

VK Easter Rally 2009 "Norfolk Road" Taranaki Friday 10 - Monday 13 April

# Vintage Kiwi Rally



## Norfolk Road - Taranaki

# EASTER 2009

**Fri 10th Apr to Mon 13th April**

## The last Rally of the season!

We've had many several successful Rallies this season, Taupo, Nelson Lakes, Raglan. If you weren't there you certainly missed out on some exceptional good soaring and exceptional good company. More and more people are joining us!

# Vintage Sailplanes at Norfolk Road Aviation Sports Club Inglewood, Taranaki 2009

This is the last one of the season. A few years in the running now the gathering at Norfolk Road is becoming a bit of a classic, and a 'must be there' for quite a few VK enthusiasts. Here's YOUR chance to come and fly and explore Mt Taranaki from up close!

One other reason to take the Easter Holidays and head to Inglewood might be the collection of gliders the club owns and operates, as good as all of them are in the vintage or classic category!

What about 5 flying Blaniks, a Rhonlerche, 2 Ka-6's, A Skylark-4 and jewel on the crown a complete airworthy T-31 Tandem Tutor. Many others are stored or under restoration: Bergfalke, Schempp Hirth SHK, Motor Spatz, Skylark-4 and now also the famous Kookabura ZK-GBB.

This Easter we will be flying Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Towing will be with the local Wilga.



## **So.... What can I fly?**

What ever you like to bring, vintage, classic wood or glass, or anything else you enjoy flying. No one will be turned away, in fact we encourage anyone to come and do some flying with us. It's different than a summer camp, and it definitely doesn't resemble anything like a gliding competition. Just come and enjoy flying - you might hit some wave too!

If you don't own a Vintage Glider, we encourage you to come and fly one of the two-seaters. Clubs are invited to bring their aircraft as well. VK modelers are also more than welcome!

## **And.... How much will it cost?**

A rally entry fee of only \$10, to help pay for prizes and of course to keep Vintage Kiwi going. Club gliders hire at normal club rates. Launches will be at the usual rates.

If you bring your own vintage or classic glider you will be in the draw for \$100 worth of aero towing. The draw will be SATURDAY MORNING at the briefing.

## **Well... How big will it be?**

Apart from the impressive local fleet, we usually attract 8 to 14 other gliders with pilots and often family. We appreciate it if you could give us a call, or send an email if you're considering coming to Inglewood:

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For more info and reports from previous rallies:

[www.vintagekiwi.gliding.co.nz](http://www.vintagekiwi.gliding.co.nz)

## Provisional Programme

The VK Easter Rally is hosted by the Norfolk Road Aviation Sports Club. All flying will be under supervision of their CFI and according to their club rules.

Thu PM Time TBA. Departure from Drury

Fri AM Rigging

PM Briefing, check flights, flying. Later: BBQ on the airfield ?

Sat AM Flying

PM Flying. Saturday night: Dinner in Inglewood ?

Sun AM Flying

PM Depart

## Where to stay and eat?

Previous years we have booked as many units at the White Eagle Motel as we could, and we still recommend them. It's in the centre of Inglewood and only a few km's from the airfield. Website: [www.whiteeaglemotel.co.nz](http://www.whiteeaglemotel.co.nz) . Robin is your host.

The Forrestal Lodge has now been renovated and under new management. They have a website [www.forrestal.co.nz](http://www.forrestal.co.nz) where you can view the facilities. The website also has details of availability.

The Inglewood Hotel in the centre of town has also re-opened with renovated accommodation under the banner of Fern Lodge. Website [www.fernlodgeinglewood.co.nz](http://www.fernlodgeinglewood.co.nz) . Kevin Wisnewski says that it is very tidy and it looks pretty good on the website.

The camping grounds in Stratford are "some of the best in the world" according to one of our pilots. It's a bit further away from the airfield, but worth the stay. Alternatively camp at the airfield, please call Kevin first!

So there is a wealth of improved accommodation for you all to consider, especially if you are looking at everyone staying close with suitable comforts for the wives and partners.





## **Vintage Gliding & Vintage Kiwi Rallies**

You may already have seen articles about “Vintage Kiwi” or vintage gliding, There are few, if any, of the gliders that got New Zealand started still flying, the rest are either lost, destroyed, stored, or any of the other things that mean they are not flying. Vintage Kiwi is an attempt to put this right. To show the values of old gliders, to show new pilots how our sport got started, what was achieved and how, is this not important?

Apart from that, the Rallies are great places to meet other gliding enthusiasts in a relaxed environment. No competition flying, stress or anything like it. And a place to fly the old gliders together!

Did you know that the Vintage Gliding Club in the UK now had over 800 members? Vintage Kiwi here in New Zealand is growing towards 100 members, which is about 1 in 5 of all active glider pilots in the country!

Every year an International Vintage rally is held somewhere in Europe, often attended by over 100 gliders, and a hell of a lot of pilots, and hangers on, sorry crew, all of whom have a great time. In New Zealand we organize every year more gatherings than you possibly could attend, two National rallies (Taupo and Nelson Lakes) and a number of local mini rallies - and this is one of them!