

THE FLYPAPER

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From the Presidential Cockpit

Firstly, thank you for the confidence shown in me by electing me as your President. I must say I'm extremely enthusiastic about the coming gliding season. There is going to be something there to give everyone their own challenges. And while flying never stops – weather permitting – the opening of the “new season” will come the first Saturday after daylight saving (8th Oct) and will be marked with an informal dinner at close of play. It will also be the opening of the Second Saturday Regatta series. Details further on....

Finalizing the Club Calendar for the season will be one of the focuses of the next committee meeting (held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month) I have already received some suggestions on what the committee might like to consider besides the regular and set events. I would welcome any more suggestions, by the 20th of this month please. Bearing in mind fixed events being held at Matamata include: the SS regattas, of course; Regional Competitions in late November; Xmas camp, and the Nationals in January.

To date we have had regular camps at Raglan and Waihi Beach. It's true, we have a marvellous playground surrounding our base, but there is much to be gained in furthering our flying experience from other fields with their own challenges. And one mustn't discount the social camaraderie that accompanies these “away trips”. I welcome your views.

In the meantime the thermals are surprisingly good for this time of the year, so maybe I will see you up there having fun.

Bill Mace

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's 95 cents worth.
(Less 12.5% GST, 31% provisional tax and 5% carbon tax = 54.5 cents)

Hi all,

Welcome to the new committee and a big thankyou to Anna for her leadership over the last couple of years.

I must say it is a relief to have the AGM over for another year. A lot of paperwork happened behind the scenes...

The subs invoices have been sent out and only about half have been paid so to those half, thankyou, for that other half please pay as soon as possible as we need to know the numbers for gliding kiwi etc. Please save me and yourself the embarrassment of me having to ring you chasing the dollars!!!

I have attached the subscription form again, if you have any queries please ring me on 07 847 4888 at work or email me on mk_pinkerton@clear.net.nz

I see in the mail yet another avgas price increase of 7 cents per litre! As BZA drinks more liquid than you do in the bar after flying we need to be very organised on the flight line so that BZA isn't stop starting and idling and therefore wasting fuel.

Hopefully avgas will drop again, like petrol at the pump, we don't want to put tow prices up but we may have to. The committee and tug master will keep an eye on it and keep you informed

Murray

[Never under estimate the power of money and never under estimate the power of work that Murray does.

Ed.]

What's Up Doc

There is a terrific calendar ahead of us for the 05/06 soaring season. As always there will be something for everyone; fantastic weather, amazing thermals, wave as high as you want to go, personal challenges to be achieved and long time objectives to be met. As you can see below there is plenty happening this year.

Central Plateau Competition

This is a fun competition in a fantastic part of the country run by the Taupo Gliding Club. If you have some time off and want some fun in late October and early November then contact Dennis Cook on 07 8236677 for details.

FRTTO Course

Flight Radio Telephone Operator's (FRTTO) training. Contact Dominic on 07 8894995 for details and look ahead a few pages for a bit more information.

Soaring Season Start Celebration

Check out the flyer from Trevor Atkins elsewhere in the Flypaper, this will be a fun day, be there!

Second Saturday Regatta

This will be lots of fun and is a great opportunity to get into a bit more X/C flying. Personally I'd like to see one single and one two-seater fly every day of this regatta (also known as a low key, fun competition). If you want to have a go it's on the second Saturday of every month except January starting in October and ending in April. If you want to use a club glider then let Steve know as soon as possible.

Northern Regionals

This year we are having good weather for the whole week, if not I will be running naked down the main street of Epsom.

This competition will be held at the usual time of end of November and beginning of December. See the GNZ website for details or contact Dennis Cook, Ralph Gore or Bill Mace for details.

Christmas Camp

This is another opportunity to do that big X/C, more to come next Flypaper.

National Championships

This year the Nationals are being held at Matamata, they start at the end of January and run for about two weeks. This will be my first Nationals and I'm really looking forward to them. Even if you don't intend entering come along and help out or just support the Piako pilots who are competing.

Central Districts Regionals

This is the last competition of the season. Myself and five other members attended the CDs this year and had some really fantastic flying. Keep this competition in mind if you have some free time at the end of February and into early March.

CFI BITS N PIECES

CURRENCY

Spring is the time of year that most of us brush off the cobwebs and see if we can catch the first taste of good thermals. It is also the time of year, when we are most un-current. If you have only clocked up a few hours over the last year this is generally not a problem, so long as your ambitions match your condition.

The following is a good guide, and comes straight from the GNZ BFR Advisory Circular.

"TRAINING-CONDITION BAROMETER"

HOURS / LAUNCHES in last 12 months

25	35	- More flying than this - you are in good training!
20	30	- You are likely to make elementary errors.
15	20	- Be careful in adverse conditions; rain, wind>15kts, x/wind
10	10	- If not flown for 3 mths - FLY WITH AN INSTRUCTOR
5	5	- Difficult conditions - FLY WITH AN INSTRUCTOR

The best way to get on top of currency, is to just get out there and fly. Now that spring is upon us, the opportunities are getting better and better.

EVENTS

There are a good number of upcoming events, courses etc. I am sure most of them will be showing up in other parts of this edition of Flypaper.

RADIO PROCEDURES

We are quite likely to be flying during at least part of the Walsh. Now is a good time to start brushing up on radio procedure. More to come on this in the next newsletter.

WEB SITE

There is now a huge amount of information on the club and GNZ web sites that Trevor has built. Make the most of it and all the links. The amount of gliding stuff on the web is almost endless.

INCIDENTS

There are some new forms in the caravan. They are much easier to complete than CAA 005 if you need one.

TOW ROPES

The club has made up two GNZ single aero tow ropes that have one blue weave through them. They are the only ones that are legal, no matter what your personal views on them are. They are also the right length (min 50 metres)

No other tow ropes are to be used (see GNZ advisory circular).

Safe flying

Steve

FRTO Training Course

The Waikato Aero Club will soon be holding an FRTO training course for student pilots (the flight radio telephone operator course). This will prepare pilots to sit the radio operator's exam which is required for the QGP rating and is also necessary if you want to fly in competitions or in controlled airspace.

The course will be run over one day, on Saturday the 5th of November at the Waikato Aero Club. For further details and to register contact the Aero club on 07 8435655 or Dominic on 07 8894995.

Duty Roster

Day	Date	Tow pilot	Instructor	Instructor	Duty Pilot
Saturday	1-Oct	D. Harding	Pryce	Shanks	White
Sunday	2-Oct	Tony Davies	Smith	Rainer K.	Atkins
Wednesday	5-Oct	Harold Oates	Gore		
Saturday	8-Oct	Nick Bowling	Scholes	Badger	Howcroft
Sunday	9-Oct	R. Nicholson	Gray	Care	Cook
Wednesday	12-Oct	Harold Oates	Turney		
Saturday	15-Oct	A. McGregor	Mason	Care	Powers
Sunday	16-Oct	Tony Davies	Brown	Pryce	McRae
Wednesday	19-Oct	Harold Oates	Gore	Turney	
Saturday	22-Oct	Ian Hector	Smith	Davies	A. Taylor
Sunday	23-Oct	Tony Petch	Scholes	Rainer K.	Beale
Monday	24-Oct	G. Scholes	Gray	Gore	Haigh
Wednesday	26-Oct	Harold Oates	Mace		
Saturday	29-Oct	Nick Bowling	Pryce	Badger	Van Vliet
Sunday	30-Oct	D. Harding	Jeffrey	Davies	Shuttleworth
Wednesday	2-Nov	Harold Oates	Gore		
Saturday	5-Nov	R. Nicholson	Scholes	Care	Van der Zanden
Sunday	6-Nov	Shuttleworth	Gray	Rainer K.	Hewitt
Wednesday	9-Nov	Harold Oates	Shanks		
Saturday	12-Nov	A. McGregor	Care	Mace	O'Brien
Sunday	13-Nov	Tony Davies	Smith	Jeffrey	Stevens
Wednesday	16-Nov	Harold Oates	Turney	Gore	
Saturday	19-Nov	Tony Petch	Mason	Badger	Ritter
Sunday	20-Nov	Ian Hector	Scholes	Brown	Drayson
Monday	21-Nov				
Tuesday	22-Nov				
Wednesday	23-Nov	Harold Oates	Mace		
Thursday	24-Nov				
Friday	25-Nov				

Day	Date	Tow pilot	Instructor	Instructor	Duty Pilot
Saturday	26-Nov	Nick Bowling	Turney		Annabell
Sunday	27-Nov	D. Harding	Shanks		J.Hall
Monday	28-Nov	R. Nicholson			
Tuesday	29-Nov	Tony Davies			
Wednesday	30-Nov	Harold Oates	Mace		
Thursday	1-Dec	Harold Oates			
Friday	2-Dec	G. Scholes			
Saturday	3-Dec	Tony Petch	Jeffrey		C Wine
Sunday	4-Dec	Ian Hector	Smith	Rainer K.	Reed
Wednesday	7-Dec	Harold Oates	Shanks		
Saturday	10-Dec	Nick Bowling	Gray	Davies	Eccles
Sunday	11-Dec	D. Harding	Jeffrey	Mace	Bognuda

Wednesday	14-Dec	Harold Oates	Turney	Gore	
Saturday	17-Dec	A.McGregor	Mason	Badger	Larsen
Sunday	18-Dec	Tony Davies	Brown	Gray	Castle
Wednesday	21-Dec	Harold Oates	Gore	Mace	
Saturday	24-Dec	Tony Petch	Care	Rainer K.	C. Hector

Subs Are Now Due

Subs were set at the AGM a month ago and are now due. Please remember that we have to send most of this money to GNZ and for the last two months we have already paid your GNZ subs and for your Gliding Kiwi.

An invoice is attached along with an invite to the "Start of the soaring season" celebration.

Come along, bring your cheque book and have some fun.

Dennis Cook

Editor