

# WARM AIR 5 Sep 15

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing: Peter Thorpe

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Towing: Craig Rook

Duty Pilot: David Grey

Sunday

Instructing: Ivor Woodfield

Towing: Jamie Wagner

Duty Pilot: Brendon Moore

**SATURDAY** *Guess we had better let CFI Burns have first go*



A big layer of cloud covered the entire sky and the prospects for flying did not look great. I had to wait at base ops for over half an hour for duty officer to return from a runway inspection. Ryan Brookes had already collected the key so I arrived to find Peter Thorpe, Jonathan Pote, Roy Whitby and Steve Foreman all debating the day. Jack Foot arrived shortly thereafter and between him and a BFR for Steve we decided that aviation was on the cards. Some shuffling around of gliders and we were ready to go.

Ruan Heynike did his type rating with Ryan, did his 3 solo circuits so Peter could sit in the right hand seat and together they launched Jack solo into a slight northerly crosswind. Jack returned 27 minutes later to claim the longest flight of the day (from the 2000 foot launch) and then Steve and I got a BFR sorted, Gary Patten took Michelle for a blast and in between Jonathan did a couple of flights in LX.

Five flights for a day that looked marginal at best.

*Towie Peter Thorpe adds from his perspective:* I arrived at the field to find RDW was again being used for the issue of a type rating, this time to Ruan Heynike who is an Air Force member of the Power Section and wants to be a tow pilot. They were using 08 but the breeze was from the north and just favouring 26 so that is where we set up the caravan. Jonathan was rigging LX and Steve Foreman reassembling KP before putting it in its trailer so there was plenty to do while we waited for RDW to come free. Ruan duly appeared with a freshly minted RDW rating so we sent him



off to do three solo circuits before starting the serious stuff of towing gliders. Jack Foot was first up for a solo in MW launching just on 1300 hrs which I flew as a demo for Ruan. Next was Steve Foreman and Ray requiring a tow to 2500ft for a BFR with all the trimmings of boxing the tow and emergency signals. A tall ask for a pilot's first attempt at an aerotow but Ruan proved to be a man of many parts and handled these unusual evolutions with aplomb. Next was Jonathan in LX and the Ka6 likes a slow tow so more potential information overload for Ruan to handle. Ray and Steve did a low level launch failure and then love birds Gary and Michelle took themselves up for a photographic sortie followed by another 2500ft tow for Jonathan. All finished by 1530 for a total of six launches but a really good start towards Ruan's tow rating. One more training day should see him qualified and added to the tow pilot roster.



**SUNDAY** *Instructor Ivor Woodfield says it first*

Despite the forecast being very wet looking, by the time I arrived at the field to open up the rain had stopped, although the sky was still overcast. I expected that I would be the only one at the field, but hardly had I got the hangar door open when there was another car in the car park. Roy Whitby had arrived to collect a bag, and so we had the obligatory discussion about all things flying. Shortly after 10 we went out to watch a P3 depart, and then returned back into the hangar as the rain was falling once more.

By 1100 there was still no sign of anyone else arriving, although there was now some blue sky, and the sun was trying to shine through the grey. So we waited a little more.

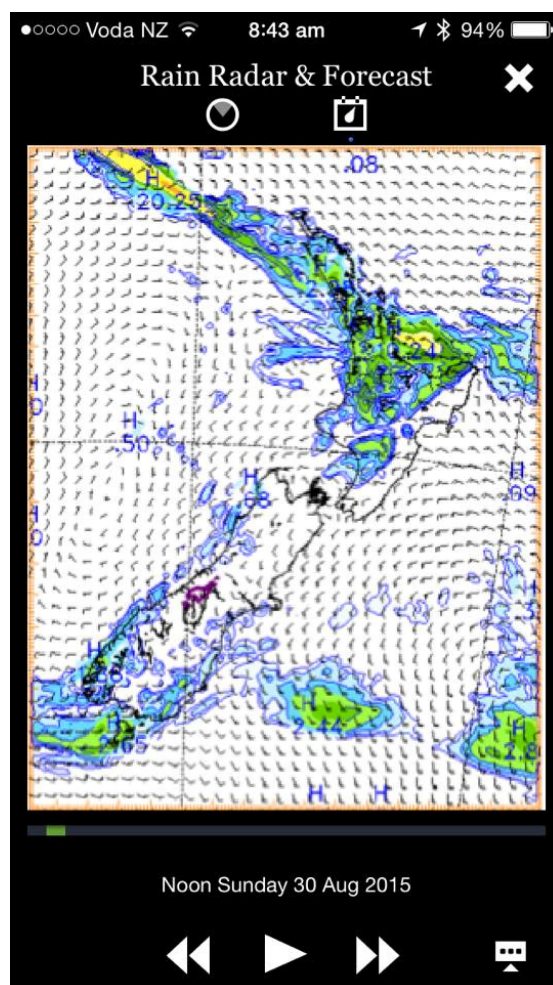
However, the sunshine was short lived, and as the rain started to return we decided we would call it a day. By the time I was returning the radio to base ops the rain was falling steadily so clearly a good decision. Sadly another day without any gliding .. however it was the last weekend of the winter and so the soaring season must be just around the corner ...

*Towie Fletcher McKenzie just sent a picture.....on Sunday morning.....and went back to scoffing pancakes.....with butter.*

### **ASC OPEN DAY**

The Aviation Sports Clubs are holding an open day for Service folks and their dependants on Saturday 5 September. This will be based around the Power Section Club rooms. We will have a couple of gliders over at the Power section and although we have four members who are happy to man the stands, but a few more will not hurt.

We will be giving priority to Service persons for a trial flight in the twin and we should be careful about accepting other trial flights. Similarly we will be bumping friend flights too. The flyer will be separately circulated. (BBQ Lunch numbers?). We will be aiming for an early start so we can be launching by about 1000.





## CLUB TEE SHIRTS

As many have asked for T shirts similar to those presented to Christina, Matt and Laura, we are getting them made if there is sufficient interest. (They have the ASC logo and words "Gliding" on front and 'Stealth Squadron' on the back)

Kindly let Lionel Page ([lionelpnz@gmail.com](mailto:lionelpnz@gmail.com)) know how many and size. The cost will be \$40 per shirt.

If you would like to see/try on the T-shirts - there are blank ones in the Caravan.

There are 3 sizes in the caravan (M, L and XL). If M is too large - then order S, if XL is too small order XXL.

Please let him know by Sunday 13th September. "

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 20 October 2015. Notices of Motion should be with the Secretary, Ivor Woodfield by 20 September. Nominations are also sought for the committee.

## SOARING SEASON BRIEFING *Club Capitaine El Zorro explains*

Folks, please book in your diary the ASC Gliding Safety Briefing taking place on Sunday the 18th of October at 10:30am - 12:30pm at the Hangar.

We would strongly encourage you to attend this briefing where we will be covering important topics such as

- Aviation & Ground Safety
- X-country & Badge flights
- West Coast and Matamata Ridge procedures
- Club Rules and etiquette

We will have food and coffee etc to keep you energized and focused. We will follow this with everyone taking a glider of their choice and undertaking some paddock landing practice.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.

### 2.2 BADGE REQUIREMENTS

2.2.1 Silver Badge The Silver badge is achieved on completing these soaring performances:

- a. SILVER DISTANCE A distance flight (as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h) to a finish or turn point at least 50 km from release or MoP stop. The Silver distance should not be flown with guidance from another pilot.
- b. SILVER DURATION a duration flight of at least 5 hours (see 2.4.4c on allowed loss of height).
- c. SILVER HEIGHT a gain of height of at least 1000 metres.

2.2.2 Gold Badge The Gold badge is achieved on completing these soaring performances:

- a. GOLD DISTANCE a distance flight of at least 300 kilometres as defined in 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.
- b. GOLD DURATION a duration flight of at least 5 hours (see 2.4.4c on allowed loss of height).

c. *GOLD HEIGHT* a gain of height of at least 3000 metres.

2.2.3 *Diamonds* There are three Diamonds, each of which may be mounted on the Silver or Gold badge, and the badges for flights of 750 kilometres or more. A Diamond is achieved by completing one of the soaring performances below:

a. *DIAMOND GOAL* a distance flight of at least 300 kilometres over an out-and-return (1.4.2g) or triangle (1.4.2h) course.

b. *DIAMOND DISTANCE* a distance flight of at least 500 kilometres as defined 1.4.2d to 1.4.2h.

c. *DIAMOND HEIGHT* a gain of height of at least 5000 metres.

2.2.4 *FAI Diploma flights* Diploma flights begin with a minimum distance of 750 km and increase in 250 km increments. They may use any course defined at 1.4.2d through 1.4.2h. Each Diploma is awarded once for the incremental distance immediately less than the distance flown.

2.2.5 *FAI register of 3 Diamond and Diploma badges* On completion of 3 Diamonds or any Diploma flight, the NAC shall provide the FAI with the flight data contained in its national register per 2.0a. In turn, the FAI will enter the name of the pilot in an international register, and award the pilot a special Diploma to recognise these flights.

For those going to Matamata at Labour weekend the 50km is easily achieved with a Matamata airfield to Thames airfield run. All made much easier if the ridge is working. Read up the new rules and tune up your OO. Look out for the CFI tap on the shoulder.

## **MATAMATA**

We intend our annual deployment to Matamata for Labour Weekend. For those who have not been before this offers great flying, the possibility of ridge flying on the Kaimais, maybe wave, good thermals and opportunities for cross country with endless easy landout spots. The airfield has good accommodation in the form of inexpensive cabins (book through the Matamata Soaring centre web site) or there are good motels in the local area.

Naturally everything has to get there and get back. We will need volunteers to tow trailers down and back, someone or two to help fly the twin down and back, (cross country tow sign off). Matamata - Thames is a great 50km.

## **TAILPIECE**



## 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	I WOODFIELD	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	