

# WARM AIR 25 May 13

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** Club Cellphone 021 745 433 [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org)

Saturday. Instructing: Ray Burns  
Towing: Rex Carswell  
Duty Pilot: David Grey

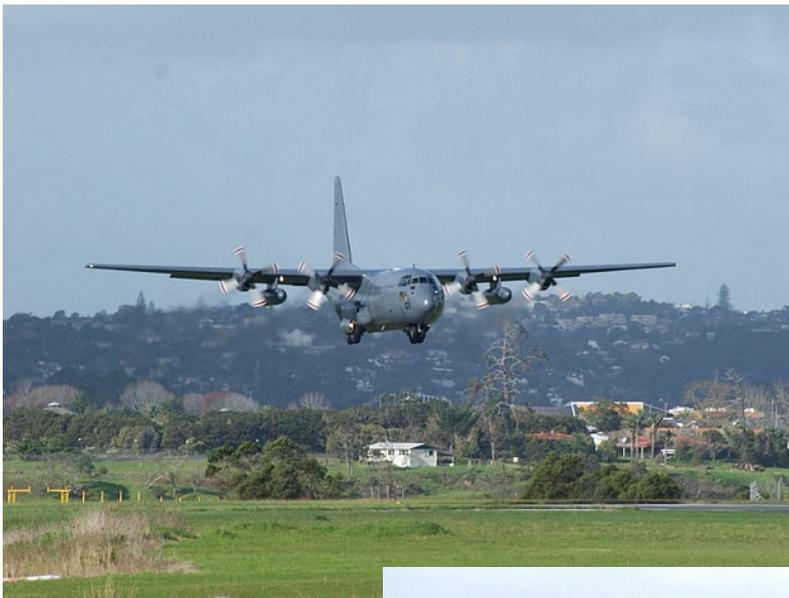
Sunday. Instructing: Ivor Woodfield  
Towing: Ryan Brookes  
Duty Pilot: Campbell Hall

## MEMBERS NEWS

### SATURDAY

Alas we ran out of tow pilots on what was arguably a promising soaring day....in between the rain showers. Instructor Ivor Woodfield files this... We have no tow pilot for today and RASP is calling rain shortly, so we will not be flying today. Those of us at the field are going home.

**SUNDAY** *Every now and then we let a towie have first go, Marc Oliver tries joined up writing.*



After a bit of a mix up with start times in the morning we managed to get underway at around 0930 with the cadets. There was about 6 of them in total so not a bad turn out considering the weather. The wind was relatively light when we kicked off but progressively got worse as per the wind warning issued by met service that I read while I was in Base Ops in the morning. The wind of the day was 20-30 knots on the ground with 32 upstairs. I have to say that the last few flights that were done were probably equal to if not the worst wind that I had been up in. Lucky for us though it was straight down the guts of 26. Even the Air

Force Hercules pilots wimped out of the crosswind landing and came in on 26. All in all a good days flying and glad we went up as it is very good practice in that sort of a breeze. See you all next time.

*Instructor Lionel Page continues:* I arranged with Ray to help cover my early duty as I had promised to help my brother with some



scientific culling of ducks on the Piako river. We I can now happily report that I am a conservationist - no ducks were harmed! Not even one! (A few may have got a fright, but all flew away.)

I arrived at the field at 10am thinking that at least I would be there before the first flight. How wrong can you be - Ray just took off for the first flight.



The wind was strong, but at least direct down the vector. There were plenty of rain showers in the vicinity and we spent most of the day dodging them. Ray took quite a few flights for me while I assisted Neville removing his engine from his self launcher. I also managed to quickly re-install my radio, only to find that it still does not work!! Bugger.

A few more flights including a flight with new club member Karl. The wind had picked up significantly and approach speeds were FAST! I believe the 2,000ft wind was 30kts!

All in all, 10 flights in what can

only be called challenging conditions.

## THE LAST OF THE ORIGINALS

Arthur Strother, Flt Eng, aged 96, died on Sunday 19 May 2013 from the consequences of a nasty fall last Monday.

Art was the last of the original members of 5 Squadron having been on the team that went to Singapore in October 1941 to make four ex-205 Sqn Short Singapores serviceable and, in the face of the Japanese attack on the island, fly them out to Suva to form 5 Squadron RNZAF on 19 November 1941. His lifelong companion from those same days, Fred Taylor, Flt Eng, was laid to rest only 11 weeks ago.

Following the Singapore days he flew Catalinas and Sunderlands on both 5 and 6 Squadrons, was commissioned as an engineering officer and after retirement continued active reserve duties until 1974.

Art has been a staunch member of 5 Squadron RNZAF Association, the RSA and the Brevet Club for many years. He was also on the recent expedition to the Bourail Memorial in Noumea, led by our Patron Air Cdre Mal Gunton.

## WORKING BEE

We are planning a working bee, the last hangar doors and making a start on hangar lights. Sat 1 June at 0830.

*WARM AIR*

**ROSTER BELOW**



### **A Pilot Gets Home Late...**

**He left home about 8:30 a.m. to do some work in his hangar at the airport with his friends. On the way out the door he answered his wife's "what time will you be home?" question with "probably about 1:30, I'll have lunch at the airport."**

**1:30 came and went, 3:00 passed, 6:15, still not home, finally at about 7:00 pm he rolls in the driveway, and presents his wife with a pizza, and begins the apologetic story:**

**"I finished cleaning the plane about 11:30, had lunch, and I started home, when alongside the road I saw this attractive girl with a flat tire on her car. I stopped to help, got the tire changed, and looked around for a place to wash my hands. She offered money, but I refused, so she suggested that I at least allow her to buy me a beer. She said there's a tavern just up the road, and they have a restroom, you can clean up a bit. I agreed to stop, we had a beer, then another beer, then a couple more, and I realized that this girl was not only pretty, she was very friendly, and a good companion to spend time with. Before I knew it, we were having a rendezvous in the motel next door.**

**And that is why I am so late getting home."**

**His wife looked him right in the eye and said "Don't lie to me; you went flying, didn't you?"**

**DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY, JUNE, JULY 2013 final**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duty Pilot</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Tow Pilot</b>	<b>Events</b>
MAY	4	am pm	T Printice -	P Thorpe -	R Carswell -	
	5	am pm	K Bhashyam -	D Todd -	G Lake -	YOUTH GLIDE
	11	am pm	K Boyes -	P Coveney -	C Rook -	
	12	am pm	S Foreman -	S Wallace -	R Carswell -	
	18	am pm	D Foxcroft -	I Woodfield -	P Thorpe -	
	19	am pm	N Graves -	L Page -	M Oliver -	5 SQN ATC
	25	am pm	D Grey	R Burns	R Carswell	
	26	am pm	C Hall	I Woodfield	R Bookes	
JUNE  QUEENS BIRTHDAY	1	am pm	G Healey	R Carswell	G Lake	
	2	am pm	B Hocking	P Thorpe	C Rook	YOUTH GLIDE
	3	am pm	B Mawhinney	S Wallace	P Thorpe	
	8	am pm	E McPherson	P Coveney	M Oliver	
	9	am pm	I O'Keefe	D Todd	G Lake	5 SQN ATC
	15	am pm	T O'Rourke	L Page	R Carswell	
	16	am pm	K Pillai	R Burns	R Brookes	
	22	am pm	R Pitt	R Carswell	C Rook	
	23	am pm	J Pote	P Thorpe	M Oliver	
	29	am pm	M Belcher	S Wallace	P Thorpe	
	30	am pm	G Rosenfeldt	R Burns	R Brookes	
JULY	6	am pm	J Rosenfeldt	P Coveney	R Carswell	
	7	am pm	R Struyck	I Woodfield	G Lake	YOUTH GLIDE
	13	am pm	R Thomson	L Page	C Rook	
	14	am pm	M Belcher	D Todd	M Oliver	
	20	am pm	K Bhashyam	R Carswell	P Thorpe	
	21	am pm	K Boyes	S Wallace	R Brookes	5 SQN ATC
	27	am pm	S Foreman	P Thorpe	G Lake	
	28	am pm	D Foxcroft	R Burns	R Carswell	