

# WARM AIR 25 Jul 15

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

<b>THIS WEEKEND:</b>	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	<a href="http://www.ascgliding.org">www.ascgliding.org</a>
Saturday	Instructing: Ray Burns    Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000 Towing: Craig Rook Duty Pilot: Kris Pillai	
Sunday	Instructing: Peter Thorpe Towing: Fletcher McKenzie Duty Pilot Gary Patten	

### SATURDAY - Ian O'Keefe reports

Nothing much to say other than it was decidedly wet, very wet as evidenced below!



Last weekend we had photos of frosty grass and blue skies.

This weekend puddles and low cloud

What will next weekend bring



### SUNDAY - Lionel Page

Not an awful amount happened. Woke to a good downpour and low clouds and thought that the day was definitely NOT going to happen, however by 9.30am it had cleared and I was late. When I arrived, only Roy Whitby was patiently waiting. Jamie Wagner, the towie was not far behind. A quick check of the trailers and yes, it was MP's trailer that has got a broken light connector. An interested power pilot popped over and we gave him a tour of the hangar and a briefing on how it all works.

A bit more hangar flying and I managed to persuade Roy to assist me (or was it the other way round) to tighten GMW's trailers bearing. Tightening the bearing was easy - replacing the cotter pin, not so much. After much butchering by yours truly, and advice from the side lines in the form of Roy and Neville Swan, we had everything back the way we had found it, except with the bearing a little tighter.

Neville then found that one of the Blaniks wings had come lose and fallen off the trailer - so that we replaced and secured. Neville also put up a new notice board, as requested by our CFI, Ray. So no flying but a few odd jobs done.

*Many thanks to Lionel, Roy, Jamie and Neville our pit crew for undertaking these tasks. It's these little jobs done quietly behind the scenes that keep the place running.*

### ASC Gliding Dinner / Catch up

Well it is time to have a catch up and have a feast.

So as tradition has it, we are booked in for a Sunday Night Buffet Dinner at the Browns Bay RSA.

The Date is Sunday 26th at 6 pm.

Meal \$27 each (drinks extra)

The Medals Restaurant produces amazing meals and you can review here [www.ecbrsa.co.nz](http://www.ecbrsa.co.nz)

So it would be great to catch up, bring your family and friends if you want.

Please let Ian know if you can attend and how many of you [ian.okeefe@extra.co.nz](mailto:ian.okeefe@extra.co.nz)

**Special Report from our Overseas Correspondent Christina Kiel in Germany who updates us on her soaring adventures**

Hello Guys!

It is quite a time ago you've heard from me. My work and studies in Germany are needing a lot of time, so I'm having a lot of stress at the moment. Well, in two weeks all exams are over and in three weeks the junior north-west local championship. It's next to the airfield I learnt flying, so I know this area quite well and think that a qualification for the junior German championship 2016 is possible.

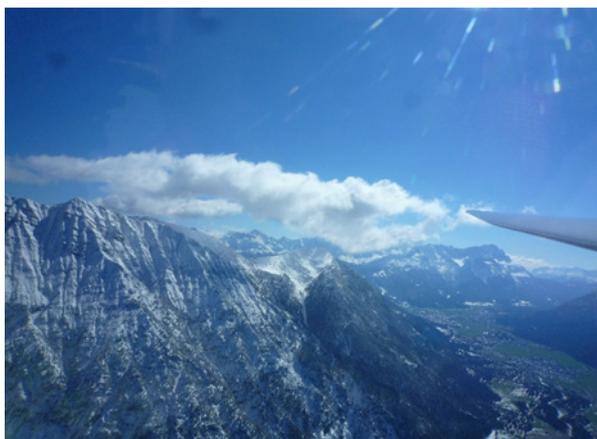


But for now I would like to send you some pics and information about this gliding season.

We had a lot of North wind, a very bad wind for the Alps, because that means a nasty, rainy accumulation of clouds in front of our Alps. After that in July we had a lot of warm air, up to 38degree hot without clouds... Strange weather for the Alps this year...

At the beginning this season I had a beautiful, cold flight in the foreland of the alps.

The sun wasn't powerful enough in April, too make the mountains work. But the snow on the mountains and cold blue sky looked very nice.



After flying to the Chiemsee lake and back I got the chance to fly along the hills next to the airfield. Flying low over untouched powder snow, only your own shadow is rushing with you over the snow is great!



Some weeks later I got the chance to fly with my boyfriend in the Duo Discus to the south side of our Alps. This means crossing of the main alpine chain, a long way to and back. It was still April and the days had been quite short. That meant we couldn't fly back. I did my first out landing with a Duo and we got good food in the nearby village and we derigged our glider under a shiny, star-sprinkled sky.

In the end it had been only 460km, looks like its hard for me to cross the 500km boarder...

After this flight I had my young Bavarian national team training and learnt a lot about rising lines and

finding and flying along them.

Then our yearly club holiday camp in Bayreuth followed. A lot of our club members with nearly 20 gliders had been there. It was a lot of fun and I had the luck to fly some nice distances and to complete a bit more of the German map in my mind.

At the beginning of this month I did my first solo flights in the Alps. The weather was not so easy, at the beginning it was very hard to find thermal which was high enough to fly over the first mountain tops. My little Ls-1f likes this type of thermal a lot, so we were the first crossing them. But as more we flew deeper into the Alps, so it got better and better. Well, in the afternoon I decided to fly along the North chain next to Innsbruck and got stuck in some hundred meters over a restaurant. I asked the controller whether I could land in his controlled area, but happily I could trust my old Lady's wings. We caught the thermal and again I was so glad that I got this great glider.



After this I had to fly back. But I decided to visit the highest mountain of Germany: The Zugspitze (translation: Top of strong winds). This mountain is 2962m high. But I could soar higher and flying over the Zugspitz-Restaurant.

A day later I had to use oxygen. The basis of the clouds was raising up to 4450m. Again, my three companions and I decided to fly along the North chain. I got in trouble- again. So I had to wait quite a long time until I was high enough (over 3000m) to cross the Karwendel mountains. After that I heard that nobody in our club was flying along this area after four o'clock in the noon... Nice to hear... ;-)

Well last weekend then I had to visit my grandpa for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. My boyfriend was pilot and my father and me passengers. We used a Piper 28 Arrow II from my boyfriend's motorplane club for this. It was an interesting flight back, as the photo



might show you...

I would like to show you some more pics, but I lost my camera... And have to think about getting a new one. Hopefully I can get another one for the next weekend, if you're interested you will see some more of our beautiful Alps! Greetings from Germany!

*Thank you so much Christina for this wonderful report, we are all in absolute envy. We look forward to hearing more of your soaring adventures very soon. Our very best wishes to you with your exams and the gliding competition. Hope to see you back on this side of the hemisphere soon!*

### **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](http://www.fai.org/downloads/igc/SC3_2015) . This version of the sporting code will come into effect on 1/Oct/2015*

### **Whangarei Club's Coastal Adventures**

*Check out the NZ Gliding Facebook page and view the video's of the Whangarei club tearing up the coastline north of Dargaville <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Gliding-New-Zealand-NZ-/106056376128462>*

*We need a cunning plan to connect our coast run with theirs. Very rough calculations suggest a 67km glide is needed from Muriwai to make it up to South Head and then across the Kaipara Harbour to then reach some workable sand dunes to commence North. Now there's a Challenge!!*

***NEW DUTY ROSTER BELOW FOLKS - Please check and make arrangements to swap if unavailable for your duty.***

## 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	S WALLACE	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	