



The Flypaper

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 25 June 2016. Twenty members attended, despite the fact that there was no flying due to poor weather (again)! Reports and minutes can be found on the club website.

The new executive committee for the coming year is:

Iggy Wood—*President*

Nigel Brinkworth—*Vice President*

Joan Wine—*Secretary*

Bob Gray—*Treasurer*

Dave Dennison—*Club Captain*

Steve Care—*Member*

Tim Bromhead—*Member*

Malcolm Piggot—*Member*

Julian Mason will continue as CFI, and since the meeting Tony Davies has agreed to be co-opted onto the committee.

The accounts showed that the club was covering operating costs, but not accumulating funds for replacement of assets.

The question was asked about the accounts: *What is the Asset Valuation Reserve of \$105,449?* The answer from our accountant is: *“That is the accumulated revaluations of the gliders to their insurance values (from cost)”*.

The annual subs set at the AGM for most classes of membership remain the same as last year.

Our new treasurer will be sending out reminders of membership fees, if he has not already done so. However, there is no need to wait as the fees and payment instructions can be found on our website.

According to club rules: *“The subscription shall be due within one month of the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the subscriptions for that financial year were set.”* So your subs are already overdue if you haven't paid yet.

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Mid Winter Dinner

Our annual awards dinner will be held on Saturday 20 August, starting around 6:00 pm at the club rooms.

Jan and Joan have agreed to put on the dinner, to be followed by presentation of club trophies and the

evening's entertainment.

Cost will be \$25 per person. You don't have to purchase tickets ahead of time, but please let Joan know if you are planning to attend by 17 August (to confirm catering arrangements).

Joan's email is:

winefamily1062@gmail.com



Flarms

FLARM is an electronic system used to selectively alert pilots to potential collisions between aircraft.

FLARM obtains its position and altitude readings from an internal GPS and a barometric sensor and then broadcasts this together with forecast data about the future 3D flight track. At the same time, its receiver listens for other FLARM devices within

range and processes the information received. The system predicts potential conflicts and alerts the pilot using visual and aural warnings.

FLARMS can only detect other FLARM equipped planes, so it is in everyone's interest that use of FLARM is as widespread as possible.

The club has purchased 3 FLARM units for our air-

craft. If the FLARMS work as expected, we will look to add additional units as funds become available.

If anyone wishes to contribute to a FLARM fund, please contact any Committee member.

Not everyone will have a FLARM, so don't forget to look out the window once in a while (i.e. carry out proper scans).

Building a sustainable membership

RECRUIT

RETAIN

REGAIN

Unlimited Flying Scheme (UFS)

The club has a scheme where members can pay a lump sum fee at the beginning of the year to avoid the hourly charge for flying club gliders.

The scheme runs from 1 July to 30 June. So now is time for last year's UFS members to decide whether to rejoin.

The cost is \$810/year, which is equivalent to 15 hours glider time at current rates. It may be paid in three installments of \$270 due by 20 July, 20 Aug & 20 Sept.

The UFS does not include exclusive use of club gliders which may be granted by the committee for

events such as competitions or X-County Courses.

Joining the UFS scheme could save you quite a bit of money. It may also motivate you to fly more often if you are paying for aerotows or winching only.

New Slogan from GNZ

GNZ has set a goal of doubling flying membership by 2025. GNZ proposes a broad strategic framework of Recruit, Retain, Regain to reflect the fact that we need to change our approach in all these areas if we are to succeed.

PGC also needs to work hard at increasing membership. It spreads both the costs and the burden of running the club.

The club hasn't done too badly in the last year. By my count there are about 10 new members since

this time last year; including 2 from the high school group and 4 who have transferred from other clubs. It is also great to see that some of our newer members are the most active at the club.

Airspace Review

The CAA reviews the airspace rules in each part of the country every few years. This year was the turn of the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Region.

Many submissions were made to the formal consultation process on behalf of GNZ, PGC, MSC, Matamata Users Group and individuals. One of the common themes of these submissions was to raise the lower level of uncontrolled airspace around Matamata to

6,500 feet, or to create an expanded GAA area. CAA response is:

“Due to time constraints the request for the amendment of existing GAA and new GAA from Matamata Soaring Club, supported by Gliding New Zealand and other gliding organizations, is not able to be actioned in time to meet the cut-off for implementation in November 2016.

As stated earlier, this work is

ongoing and will require substantial input and dialogue between Airways and the gliding organizations.”

So not a win, but not a definite no either. At least we didn't lose any more uncontrolled airspace around Matamata.

There are some airspace changes, especially around Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua. Make sure you have the new charts by the implementation date in Nov.

Communications

How do you know what is happening at PGC? The club website gives us quite a bit of information, and we try our best to keep it relevant and up to date.

In addition, we have internet tools like *facebook*, *wordjot* and *flickr*.

Despite all these means of

communications, it is still difficult to keep track of events at the club.

Our Club Captain has decided to resurrect **The Flypaper** newsletter. I don't think I have it in me to publish every week like the Auckland Club, but we will make sure to produce **The Flypaper** every

couple of months. It will be distributed by email.

Let me know if you have any questions about what is going on, or ideas for future articles. Even better if you are able to contribute articles or photos. Contact the editor at:

dave.dennison@xnet.co.nz



Future member (the one in the back) getting his first taste of gliding at Raglan 2016



From facebook: Our newly re-elected President, and our old tow plane. Both looking pretty good!

Upcoming Events

20 Aug: Awards Dinner

1-2 Oct : 19 Squadron ATC training

8 Oct & 12 Oct: Start of Season Briefing

29 Oct - 5 Nov: Central Plateau Comp at Taupo

19-20 Nov: X-Country Coaching Clinic

21-25 Nov: X-Country Course

27 Nov -3 Dec: North Island Regional Competition

4-10 Dec : ATC National Camp

26 Dec -1 Jan: Matamata Christmas camp

2 Jan -15 Jan: Raglan Camp

8-21 Jan: NZ Multi-class Champs at Omarama

27 Jan-4 Feb: Club Class National competition *date to be confirmed

25 April: Land-out BBQ

More info on these and other events as they arise, but get them in your calendar! Book the time off work, and don't let your family plan holidays when there are gliding events on.

If the date of the Club Class Nationals changes, we will try to arrange some thing for Auckland Anniversary and/or Waitangi weekend.

The Walsh flying school runs from 11-25 Jan. There will be one weekend (21-22 Jan) after the end the Raglan camp while the Walsh is still going on. May be a good time to visit another gliding club?

There are 6 NZ pilots, including 2 PGC members, competing in the World Gliding Championships at Benalla, Australia from 27 Jan to 4 Feb. We will post advice on how to follow their progress closer to the event.

Let your Cub Captain know about anything missing from this list, or any events you would like to see at the club.