

WARM AIR 23 Jun 12

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND: Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org

Saturday. Instructing: Steve Wallace

Towing: Rex Carswell

Duty Pilot David Grey

Sunday. Instructing: Peter Thorpe

Towing: Andrew Sunde

Duty Pilot Steve Foreman

DON'T FORGET CAA AVKIWI SAFETY SEMINAR - RADIO PROCEDURES - NORTH SHORE AERO CLUB WED 20 JUNE AT 1900

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY

Friday brought news that, due to aircraft unserviceability during the week, the C130 conversion course was behind schedule and there would be C130 conversion flying both days of the weekend. As is customary, the easy answer prevailed, no Aviation Sports Club aircraft airborne while the Herc was in the circuit. Maybe, one day, folks will work out a process where we can operate together.

Towie Marc Oliver reports:

After the gliders were put back together in the morning a decision was made to get ready at threshold grass 26 to get underway. A bit of the usual Airforce miscommunication cut our total tows for the day to 5, which was unfortunate as most of the day was taken up by waiting for the Hercules to do her thing. The lift was quite good throughout the day due to the brisk southerly, which made the flights that were carried out fairly decent flight times. It was a fairly good day out, apart from the number of tows.

Instructor Rex Carswell adds a touch more detail. Yes - a good number of people responded to the request to help in the rigging of GVF and GMW following completion of their 'annuals'.

All proceeded okay with the tasks in hand, and 'hey-presto', two certified gliders were ready to fly. The weather was fine, but the moderate southerly wind was quite cool, to say the least. The Airforce was also busy today with two scheduled C-130 'sorties' - mostly in the circuit so gliding restrictions were anticipated.

As the first C-130 sortie was nearing an end on runway 21, we were observing the significant cross-wind favouring 08 for us - and had been all morning. A call to Base Ops secured our request, and the fleet headed to the 'far end'. Of course, anyone could hear the cynics amongst crying out "you watch - the wind will veer as soon as we get there". Well - they were *wrong*. It veered *deeper* south before all the fleet got there! Soooo - with the word given - all trundled back to set up on 26.

First launch got away at 1235 hours, with Steve Foreman in GVF achieving 26 minutes. New member Rudolph Struyck has significant previous experience in both powered and glider flight, and is eager to get acquainted with the basics again. Today's 35 minute dual explored the G103's stalling characteristics, along with some good thermal flying to keep us up there. Ian O'Keefe had the

LFOTD (longest flight of the day) in GVF recording 48 minutes - landing only because the second C-130 circuit sortie was imminent. I, along with new student Nathan (sorry - I don't have your Surname) followed Ian down, achieving 23 minutes with Nathan getting considerable 'hands on'. Well done! The 5th, and final flight was a short 11 minute dual with Jay Harkness, to get his cross-wind landing signed off. All 'hunky-dory' as they say.

With the upper airspace terminated - fleet tucked away - the remainder of us inspected the fridge.....

SUNDAY *Instructor Ray Burns does the honours*

A clear and cold start to the day. A jolly good frost everywhere on the way to the field meant I was not surprised when Base ops told me the temperature was minus 0.5.

I thought I was early getting to the gate by 0820 but found all of the cadets already there and waiting. Neville, Roy and Dave F, arrived shortly thereafter and we had everything ready to go not long after 0900. However for once, our trusty yellow steed failed to start. A pair of jumper leads eventually got us going. (*you forgot the bit where towie Craig rang Warm Air a few times*). First flight out was at 1009. The air was perfectly calm and the visibility was fantastic. Not unexpectedly it was pretty much sled rides all day. Perfect conditions for the 7 Cadets. Gary took three flights in GVF and Steve chimed in with one as well.

Gary took a 3000 footer to claim the longest of the day at 27 minutes picking up a burble of air for a few turns before landing around 1400. There being no other punters, combined with a Herc grounding us for 30 minutes and a change of end planned we called it quits. 10 launches for the day. We packed up and enjoyed an ale while *Warm Air* worked relentlessly on the trusty Libelle. (he could take out the floor pan or pay Derry to do it for him....no contest really).

AVKIWI SEMINAR RADIO PROCEDURES

Wednesday 20 June at 7:00 pm North Shore Aero Club, North Shore Aerodrome

Brush up on your pronunciation, improve your situational awareness and make great radio calls. This seminar is vital to anyone in the aviation industry, whatever type of aircraft you fly, we cover:

- The principles of good RTF
- RT discipline and phraseology
- Hear some good calls and bad calls
- Get some hot tips, and
- Take home the new GAP booklet

But wait there's more...all attendees will get a copy of the all new electronic education course - Plane Talking - an interactive course that helps you keep your RTF standards high.

Refreshments will be served after the seminar

CLUB DINNER

Folks, it's that time of year again. The Club dinner will be on the 22 July 1900 hrs at Chez RSA in Browns Bay. \$25 per head. Please email me at ray@rayburns.co.nz and let me know if you can make it and whether or not you are bringing a partner.

KITSET GLIDERS (HOW THE ANNUALS ARE PROGRESSING)

Unfortunately Derry Belcher's trusty sidekick, Neville Swan, went down with the lurgy during last week. Not unnaturally progress was slower than expected and by last weekend the Astir MP, the Libelle and the Mosquito remained untouched. Not quite for the Libelle or the Mosquito as Liviu had been out and completed the biennial Avionics tests. MP should be finished by the weekend and will need to be rigged. The Libelle will wait Ivor's pleasure or until Graham comes back.

NO WARM AIR NEXT WEEK

Sorry guys but *Warm Air* and the Dragon are in Aussie for the week. Naturally that means no Warm Air next week but we will try to pick all the highlights for the following week. Don't forget to let Ray know if you are going to the dinner, (apparently coincides with a couple of birthdays for some of our senior members, is one of these a significant birthday?).

The roster is at the end of this edition so no excuses for forgetting your duty.

LS-4a ZK-GKP FOR SALE *Peter Coveney has his LS-4A up for sale:*



This is a really good example of one of the nicest gliders to fly. KP comes with a Colibri secure logger, the latest Borgelt, B500 vario and B2500 glide computer, combination worth over \$7000. The trailer is a clam shell type Komet which makes rigging and derigging a breeze. Great value at \$55,000. Currently located at Whenuapai. Contact Peter Coveney at petercove@ihug.co.nz or phone 021 02251470.

See you at the field

WARM AIR

ROSTER BELOW

DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY, JUNE, JULY 2012 FINAL

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
MAY	5	am	No flying	"Jumpstart"	-
	-	pm	-	-	-
	6	am	G Patten	R Burns	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	12	am	S Saunders	S Wallace	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	J Pete	A MacKay	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	19	am	F Retief	P Coveney	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	20	am	G Rosenfeldt	L Page	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	26	am	J Pete	R Carswell	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	27	am	K Pillai	R Burns	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
JUNE	2	am	R Thomson	D Todd	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
QUEENS BIRTHDAY	3	am	R Whitby	S Wallace	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	4	am	I Woodfield	P Coveney	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	9	am	K Bashyam	A MacKay	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	10	am	J Deetlofs	L Page	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	16	am	J Harkness	R Carswell	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	17	am	D Foxcroft	R Burns	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	23	am	D Grey	S Wallace	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	24	am	S Foreman	P Thorpe	A Sunde
	-	pm	-	-	-
	30	am	B Hocking	P Coveney	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
JULY	1	am	G Hodge	A MacKay	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	7	am	E McPherson	D Todd	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	8	am	T O'Rourke	L Page	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	14	am	G Hodge	R Carswell	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	15	am	K Pillai	R Burns	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	21	am	J Pote	S Wallace	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	22	am	F Retief	P Thorpe	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	28	am	G Rosenfeldt	P Coveney	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	29	am	S Saunders	A MacKay	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-