carswell	G Lake	
OCT	4	am pm	C Pillai	P Thorpe	R Carswell	19 Sqn ATC
	5	am pm	J Pote	A MacKay	C Rook	Camp Both days
	11	am pm	T Prentice	S Wallace	P Thorpe	19 Sqn ATC
	12	am pm	R Struyck	R Burns	R Carswell	Camp Bad WX Alt
	18	am pm	R Whitby	P Coveney	G Lake	
	19	am pm	N Graves	D Todd	C Rook	30 Sqn ATC
LABOUR WEEKEND	25	am pm	E McPherson	I Woodfield	P Thorpe	Matamata Matamata
	26	am pm	K Bashyam	P Thorpe	R Carswell	Matamata Matamata
	27	am pm	K Bridges	R Burns	G Lake	Matamata Matamata