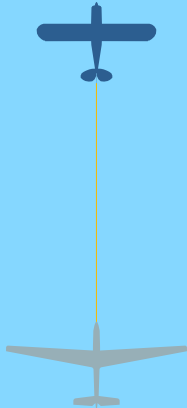




The Flypaper

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EO with Julian Mason and Gareth Cartwright on the ferry flight to Raglan

NZ National Champs at Matamata. 27 gliders worth around M\$4.5 on the grid.



Likely looking bunch at the Nationals

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The weather rules Gliding. Our Christmas Camp with visitors from Auckland Gliding Club was a success and Marion Moody kindly took over the cooking of our New Years Eve dinner which was well supported and enjoyed by all.

The Cross Country Course was starting the next day with participants from New Plymouth, Taupo, Aviation Sports Club, Auckland Club and Piarako. Unfortunately apart from the first day when short landings were practised no other flying took place due to the weather.

With a predicted storm the course ended a day early and we delayed doing the double tow to Raglan till Sunday. A huge thanks to all who helped clear out the Club House and Bunk rooms for the Walsh. A massive job and one that in years past Bill Mace has frequently done by himself. Bill always tows the fuel tanker over to Raglan and arranges for the quad bike. It is great that his shoulder has improved and he is back instructing. This year Tony Davies organised the very successful Raglan Camp which is a huge time and energy commitment. Thank you to everyone else who contributed to the success at Raglan, towing glider trailers, the Club Caravan, turning up to be Duty Pilot, promoting the Club in a positive way that has gained us a new member.

A Club is only as strong as it's members and the effort each member is prepared to put in. The Audi Soaring Enterprise and Club Class Nationals at Drury were running while we were at Raglan. Tim Bromhead was 3rd and Bob Gray 8th although he started the Competition 2 days late.

Plans are well underway for our Club 60th Anniversary of flying from Piarako to be celebrated 14th April. BFF one of our original Tiger Moth tow planes will be towing some of our original Club gliders. Roger Brown has been instrumental in arranging this and has also contributed two very good articles on the history of the Club to this months Flypaper.

The New Zealand Nationals have just finished at Matamata with Malcolm Piggott punching well above his weight flying NI in the Racing Class. Exciting times ahead.

Christmas Camp

This year was quieter without the presence of the late Greg Douglas, although his beloved Dart visited with Ray Kerr. Other Auckland Club Members including Shamus Breen attended and Shamus will return at some stage with the Grob 109 motor glider to do some training on paddock selection for those of us wishing to improve our skill in this area. Marion Moody kindly took over the cooking of the New Years Eve dinner, ably assisted by Rosalie Piggott. Thank you ladies it was very appreciated by all of us who attended.

Cross Country Course

Matamata Soaring Centre President David Moody was in charge of running the Cross Country Course and arranged guest speakers for the morning with flying in the afternoon. That was the plan however the weather meant there was only flying the first day and that was circuits and short landings. Marion Moody was camp Mum and chief cook, the food was much better than the weather.

Raglan

The weather delayed the double tow to Raglan by two days. Tracey Gore was once again our very capable tow pilot and Gareth Cartwright and Julian Mason flew in EO on the front on a 50 meter rope in high tow position and Steven Care and Rakesh Al-len at the back in low tow position on a 100 meter rope. Because of the prevailing wind this years tow took 52mins, a longer tow than usual. Gareth and Rakesh both got their X-Country towing signed off and are very close to QGP requiring mainly hours as PIC. The weather smiled upon us at Raglan and the days were steady with members and trial flights. Tony Davies did an awesome job with organising this year and thank you to all the people who responded so positively when shoulder tapped. Bill Mace is our go to man with his Morrinsville Community connections and having the quad bike makes for quicker retrieves. He even had to refill the tanker he tows over this year, so we were busy. Special mention must be made of Godfrey Larsen who somehow juggled the duties of what normally takes 3 people when one Duty Pilot was a no show and the other had to go back to the field for a piece missing off SN. Godfrey was one of the early instructors at Piako having joined Piako with Roger Brown when the Gordonton Gliding Club was moved off the land they were using in 1963. Raglan is labour intensive for members but a holiday at the beach is better than trying to stay at Matamata with the Walsh running. The weather meant we packed up a day early ready for our few days at Taupo. SN, NI, and EO were derigged for the trip and Julian aerotowed PC back to Matamata.

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Taupo

Taupo's weather forecast looked bleak and there were many phone calls to those who had booked to come down. We delayed going down till Friday, Steven towing down VC in her shinny new trailer. Despite the predicted rain it was fine and sunny and text messages were sent out encouraging everyone to come down for what looked like a great weekend nothing like the rain forecast. My apologies for not sending out a mass email, as I understand others who had not declared a previous interest would have come. In the end none of the Club Gliders were towed down and Sarel flew Taupo's ASK 21. It had been hoped that many would avail themselves of flying the ASK 21 as a ASK 21 or a DG 1000 is on the Club's wish list as a new training glider and when decision time comes it would great if when voting many of us have experienced flying both gliders and developed a preference. Wellington Club use 2 DG 1000's as their training Gliders. They are good for advance X-Country training and I am sure Tony Davies and Derek Shipley would rather be flying one of them in the current NZ Nationals than EO which has a handicap of 80 and sinks like a brick. They are very experienced now at rigging and derigging her. Of course the predicted rain in Taupo never eventuated. Taupo has interesting weather patterns and its weather reports are frequently wrong, Friday night was dinner at one of the excellent restaurants in town, followed by the Movie "The Darkest Hour" which is a must see. Saturday night we enjoyed nibbles and petanque with the Taupo Club Members after a good day of flying. Sunday Taupo set a short task that some people flew twice to achieve a higher speed. Thanks Taupo for your excellent hospitality we will plan to come again and make use of your excellent facilities and enjoy the challenge of flying from a different field.

Nationals

Piako has been very well represented by 10 of the 27 glider competing. Results are shown later in this issue.

XP is back from recent canopy repairs

60th Dinner and flying weekend is set for the **14th April**, so please pencil in this important date in your calendar.

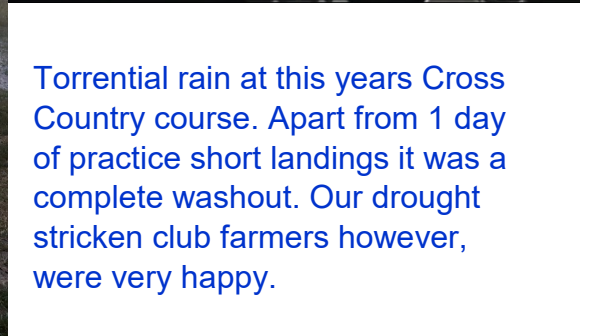
Genny



New Years eve dinner well supported by the club this year.



Double Tow from Matamata to Raglan. EO with Julian Mason and Gareth Cartwright in top tow and PC with Steven Care and Rakesh Allen on bottom tow. Over 50 mins on tow this year due to headwinds and quite lively conditions. CNC flown by Tracey Gore



Torrential rain at this years Cross Country course. Apart from 1 day of practice short landings it was a complete washout. Our drought stricken club farmers however, were very happy.

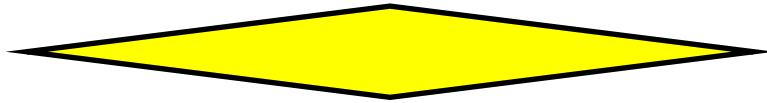


Statistic: NZ Club OLC 2018

We've lost our 2nd place. Just need about 6,000 km to make it up. Maybe we need to convince a few of our better pilots to get into the habit of loading OLC. To register go to <https://www.onlinecontest.org>

Place	Points	Club	km	Flights	Pilots
1st	38,543	Glide Omarama	38,959	148	5
2nd	32,547	Auckland Gliding Club	33,573	144	16
3rd	25,702	Piako Giding Club	25,676	144	12

name	Flights	Duration	Overall Points OLC-Plus	Speed-OLC average Speed
1 Tim Bromhead	22	84.20	5,354.66	61.13
2 Bob Gray	18	60.11	3,567.50	59.11
3 David Jensen	14	52.10	3,529.77	77.94
4 Tony Davies	16	44.02	3,099.83	50.02
5 Malcolm Piggott	23	59.30	3,073.87	35.60
6 Steven Care	13	38.47	2,348.32	54.42



NATIONAL GLIDING MULTICLASS CHAMPIONSHIP results 27th Jan to 10th Feb 2018

OPEN CLASS

6th	XT Brett Hunter	-Duo Discus XT
7th	BA Tim Bromhead	-DG300
11th	YL Bob Gray and Dave Dennison	- Duo Discus
13th	BZ Maurice Weaver	- Ventus 2CT/18m
14th	DE Julian Elder	- Antares 18S

RACING CLASS

2nd	VC Steven Care	-ASW20
5th	NI Malcolm Piggott	-Grob 102 3b club
6th	EO Tony Davies and Derek Shipley	- Puchacz
7th	RA David Johnson	-ASW20c (very convincingly won a day, but lost it on a technicality)
9th	KK Andy MacKay	-Mosquito

All in all a good representation for our club and some pilots still getting used to new gliders and/or getting current. Special congratulations to Malcolm for getting such a high placing after only 3 years of flying and winning the cup for the most meritorious flight. A podium finish for Steven Care. He had never had a Nationals day win before, but came away with 3 of them. Full results www.soaringspot.com

Piako Gliding Club Aircraft History (by Roger Brown)

ZKGB0. Rhonlerche II	s/n 320	11/02/58 - 14/08/65	Sold to – Southland Gliding Club
GCE. Skylark 2	1252	25/01/65 – 25/05/67	Fenton , Taylor, Weir.
GCN. Rhonlerche II	3019	12/12/69 -2/02/70	Schleicher Sailplanes NZ Ltd.
GCO. KA6cr.	6102	12/12/62 – 8/12/69	Ruapehu Gliding Club .
GDA . KA7	7072	24/07/67 - 15/11/67	Wairarapa – Ruahine Aero Club
GDB. KA6cr.	6118	26/04/73 – 16/06/89	E.G Devenoges
GDI. KA6pe	6156	1/07/70 – 11/05/70	W/O A.E Ashwell
GEG. KA7	7226	15/10/65 - 7/07/67	W/O Crashed Kaimai Ranges 8//06/67
GEX. KA6cr.	6552	17/08/70 - 12/06/80	D.A Sturgess.
GFN. ASK13	13028	24/10/67 – 15/10/2003	J. Bicknell Greytown.
GGE. ASW15	15015	26/04/72 - 30/04/73	W/O Crashed near Matamata 1/12/72
GGF. ASW 15	15027	26/01/70 – 25/09/72	W/O Kaimai Ranges 11/09/72
GLE. KA8b	8974	17/08/78 - 29/08/96	K.M Hall
GLF. KA7	80/57	8/09/81 – 14/05/90	Exported to Australia.
GMC. Std. Astir	1769	11/03/81 – 21/05/92	W/O Drury Sailplanes
GNI. Club Astir.	5613b	27/09/92 -	Current.
GPC. Puchaz	B1989	6/09/90 -	Current .
GSN PW5		17.05.015 30/10/96 -	Current *
GPK . PW6		28.03.01 18/11/2002 -	W/O Sailplane Services Drury
GEO. Puchaz.	B2044	1/11/2016 -	Current.
GXP Discus B	NZ1	10/01/2009 -	Current.

Piako's original PWS [SN] was sold to M. Honey of Auckland, and a newer one GWW [S/N 17-03-012] was purchased as its replacement with the original SN registration being retained. The WW rego was then transferred to Piako's original PWS that Morrie Honey purchased.

Tow Planes

AQA Tiger Moth	Auckland Gliding Club
AVI	Auckland Gliding Club
BFF	Auckland Gliding Club – Spares
BZA Pawnee 235	Taken out of service for spares
CNC Pawnee 260	Current



Tim Bromhead showing off his toes as he flies down the Western Bays of Lake Taupo during Day 5 of the Nationals. In the distance ahead is Mt Ruapehu. Not only did he take this lovely picture but he also came 3rd for the day.

Club member Brett Hunter proudly standing beside his latest glider, a 2018 JS3 Rapture. It is one of the most revolutionary new gliders available and I am sure that he is chomping at the bit to get flying in it. Rego is XB.

<http://www.jonkersailplanes.co.za>



Malcolm on Day 4's ridge bash

Snippets from an earlier era

From the Piako Fly Paper 1966 / 67 / 68 / 69.

Piako's Bus. The club's bus / club house is now in use and has been fitted with lighting, heating, bar and other facilities. Two sofas and two easy chairs have already been donated and Rex Waite is still on the lookout for even more seating accommodation. Can you help?

Tiger Moth. The weekend before last the clubs Tiger moth was started single handed and of course went over on its nose, breaking the prop. Tow pilots must remember that the Tiger must not be started solo.

Competitions. All competition pilots please note. The next Auckland Provincial Championships will be held during Labour weekend, commencing Friday 21st October. All aspiring Skylark II pilots should be attempting the Waharoa Matangi – TePapa – Waharoa triangle, and all aspiring 'Seglar' pilots should be attempting either that triangle or some other declared task.

Rothmans loan. As you are aware Tony Fowke has won for us the Rothmans interest free loan of \$1000.00. At a meeting held on Wednesday last, the committee decided to recommend to the club that the Skylark IIB to be sold and that Ross Reid's KA6pe be purchased. The clubs financial position is particularly healthy, and this deemed to be a very wise move.

1967 Provincial Championships. A panel comprising of Tony Fowke, Brian Kasoof, and Ross Carmichael has been formed to select the pilots to fly GDI and GCO in the upcoming Provincial Championships to be held at Matamata. The task, Waharoa – Otorohanga – return has been set and aspiring competition pilots have already been attempting this. Bruce Fowler his the only one so far that has completed the task [under 3hrs] Lew Hale and Brian Edgar will be flying GDA.

Mid-Week Flying. Ron Grondin the club treasurer complains that those who mid – week fly must complete the time sheets [and accurately] and hand them at the end of the days flying to Colin Ross. Ron states that if in the future he hears that there has been mid – week flying and no time sheets are available, then he will make an assessment of the hours flown by each pilot who was present on the day. [For example: Rory Gordon might be charged out at 5 hours irrespective of his flight. Carmichael naturally would not be charged more than 5 minutes for each flight.]

Trip to Te Kuiti. On Saturday 11th March, the day when the motor car races will be held at the Matamata Aerodrome, the club will be taking its entire fleet to Te Kuiti aerodrome. Aircraft will be there by 09.30am. This should be an exciting day. Johnson knows the area well. [Bulls and all that Jazz]

Apology. Subsequent to the publication of the August issue of this newsletter, there was certain criticism of some of its 'features' The editorial staff desires to place on record its sincere apology for offence which may have been caused, and gives some solemn promise[hick!] that in the future all items will be censored by Dave Thompson.

The K13. The new ASK13 is on the water. ZKGFN is on a vessel called the 'Main Lloyd', so watch its progress in the shipping news. The K7 has been sold to Wairarapa who will take delivery after the champs. We will be without a trainer for about two weekends. .

New Members progress. The first flying bonus of \$3.00 credit goes to Dexter Thornton for introducing Allister who soloed early last month. Tony Fowke and Ross Carmichael are both claiming a credit for Doug Hazlett who soloed recently and unless they settle their dispute within 7 days of the date hereof, the claim will be declared null and void.

The 1966-67 Soaring Season. With the soaring Season well under way it is about time we saw some of those familiar faces out at the strip. You know who you are ----. So what about mowing your lawns during the week, and catch up on your drinking and flying during the weekend.

Taupo Visit. On 27th, 28th and 29th January 1968 the club will be taking its fleet, together with a motley collection of privately owned aircraft to visit the newly formed Taupo Gliding Club at the old Taupo Aerodrome. Ross Carmichael reckons that he can circle the lake in less than 2 hours , soaring the lakes ' Sea Breeze Front '. John Roake will be attempting a Gold with 3 Diamonds in thermals – Taupo Aerodrome – Cape Palliser- Mt. Egmont trig station – Taupo Aerodrome. The height gain being in the thermal supposedly originating from the crater lake of Tongariro. Noel Johnson will probably attempt something equally stupid. Rex Waite has booked 30 beds at one of the motels and those interested in making the trip should contact him .

NZ National Championships February 1968. The committee has appointed a panel of Ross Carmichael, Toney Fowke and Brian Kosoof to decide which club pilots will fly GCO and GDI in the next Nationals. The task, Matamata aerodrome – Te Kuiti aerodrome club house- and return has been set and the 4 pilots recording the most meritorious flights will be selected. The Silver C requirement will be rigorously enforced. Selection will be made at dusk on the 21st January 1968.

For the record book. Ron Grondin and Godfrey Larsen, conversion to GCO. Rex Waite, 5 hours duration for Silver C. Height gain missed by 106 feet 3 inches.

This and that. On Sunday 12th December the 3 club gliders recorded a total of 25 hours flown. This included 9 hours by our new K13 GFN.

Lew Hale and Brian Edgar, flying the clubs new K13 recently attempted Matamata Aerodrome - Mangatangi and return for the National record book. They landed at Waitakaruru. We won't embarrass them by telling you whether they landed on the way there or on the way back.

At the present time the club has a credit of \$1302.00 at the bank. However with the final payment of \$2089.00 due on the 6th January 1968 on the purchase of the K13 we have decided to apply for an overdraft limit of \$1000.00 to cover this.

Easter 1969. This turned out to be a Diamond studded weekend. Ann Johnson must have had moments of heart burn when Rosemary Gatland altered the record book. However not to be out done Mrs Johnson reclaimed one record back. The competition is getting keen girls. Amongst those others who also headed a sailplane into wind and rose like an elevator to Diamond heights were, Godfrey Larsen, Roger Brown and you'll never guess , wait for it ----- here it comes ----- curtain's up ----- ' King of the Ridge Finlayson.'

AVI. AVI is undergoing its C.of.A inspection and Peter Ryan is towing in the Auster. Please give him as much assistance as possible. BUT don't put petrol in the oil tank and vice versa when refuelling, and don't wait until his fish and chips are cold before telling him to stop for lunch.

The Fly Paper became a main artery of the clubs success in those earlier days. Everything was printed in the Fly Paper by people who were highly motivated, loved a good time and certainly said it as it was without hesitation. It also helped to have such 'Fly Paper meetings 'over a bottle of good quality Scotch or Whiskey from which ideas flowed and another Fly Paper got developed and finalized at that one session.

Apparently each Fly Paper meeting was a blank canvas as far as ideas for that edition was concerned. The bottle was 'cracked' – discussion developed amongst the participants and then, Walla, – another master piece was put to bed to be printed the following day. The group would meet with John Roake at his office in Cameron Road Tauranga. The Fly paper sessions were also famous for the length of time taken to produce such 'master pieces'.

The Fly Paper Committee consisted of John Roake. Noel Johnson, Tony Fowke, Ian Finlayson, Rex Waite, with support from John Marshall and Bruce Fowler. This original Fly Paper lasted for nearly a decade and was a highlight read of the membership. Not everyone agreed with the format and at one stage was banned for a short time after a member objected to a 'Play boy' type of approach with a gliding message attached to a one off centre section of the Fly Paper. This is still archived to this day by some of those members, as I understand it, – for historic reasons of cause.

What has been reproduced here is really just to give a bit of an insight of the clubs culture and the strong member comradery of that time. What is most interesting was the fact in those first 10 years the club flew many more hours per year than we do now – even on a good year. However the really good news is that I believe I am now seeing that strong club membership bonding and flying activity now returning in a more modern format.

Roger Brown



Lew Hale swinging prop and Harold Oates at the rear cockpit. Gliding Championships at Matamata 1966



Team EO. Tony Davies and Derek Shipley

Brett Hunter daunted by the unenviable task of cleaning the men's toilets after 2 weeks of use at the Champs. One very brave man!



What's going on at Matamata Airfield? Don't just look over the fence! Be there or be square, even if you have a strange hair do.

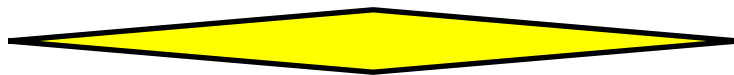


Oh the anxiety of it all!



Marianne Devenoges hard at work weeding the club-house gardens.

Early part of the double tow to Raglan.
Rakesh Allen



Upcoming Events

17th to 24th Feb

Central Districts Championship Waipukurau

30th Mar to 2nd Apr

Easter

14th April

Pako Gliding Club 60th Anniversary celebrations



Piako club members at the Championship awards dinner.

Girls with curly hair



wake up like this.