

The Flypaper

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Dr Nick Odom being congratulated by CFI Bob Gray after his first solo. Well done, on a sterling effort! 11th Mar

New member Colin Kelly after his first gliding solo. Colin retired as an Air NZ pilot a couple of months ago, so is no stranger to aviation. 18th Mar



Brett Hunter in his JS3 above in Dec and Luke McPake after his first solo 26th Dec.



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It's been 3 months since the last Flypaper, so apologise for the delay. A lot has happened and even more so, since COVID-19 and the lockdown. As you will be aware there is no flying (private or club) for the next 4 weeks or so. We will eventually get through this crisis, even though it is hard to see what the other side will look like.

For now, it's good to celebrate the many successes our club has had over this season. Piako Gliding Club is currently number 17 in the world and number 1 in New Zealand for OLC points. Collectively our pilots have glided cross country over 43,000 km (that's more than the circumference of the planet). Biggest contributor was Tim Bromhead flying over 10,000 km, with a few others not too far behind.

Raglan was enjoyable, though lift generally a bit less than previous years. There was one spectacular West Coast ridge day flown by club members and a few Auckland Enterprise pilots. The following is a YouTube clip of **Stefan Langer** following Tim Bromhead in BA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PuPiM-cN6ck> 4mins 37secs and a shorter one with a bit more of our club from Tim (Pure Glide)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtXo2HcldgU> 1min 40secs. Tim has some great videos on his new YouTube channel 'Pure Glide'. Well worth a look now that we all have plenty of time to while away.

We had no choice but to fly with the Walsh this year, due to the Raglan airfield being needed for car parking a bit earlier than expected. There were some mistakes (in part, hardware issues), but it was the best performance from our club members that I have ever seen. I guess Rainer's talks on radio procedures has helped immensely.

There have been some great competition successes (details further on) and some other successful firsts: -

Luke McPake - Solo

Dave Dennison – 5hrs duration, Silver height, Silver badge and Gold distance (all in one flight)

Patrick Lalor - 5hrs

Mark Shrimpton - 50km distance

Nick Odom - Solo

Colin Kelly - Solo

Also, to let everyone know, things are on hold regarding our DG1001 purchase. The committee will let you know of any developments.

Steve

Snippets



Double tow to Raglan. CNC Tony Davies, EO Dennis Crequer, Luke McPake (front) PC Steven Care and Genny Healey (back)

Graeme Cawte following outlanding in NI at Te Aroha racecourse



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Patrick Lalor, very happy having just completed 5hr duration flight

Tony Davies during the December Grand Prix contest in club Discus XP



More Snippets



Dave Dennison managed to complete 5hrs, Silver height, 50km and 300km all in one flight. All he needs is a 9,843ft height gain (3,000m) and he will have his Gold

Club member Phil Rees enjoying Raglan in PC. Phil was a member of our club in the late 70's, early 80's. He went on to a career in the airlines in the UK, where he recently returned. I am sure that we will see more of him post COVID-19.



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Greg Wills concentrating while flying GYL to Hotel du Vin, Sth Auck and back. Right-The swamp, looking Sth. Mtm on the horizon.



Dave Dennison shares an entertaining moment with David Jensen at the GP



RECENT ACTIVITY

Up until the lockdown we had some excellent gliding days which allowed some of our pilots to achieve tasks and personal goals. Nick Odom flew his first solo on a lovely clear Wednesday afternoon and thoroughly enjoyed the achievement. The following week our new club member Colin Kelly also did a glider solo with us, Colin is an experienced retired airline pilot and is now a tow pilot with us and apparently flew solo in gliders very many years when he was a young man.

Also pleasing to report that we have had no incidents or accidents over the last couple of months.

Tim Bromhead had a couple of very good long distance flights and has made a claim for the MacPherson Trophy with a 300km flight return to Matamata via Thames and Pureora. Steve Care and Genny Healey have claimed a Catlin Trophy flight with a nicely executed 100km flight.

HOW WE DO THINGS

Pilots will have noticed that we have changed the launch point when operating on runway 10. The caravan is now positioned in front of the Clubhouse, about 50 metres towards the 10 threshold from the Clubhouse building. The caravan needs to be positioned so that power aircraft can still taxi onto the aircraft parking area in front of the fence and the (now closed) Flight Training building.

INSTRUCTOR PANEL

Julian Mason has recently retired from active instructing and we thank him very much for many years of service to the Club and the experience and wisdom he brought to Instructor Panel meetings.

LOCKDOWN WEBINARS

Not talks on how to manage your lockdown, but now that we're grounded for at least 4 weeks in order to keep interest up among members we're organising a series of webinars on gliding topics. These will be available to all members to watch and listen from home through your internet browser. We're thinking they will run on Saturday mornings for about 30 minutes and given live by one of our instructors or experienced pilots. If anyone has a certain topic they would like to have a webinar on, or if you would like to present a topic, then please get back to Bob (CFI) or Steve/Genny (Club Captains). An email will be sent to all members midweek with a link to join the webinar and confirming the date and time. We're going to need stuff to keep us amused and interested over the weeks ahead.

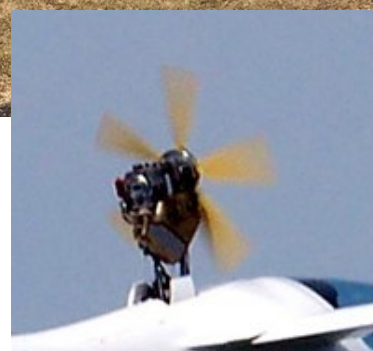
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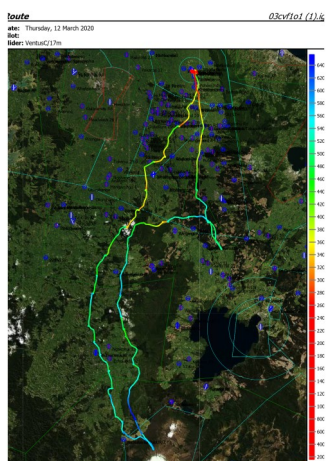
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After the Auckland Enterprise contest, Tim Bromhead bought a new glider. A Ventus CT. Making the most of this high performance glider he had some really big flights and even better contest results. Making the most of the lockdown, he has been busily repainting it, to get even more performance out of it. He also, after many years of trying, managed to fly to the Chateau and back.



Following Tim's purchase, Sarel Venter took the opportunity to buy Tim's glider. He has already clocked up quite a few hours and I am sure looking forward to next season.

On Line Competition

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| # | Points | Club | km | Flights | Pilots |
|--|------------------------|---|--------------------|---------|--------|
| Latest News: 23. March more... | | | | | |
| 1 | 44,314.78 | Piako Gliding Club | 43,092.86 | 235 | 14 |
| 2 | 39,389.13 | Auckland Gliding Club | 38,743.23 | 138 | 12 |
| 4 | 26,136.64 | GlideOmarama.com | 25,541.13 | 91 | 6 |
| 7 | 11,605.50 | Taranaki Gliding Club | 10,107.29 | 99 | 8 |
| 9 | 8,281.71 | Gliding Wellington | 9,059.78 | 14 | 2 |
| 10 | 6,276.95 | Central Otago Flying Club | 6,030.70 | 32 | 3 |
| 11 | 5,049.74 | Auckland Aviation Sports Club | 4,767.59 | 23 | 4 |

| | name | Flights | Duration | Overall Points OLC-Plus | Speed-OLC average Speed |
|--|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|---|----------------------------|
| | Tim Bromhead | 32 | 117:35:00 | 9,982.65 | 82.48 |
| | Derek Shipley | 52 | 116:13:00 | 6,415.46 | 29.4 |
| | Sarel Venter | 32 | 79:10:00 | 5,013.25 | 44.68 |
| | David Johnson | 21 | 63:45:00 | 4,875.33 | 72.6 |
| | DP Jensen | 15 | 48:51:00 | 3,908.82 | 83.48 |
| | Steven Care | 19 | 43:45:00 | 3,503.69 | 62.86 |
| | Tony Davies | 19 | 42:49:00 | 3,307.82 | 57.69 |
| | Bob Gray | 13 | 45:28:00 | 3,216.39 | 65.52 |
| | Patrick Lalor | 13 | 18:47 | 1,267.89 | 26.12 |
| | David Dennison | 5 | 14:24 | 1,032.51 | 63.93 |
| | Maurice Weaver | 2 | 8:35 | 911.27 | 122.31 |
| | Mark Shrimpton | 4 | 8:26 | 695.83 | 37.22 |
| | Royden Hooker | 6 | 8:49 | 643.14 | 31.17 |
| | Philip Rees | 2 | 4:16 | 269.51 | 45.78 |
| | Brett Hunter | 2 | 4:33 | 182.56 | 35.11 |



David Johnson has been having an awesome season and has been featuring well in all the competitions he has been entering.

Contest Results

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Sailplane GP 27th to 30th Dec

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1st XB | Brett Hunter | Piako | JS 3 | 223 (3) | 1 (6) | 1 (8) | 1 (5) |
| 2nd OB | Mark Tingey | Tauranga | JS 1c | 151 (6) | 2 (4) | 2 (5) | 5 (0) |
| 3rd VR | David Jensen | Piako | JS 1b | 142 (4) | 3 (3) | 3 (4) | 2 (3) |

F1 GP 27th to 30th Dec

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|----------------------|-------|-----------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1st VC | Steve Care | Piako | ASW 20a | 342 (8) | 4 (6) | 1 (10) | 1 (10) |
| 2nd BA | Tim Bromhead | Piako | DG 300 | 331 (10) | 1 (10) | 4 (6) | 3 (7) |
| 3rd XP | Tony Davies | Piako | Discus b | 285 (5) | 2 (8) | 2 (9) | 4 (6) |
| 4 NM | Trace Austin | Taupo | Discus CS | 244 (6) | 3 (7) | 3 (7) | 6 (4) |
| 5 RA | David Johnson | Piako | ASW 20 | 203 (7) | 5 (5) | 6 (0) | 2 (8) |
| 6 ZD | David Moody | Piako | SZD 55 | 186 (4) | 6 (4) | 5 (5) | 5 (5) |

This was the inaugural Grand Prix to be held in the North Island. It was well supported by our club and worked much better than expected, mainly due to several ridge days mixed in with some good thermals. Brett ended up a clear cut winner in the open class, but things were much closer in the F1 class. Tim was leading up to the last day, but was pipped to the post by Steve achieving 153kph over 145km. Brett in the open class did 165kph over 180km.



Watching the live action in the club rooms and below, Steve after a good day in the office.



Auckland Soaring Contest

| # | CN | Contestant | Glider | Total | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> |
|---------|----|-------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1st VZ | | Patrick Driessen | JS 1c | 5,378 | 1 (1,000) | 2 (976) | 11 (0) | 1 (1,000) | 11 (616) | 1 (960) | 6 (826) |
| 2nd BA | | Tim Bromhead | DG300 | 5,374 | 2 (838) | 1 (1,000) | 1 (50) | 3 (859) | 5 (849) | 3 (857) | 3 (921) |
| 3rd BI | | Stefan Langer | Discus 2b | 5,121 | 4 (799) | 5 (878) | 1 (50) | 2 (915) | 2 (979) | 13 (500) | 1 (1,000) |
| 13th ML | | Derek Shipley | Std Jantar | 2,177 | 13 (383) | 16 (394) | 1 (50) | 15 (142) | 16 (211) | 5 (836) | 12 (161) |

Tim was again very unfortunate not to win this competition and only missed by 4 points, but outstanding given he was up against some very high performing gliders. Derek's effort was also credible given there were 24 in the field.

National Gliding Competition Taupo

Open Class

| | | | | | |
|----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|-------|
| 1 | GDX | Peter Hartmann | Duo Discus | 102 | 8,275 |
| 2 | GVZ | Patrick Driessen | JS1 | 111 | 8,193 |
| 3 | GOP | Tim Bromhead | Ventus CT 17.6m | 106 | 7,154 |
| 6 | GXB | Brett Hunter | JS3 | 112 | 6,364 |
| 10 | GYL | Bob Gray | Duo Discus | 101.5 | 5,483 |
| 15 | GDE | Julian Elder | Antares | 114 | 1,327 |

RACING CLASS

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|---------------|-------------|------|-------|
| 1 | GGX | Mark Wilson | Libelle 201 | 89 | 7,464 |
| 2 | GKP | Steve Foreman | LS4 | 96 | 6,575 |
| 3 | GNM | Trace Austin | Discus | 98.5 | 6,512 |
| 4 | GRA | David Johnson | ASW 20 | 98 | 5,351 |
| 5 | GML | Derek Shipley | Std Jantar | 92 | 4,546 |

A good club representation, given there were 16 in the open class and 14 in the racing class. David Johnson managed two 2nd places and two 3rd places. Derek got a 3rd on day 2 and won day 7. Tim won 5 days to end up in 3rd place. Brett had a 2nd and two 3rd.



Central Districts Gliding Competition—

Tim Bromhead resoundingly won the Open Class, winning all 3 days of the competition in a field of 11 pilots. The Racing Class was a bit larger with 15 pilots and David Johnson ended up in 5th place and Derek Shipley 13th place.



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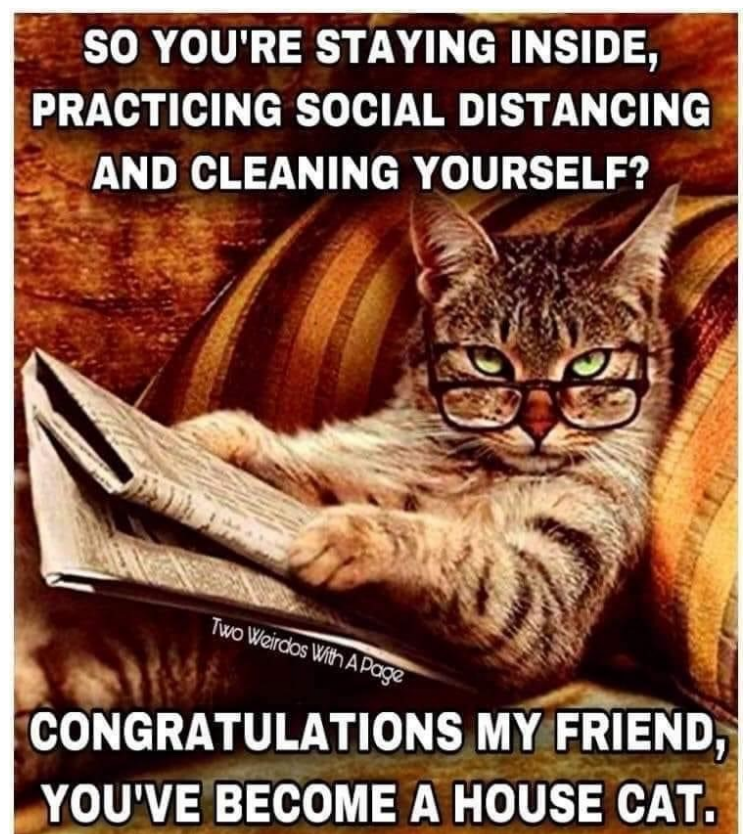
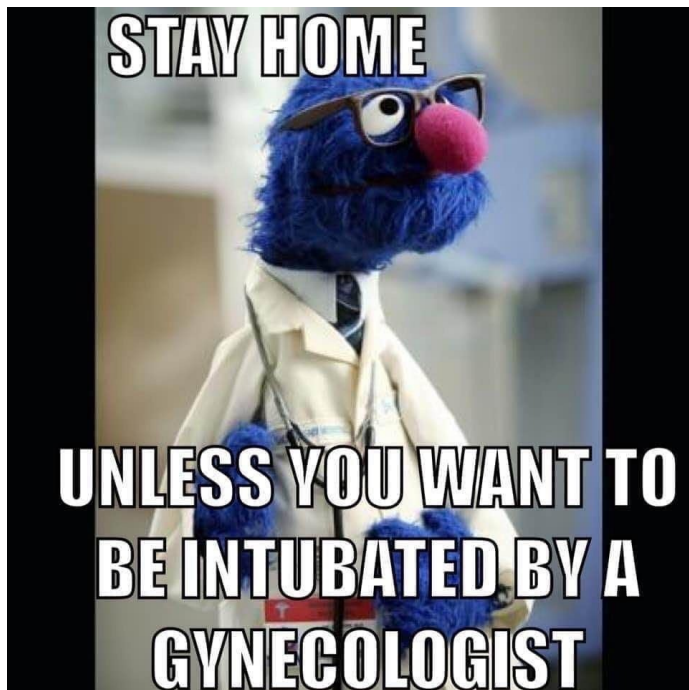
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As many of you will know, Maurice Weaver lost his battle with Pancreatic cancer early February. He was a valued and enthusiastic club member, who also contributed greatly at the National level as President of the Sailplane Racing Committee. He was also a member of our Instructors Panel and had only just started to enjoy his new glider, a Ventus 2cxt 'BX' when he found out about his illness. We had a very good club representation at his funeral in Tauranga.



More recently, we have also lost a former club member and member of our instructors panel, Rob Owen, to Motor Neuron disease. He hasn't been around for a couple of years, but ran the ATC National Gliding camp for many decades. A very strong advocate for youth flying, it was his initiative to base it at Mata-mata. Although he lived in Auckland he liked our approach to training and contributed a lot to our club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jacinda will tell us in the next Flypaper.

There are a series of Zoom webinars on a variety of topics, starting this Saturday 11am, notice sent to all club member earlier today.

PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2019/2020

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| Chief Tow Pilot: | Scott Montagu |
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