

WARM AIR 28 Jan 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 Francois Retief
Sunday.	Instructing: Ray Burns Towing: Graham Lake Duty Pilot Jonathan Pote
Monday.	Instructing: Peter Thorpe Towing: Craig Rook Duty Pilot Greg Rosenfeldt

AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND. NO POINT IN TRYING TO GO OUT OF TOWN -THE NEWMARKET VIADUCT IS CLOSED...MIGHT AS WELL COME GLIDING

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Dave Todd starts us off*

Very light lift on Saturday as the 6/8 cloud cover never really broke up to get the ground heating going and deliver the thermals we were expecting.

Kishan is into flying the non-normal part of the A Cert so we did Spiral Dives, Spins and low level rope breaks. Not too much more before we will have another pilot solo.



Gary flew VF but unfortunately found some heavy sink on short finals resulting in a heavy landing which has damaged VF undercarriage. VF is down at Dury for repair and will hopefully be back soon.

Jonathan exercised his new passenger rating by taking Ivor for a flight. Ivor also rigged IV and after a short flight put Dave Foxcroft

into the Libelle who managed to find lift for a half an hour concluding what so many other pilots have that the Libelle is a joy to fly. *(as if there was any doubt).*

Jonathan Pote and Bob Cridland did some tidying in the hangar untangling the winch ropes and coiling these onto spare cable drums

Towie Marc Oliver adds: The turnout was one of the best I have seen in a while. It was an overcast day with winds around the five knot mark. The lift was very minimal, according to the glider pilots, but in the tow plane it was very smooth and turbulent free, which was a nice change.

An open day saw Seasprites flying in the area for most of the day. Good communication with the pilots of the Seasprites ensured there were no issues.

Trainee towpilot Andrew Sundae came up in the tow plane as a passenger whenever possible. He also went for a flight in MW. He is looking forward to getting his tow rating and getting started with the club. 10 flights for the day so not bad for a so-so day.

SUNDAY *Instructor Ray Burns provides the report...need we say more??*



INSTRUCTORS CORNER *Dave Todd has the crayons*

There are still reports of people landing short on 26.

26 Grass Aiming Point - it is just after the contractors road that went from Gate 11 to the seal runway. Imagine a fence there. They have installed a raised concrete access lid 50 meters back from the Aiming point in the centre of 026 where we used to land. Next time you are out at the field take a walk and identify this. It has a small dirt ramp leading up to the lip of the concrete so this should avoid doing any damage to gliders should they happen to land short and roll into it.

If you have made an earlier judgment error and get low on finals continue to fly normal Safe Speed Near the Ground and land short (preferably slightly to left of centre, closer to the tar seal runway to avoid the concrete lid). Don't fly slower trying to stretch the glide to the normal touch down point trying to avoid a grumpy instructor. You never know what air you will hit on short finals and the Safe Speed Near the Ground is your insurance.

CFI'S HOMILY *CFI Peter Thorpe reports on airfield works progress*

Mike and I inspected Grass 08/26 with SQNLDR Don Richardson and one of the Works officers this morning. All agreed that the holes at the western end need filling and that F-H will finish restoring the surface where their access road was located - in fact they were working on it while we were there. The concrete cable pits will be well mounded. They are using excess fill to raise the level by the trailer park to reduce flooding in winter. We talked about the fence by the gate and that may be restored but in the meantime the gate does not need to be closed. Mike will keep poking sticks at the system to keep it alive.



The Mighty Libelle

UP COMING EVENTS

- Jumpstart has been delayed until 5/6 May
- 25 Feb will be 486SQN reunion with a Spitfire display around 1430
- 16 - 18 March..No flying for us due to filming a segment of the Movie "Emperor" in front of 5 Sqn hangar. We would end up in the shot and apparently there were no yellow towplanes or fiberglass gliders around when McArthur entered Japan at the end of WWII.
- We will have ATC cadets 19 Feb and 26 Feb with more in March and April.

See you at the field

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ROSTER BELOW

DUTY ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2011, JANUARY 2012 Final

Month	Date	Time	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
NOVEMBER	5	am	G Patten	D Todd	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	6	am	J Pote	S Wallace	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	12	am	K Pillai	R Carswell	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	13	am	G Patten	P Thorpe	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	19	am	F Retief	P Coveney	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	20	am	G Rosenfeldt	L Page	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	26	am	R Thomson	P Thorpe	G Lake
	-	pm	-	R Burns	-
	27	am	R Whitby	R Carswell	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
DECEMBER	3	am	J Deetlefs	D Todd	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	4	am	I Woodfield	S Wallace	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	R Burns	-
	10	am	S Foreman	A MacKay	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	11	am	D Foxcroft	P Thorpe	G Lake
	-	pm	-	R Burns	-
	17	am	D Grey	P Coveney	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	18	am	J Harkness	S Wallace	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
XMAS	24	am	tba	tba	tba
	-	pm	-	-	-
	25	am	tba	tba	tba
	-	pm	-	-	-
JANUARY	31	am	tba	tba	tba
	-	pm	-	-	-
	1	am	tba	tba	tba
	-	pm	-	-	-
	7	am	B Hocking	R Burns	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
	8	am	J McIver	A MacKay	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	14	am	E McPherson	L Page	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	15	am	G Patten	P Thorpe	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-
	21	am	T O'Rourke	D Todd	M Oliver
	-	pm	-	-	-
	22	am	K Pillai	R Burns	P Thorpe
	-	pm	-	-	-
AUCKLAND ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND	28	am	F Retief	S Wallace	R Carswell
	-	pm	-	-	-
	29	am	J Pote	R Burns	G Lake
	-	pm	-	-	-
	30	am	G Rosenfeldt	P Thorpe	C Rook
	-	pm	-	-	-