

WARM AIR 29 Mar 14

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| THIS WEEKEND: | Club Cellphone 021 745 433 www.ascgliding.org | Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000 |
| Saturday. | Instructing: Steve Wallace Towing: Rex Carswell Duty Pilot: Rob Forster | |
| Sunday. | Instructing: David Todd Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Dave Foxcroft | |

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY *Instructor Ray Burns found a crayon*

The long range forecast had shown showers on Saturday and we had heads-up earlier in the week that there was the possibility of military flying. Neither eventuated making for a very pleasant day indeed.

We started with sorting all the trailers from the threatened cyclone and then towing everything down to the O8 end. Much rigging was done (VF,MP,ON and IV). Flying got under way with check flights for Nathan and Enya. The air was not very exciting with more sink than lift resulting in a bunch of fairly short flights until about 1500 when things rapidly picked up. Tony managed a little over an hour and half and Graham took away line honours with two minutes short of two hours. Krishna, Lionel, Steve F, Ian and Genny all gave it a crack. Nathan squeezed off another solo and Enya did her first flight in VF showing everyone what a perfect landing looked like.



Last flight landed at 1736, and a bevvie or two were enjoyed at the end of play.

Part time towie Graham Lake continues: Rostered Towie Jamie Wagner, a member of 5 Squadron RNZAF, ended up in Perth supporting the P3 Orion searching for the missing Malaysian airlines flight. Could someone stand in for him. Derry Belcher stepped up but not before 1300, could someone else do the first bit. Guess that was me especially since the Dragon was working and left me free to go gliding all day as well as tow the next day....WOOHOO.

First the extraction of all the trailers from the Hangar, especially the one they managed to get jammed diagonally across the door. "Perhaps we could go out thru the great big opening at the other end of the hangar, you know the way you came in...Cheeeez". We set up on O8 and started to rig the club singles as well as Lionel Page's ON. I got to tow three launches, Nathan Graves and Enya McPherson with Ray Burns in MW then Lionel in ON. In between times we got to watch Enya scoff an entire packet of Chocolate Biscuits that apparently passed for "lunch". No, we all were the model of decorum and did not say



anything, OK, hardly anything, about this remarkable feat.



much better.

Steve Foreman and his Lady friend Ida joined us and he took her up in MW, Derry took Christy's partner up in the towplane, and Ray took VF up to join the fun. Good to see Genny out again after a longish illness and she flew with Ian O'Keefe. Jack Foote and Dad came out for another lesson in MW. Lionel's flight was somewhat curtailed by a weak radio, despite a significant amount of work by the avionics engineers. He was not happy. Still he did

Finally Derry Belcher complete with daughter Christy and her partner appeared and took over towing. Time to wander back to the other end, hook up IV, take her back to O8 and rig her up. At this stage the sky did not look that promising and I feared another short flight and more mocking from the unfaithful. Coming on the back of my two flights in an hour effort in Drury, *Creepy* and I needed something



have time to take up an guest in MW.

Once ready, some umming and aaing formed into action as I heard Tony Prentice make a couple of reports of 3500 ft, yes, the promising sky is working time for *Creepy* and I to be up there. Once established it seemed to be much better out West so we trucked out to Waimauku on a cloud street.



Yes it was good out there with some convergence that let me play from the southern end of 158 to the North of Helensville, keeping clear of the meat bombs at Parakai. It all came to an end when those on the ground packed up and I need to put *Creepy* in the hangar first. Down with the nose, up with the noise and a chance to play with chandelle or three gave the flight a nice ending. A minute or two shy of a couple of hours seemed to have restored honour.



SUNDAY Towie Graham Lake got to stay on the keyboard.

Remembering Derry passing words last evening, "the fuel cans are all empty", I thought it a good idea to come a little earlier and fill them all at the local service station. That was before I found RDW had well over 30 litres and should have been enough for the day. Ah well Rex will be happy this coming weekend. We were not

exactly overwhelmed with customers, so Rex and I cleaned the belly and tail of RDW, Rex did the belly and I did the tail. Time to set up on 08 wait for one Air Force departure and get going with the first flight of the day, Ray Burns and Nathan. The sky was starting to look good and there did seem to be some lift about. A little persuasion got Steve Foreman telling us it was a VF day and off he went to be dropped into great lift. Alas he was back on the ground a short order. We waited another hour or so in case anyone else came out, decided that was it and packed up. I was home by 1500. Where were you all?

VISIT TO NORTH SHORE AERO CLUB SATURDAY 5 APRIL WITH SUNDAY AS ALTERNATE

JUMPSTART, The annual tandem parachute ride for CanTeen and disadvantaged kids is scheduled for the weekend of 5 April. We will not be able to fly at home, NSAC are keen for a return visit so we are going there for Saturday....or Sunday if the WX is not good on Saturday. We will aerotow the fleet over and back. We will need to take over the glider trailers for the club gliders as well as the usual paraphernalia we need, radios, timesheets etc.

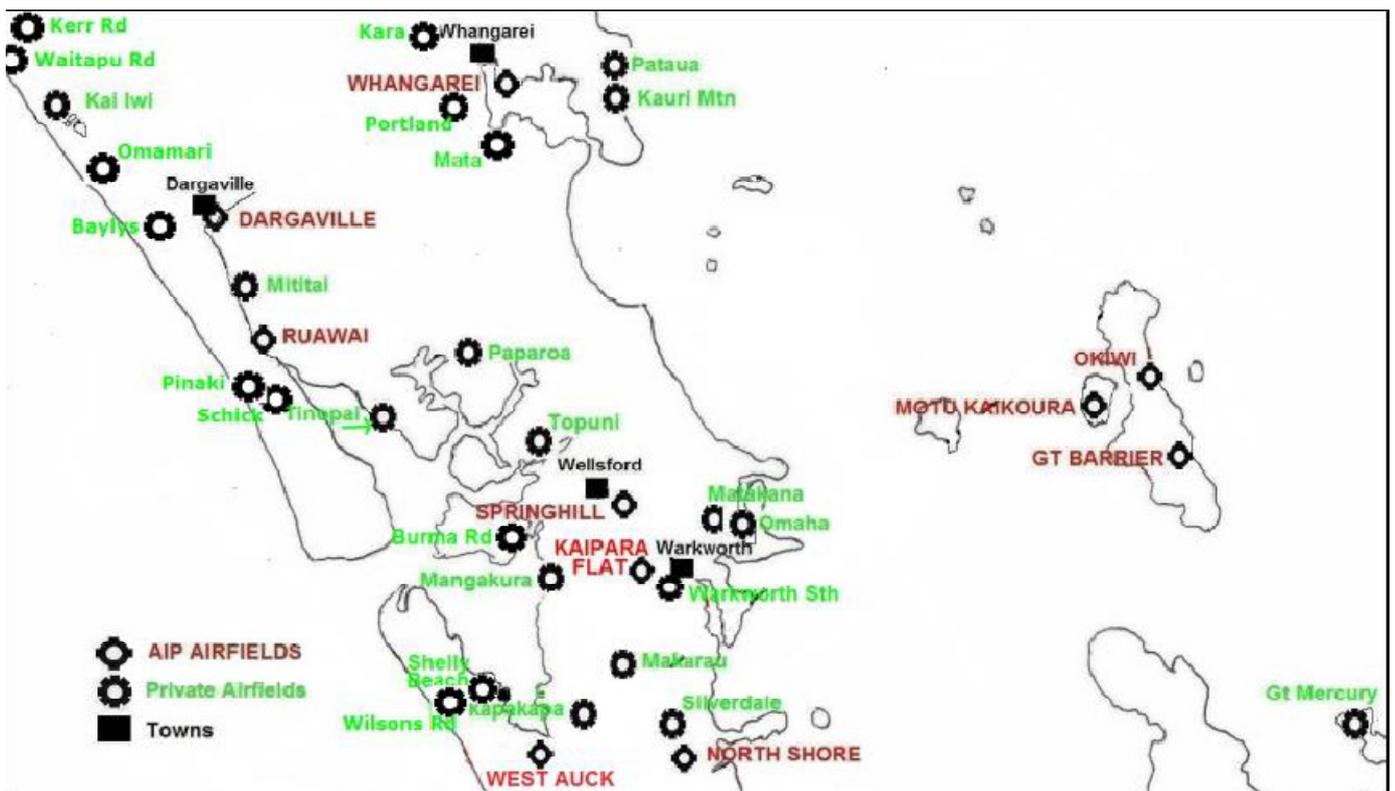
DUSTY LEAVES OUR SHORES. *for the last few weeks Dusty Miller, a member of the London Gliding Club has been in NZ and has been flying with us. he writes:*

It is with a deep sense of misery that I have not had enough time with you all as we leave wonderful NZ next Wednesday. It seems our time here has been taken up with great family and happy trips around NZ and not enough gliding!

I would like to thank you all for patience, I did so much enjoy what I did achieve, a great learning experience. I would love to go on receiving WARM AIR and will send down any pertinent stuff down. I might get an outside chance to look in on Saturday but very outside. So if not let's hope we can return soon (maybe even next - your summer). All the very best and thanks, what a club you are, please pass this on. Dusty

AIRFIELDS OF THE NEAR NORTH: *Thanks to the West Auckland airfield newsletter*

There are quite a lot of airfields in the lower half of Northland, for more details click on <http://parakaiairfield.co.nz/airfields.shtml>.



TAILPIECE

Don't forget Saturday 5 April we are going to North Shore Airfield for the day, (Sunday if it rains on Saturday. This is our chance to show NSAC members a little about gliding and to take some of them up on a trial flight. This was very popular last year and there is unlikely to be much opportunity for training in MW as that should be full of trial flights. The singles will be available for club members and we expect some private owners will take their ships. We will need lots of help to support this, launching, organising, retrieving back to the launch point and selling them on gliding.

**A new study
has found that
women with large
bums live longer
than men who
mention it**

MATAMATA SOARING CENTRE YOUTH GLIDE CAMP, MATAMATA.

Club Youth Members, Interested??? should be a good week. Contact Bill Mace directly or via Ray Burns

Evening Sunday 21st to Sunday 28th April 2013

**Open to GNZ Club members
15 to 25 year olds.**

Designed to advance pilots from all ranges of experience as far as possible in the week.

Yes even ab-initio (as long as they have had a flight and are keen to carry on).

There will be an extensive range of briefing subjects from A & B Certificate to advanced subjects as have been delivered to the Cross Country Courses.

Please see your Club President, Secretary, or Youth Flying Coordinator for details or email direct to

Bill Mace <wajvmace@gmail.com>

Information Sheet, Registration, Consent, and Liability Release Forms can be got [here](#).

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/f2o0sgzlhqqlnm/GTXxL_dWXI/YG%20info%202013%20%26%20Consent%20Form.doc

DUTY ROSTER FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2014 Final

| Month | Date | Time | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot | |
|-----------------------|------|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| FEBRUARY | 1 | am pm | K Bridges - | I Woodfield - | C Rook - | |
| | 2 | am pm | B Hocking - | R Carswell - | P Thorpe - | |
| WAITANGI DAY | 6 | am pm | I O'Keefe - | A MacKay - | D Belcher - | |
| | 8 | am pm | T O'Rourke - | R Burns - | J Wagner - | |
| | 9 | am pm | G Patten - | L Page - | R Carswell - | |
| | 15 | am pm | K Pillai - | P Thorpe - | G Lake - | |
| | 16 | am pm | R Pitt - | R Carswell - | C Rook - | |
| | 22 | am pm | J Pote - | S Wallace - | P Thorpe - | |
| | 23 | am pm | T Prentice | D Todd | D Belcher | 30 Sqn ATC |
| MARCH | 1 | am pm | R Struyck - | P Coveney - | D Belcher - | |
| | 2 | am pm | R Whitby - | I Woodfield - | R Carswell - | |
| | 8 | am pm | E McPherson - | S Wallace - | G Lake - | Drury |
| | 9 | am pm | C Hall - | R Burns - | P Thorpe - | Drury |
| | 15 | am pm | K Bhashyam - | L Page - | C Rook - | |
| | 16 | am pm | K Boyes | P Thorpe | D Belcher | |
| | 22 | am pm | R Forster - | R Burns - | J Wagner - | |
| | 23 | am pm | S Foreman | R Carswell | G Lake | |
| | 29 | am pm | R Forster | S Wallace | R Carswell | |
| | 30 | am pm | D Foxcroft | D Todd | P Thorpe | |
| APRIL | 5 | am pm | G Healey | P Thorpe | C Rook | Jumpstart NSAC |
| | 6 | am pm | B Hocking | R Burns | D Belcher | Jumpstart Alternate |
| | 12 | am pm | I O'Keefe | P Coveney | J Wagner | |
| | 13 | am pm | T Prentice | A MacKay | G Lake | 30 Sqn ATC |
| EASTER WEEKEND | 18 | am pm | T O'Rourke | I Woodfield | R Carswell | |
| | 19 | am pm | K Pillai | L Page | P Thorpe | |
| | 20 | am pm | R Pitt | R Carswell | C Rook | |
| | 21 | am pm | J Pote | S Wallace | D Belcher | |
| ANZAC DAY | 25 | am pm | K Bridges | D Todd | C Rook | |
| | 26 | am pm | R Struyck | P Coveney | J Wagner | |
| | 27 | am pm | R Whitby | P Thorpe | G Lake | |