

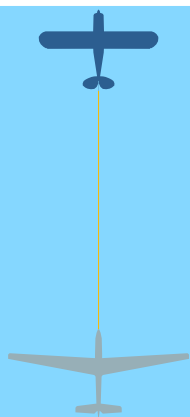
The Flypaper



Start of Season Briefing this Saturday 26th Sept 9-30am

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We do have some incredibly blue and calm days during winter, and 16th Aug was one of them. The Chateau and Mt Taranaki were in the clearest view ever. Nick Odom in the front seat.



Iain Anderson in the front seat of PK getting current in weak thermals. His glider GUY is all ready to go for the coming season. Like Tim he posts videos on YouTube (Flying professor), about flying Tecnam EVE around NZ and Aust.

CFI Norman Duke presenting first solo awards to Ross Lovell and Kieran Anderson. Kieran's whole family turned up to the occasion.



Phil Rees son 'Alex' had to have a large box to carry all of Phil's trophies.



The Awards dinner 22nd Aug



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We've had plenty of still winter days over the last couple of months; ideal for practising circuits. Now spring has arrived, bringing our favourite westerly conditions. Several pilots have made sortie's to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsula. There are already four entries for the Care 200, with Tim Bromhead setting a high benchmark, with a handicap speed of 150 kph.

Predictions are for a hot, dry El Niño summer with plenty of westerlies, which should mean excellent thermal and ridge-flying days. Let's just hope Australia avoids a major fire season and doesn't send smoke drifting across the Tasman.

The Club AGM was held on 4 July and was well attended. Will Verland was elected Club Secretary, Phil McKinnon has taken on the role of Bar Manager, and Brett Slater will oversee maintenance. Bob Gray and Colin Kelly have also returned to the committee. Together they make a strong team and deserve much of the credit for making our club one of the most successful gliding club's in New Zealand.

The AGM set **subscriptions** for the coming year, with very little change from current rates. Our GNZ voting rights are determined by membership numbers as of October, so it is important that subscriptions are paid as soon as possible.

The **Mid-Winter Dinner** and Prizegiving has also been and gone, having been held on 22nd August. An article and photographs from the evening appear later in this edition.

When using the Matamata Club's catering facilities, organisers need final numbers by the Tuesday beforehand, as meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. Unfortunately, we had 11 last-minute withdrawals. All were for genuine reasons, mostly illness, which is an occupational hazard of a mid-winter event. Fortunately, we were able to manage the financial shortfall but we may need to find a better system next year.

Our most notable absentee was our Master of Ceremonies, Iggy. A rescue call went out to **Bob Henderson** on Friday evening, and he stepped in at short notice, doing an admirable job, as he always does.

Our next big event is our annual **Start of Season Briefing** "Saturday 22nd Sept". It will be combined with a Special General Meeting to make a couple of changes to Club Rules. It wasn't possible to cover in the AGM and shouldn't take long. There are also a couple of important prizes to present. The SOSB has been running for 16 years and is '**compulsory**' for all club members. It sets a good reminder of safety issues when it is most needed.

The committee have decided that we will go back to **Thames** for our summer camp. It's a great place to fly, particularly if there are westerlies and it would be good to see a few more private owners set up camp.

Major news is that **Ann Johnson** (Davids Mum) is the newest recipient of a 'Paul Tissander Award'. Formal presentation is still to be arranged. It's prestigious International Award, covering not just gliding but all sport aviation. Bob Henderson made the announcement at the awards dinner and it was only confirmed that week.

Steve

SNIPPETS



Bill DeRenzy had a huge model of an ASG31 as a backdrop to the Awards dinner.

PGC AGM 4th July



Vintage Kiwi members mounting one of NZ gliding's earliest gliders in the hangar ceiling.



AA was New Zealand's first registered glider. No longer flyable, but a fascinating piece of history.



No fancy instruments here. Cosim vario in the middle.

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ACD 57 in GPK (Air-Avionics)

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This is an amazing instrument. When there is little space in a busy panel, it replaces 3; (Radio, Altimeter and Transponder). PK is the only club glider that has ADSB, which means unless you own your own glider with ADSB, it is the only option available for you to go into airspace (ie above 6,500ft for a height gain).

It seems that even then, there are some of our pilots unfamiliar with using the ACD 57. If you go into airspace at least occasionally, it doesn't take long to realise that it is in fact an easy task.

The **barograph** feature has to be set at the start of every flight, so to set it press **Baro** and adjust the altitude to +180 or +185ft with the rotary dial and short press to set it. It is the only altimeter in the back seat, so must be set.

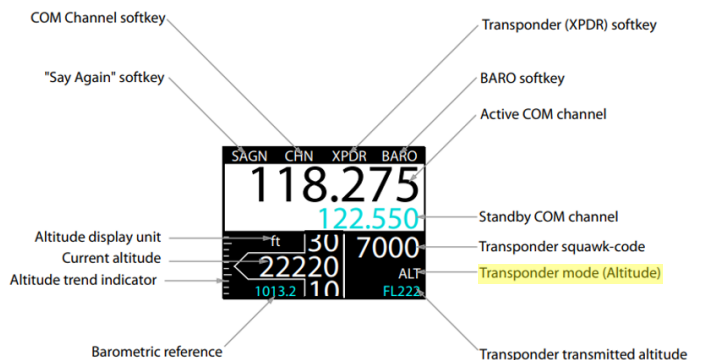
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Rotary dial -

Inner is the smaller diameter part closest to you.
(turn&push functions)

Outer is the larger part against the instrument.



CHN button (radio)

Volume – just turn the inner knob.

Switch to standby frequency – Just press the inner knob

To alter frequency, manual – CHN – rotate outer knob to alter frequency
- rotate inner knob to alter decimal frequency , then enter (inner)

To alter frequency, memory- CHN – MEM-rotate inner knob to select, then enter (inner)

To alter squelch- rotate inner knob- SQL- turn on or off with button 4

If G254 Matamata is open you can go to 6,500ft. If not, then get it open (preferred if others are flying) or go straight to Bay Approach 119.5 at 4,500ft and get clearance.

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XPDR button (transponder)

To change squark code –

XPDR – use the outer knob to change the position in the squark code.

Rotate the inner knob to change the numbers, then enter (inner).

To ident -XPDR- IDENT

To change Mode - XPDR- MDE button changes mode between SBY (Standby) ALT (Altitude) ON (Mode A with no altitude). Mode shows on the bottom left of the screen

It's a good idea that before going into airspace you check the transponder **mode** is set to "ALT". Trying to change it mid flight isn't easy if you haven't practiced it before. Always leave it on "ALT".

LX NAV S100



Both PK and XP's S100 have a wind direction and strength screen. Its in the Wpt and Tsk Screens (3rd screen down). The top number reading I think is average wind and the bottom one current wind.

A very handy tool if you are landing out.

Start of Season Briefing

Saturday 26th September (next Saturday). MSC clubrooms 9-30am sharp and will finish 12pm sharp. FREE LUNCH



Last year

In both 2003 and 2008 the club had fatal gliding accident's. It wasn't that we weren't thinking safety or that our safety culture was at fault, but both accidents might have not have happened if the pilots had just paused to think about issues like dehydration, paddock landing decision making or the affect of possible health conditions. It wasn't just the pilots, but others that might have nudged thinking a bit more towards safety. NZ had 9 fatal gliding accidents from 2000 to 2010. The first SOSB was held in 2010 and was instigated by Bob Gray and the late Julian Mason. It's a model that has been copied by other gliding clubs around NZ and the idea being that this is the time of year that most pilots are most ambitious and least current. It isn't to hold pilots back (*quite the opposite*), but to make sure there are good preparations, knowledge, practice and risk is managed with safety as a first thought rather than second.

It is no good to just have those that feel like turning up attending. It needs whole club turnout, so is 'compulsory'. There is an additional SOSB on the following Wednesday for those that can not attend Saturday.



PGC FAI AWARDS AUG 2026 (FULL PGC FLYING MEMBERS SILVER & ABOVE EXCLUDE 2ND CLUB)

NAME	SILVER				GOLD			Diamond			
	Height	Duration	Distance	SILVER	Distance	Height	GOLD	Goal	Height	Distance	3 DIAMONDS
	1,000m	5hrs	50km		300km	3,000m		300km	5,000m	500km	
+Bob Henderson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rae Kerr	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Dennis Crequer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Steven Care	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Tim Bromhead	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bob Gray	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
David Johnson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Bryan O'Brien	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
Godfrey Larsen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Roger Brown	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Ralph Gore	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Phil Smith	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Rainer Kunzemeyer	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
David Jensen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Sarel Venter	X	X	X	X	X			X		X	
Ross Hyndman	X	X	X	X	X			X			
Phil Rees	X	X	X	X				X			
Dave Dennison	X	X	X	X	X						
Colin Kelly	X	X	X	X	X						
Ian Wood	X	X	X	X	X						
Paul Blackmore	X	X	X	X	X						
Brett Slater	X	X	X	X	X						
Robin Britton	X	X	X	X		X					
Bill De Renzy	X	X	X	X							
Norman Duke	X	X	X	X							
Derry Belcher	X	X	X	X							
Chris Money	X	X	X	X							
Genevieve Care	X	X	X	X							
Paul Blackmore	X	X	X	X							

FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE World Air Sports Federation

The FAI was founded at a conference held in Paris 12–14 October 1905, which was organized following a resolution passed by the Olympic Congress held in Brussels on 10 June 1905 calling for the creation of an Association "to regulate the sport of flying, ... the various aviation meetings and advance the science and sport of Aero-nautics." ^[1] (Wikipedia)

FAI sanctions all world gliding contests and records. Silver, Gold and Diamond awards are internationally recognized and it is not just an exercise in flying skill, but of following a set of rules to gain the award. Preparation is key and being ready when a booming day shows itself. The preparation can be similar or less than that required for a competition day. The club has 2 FAI LX Nano recorders to make the flight legal, but they need to be charged before a big day with the right details in the config file. One complication regarding getting into air-space for a height gain, is that you need a glider with ADSB and for Diamond height and oxygen. The only club glider with ADSB at the moment is PK, but you also need to know how it works when you are talking to ATC. It's not a difficult task, but again it's a case of being prepared.

There are at least 8 of our members that have part of their Silver and there are also others that have some or no awards that are very capable of achieving most (if not all of the FAI awards) if they wanted to. Last year there were hardly any that gained legs toward these awards, which is quite unusual. No one in our club has ever achieved an FAI diploma, which goes up in 250 km lots ie 750km, 1,000km, 1,250km up to 3,000km. A difficult task from Matamata, but achievable for those that visit Omarama or other South Island sites.

The club is fortunate in that we have 15 FAI Official Observers, which is more than any other club in NZ. Thank you Edouard Devenoges for good work as Awards Officer so many years ago. There is a rumor that Bruno the current Awards Officer will be here for part of the Cross Country course (Labour weekend), so if you are keen to get an FAI Official Observer rating there is an opportunity awaiting.

CLUB TROPHIES 2026

Care 200



Record 20 entries for this trophy.

Winner Tim Bromhead at a handicapped time of 179.4 kph. He flew 205.9km in 1hr 4mins 57 secs. 190 kph raw speed. He did it in an unusually long easterly wave.



Presidents Pot

Winner Tim Bromhead for his flight for the Care 200 trophy



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Tom Martin Trophy



Outstanding friendship and service to the club

Winner—Will Verland

Ken Bartlett Trophy



Personal best.

Winner—Sarel Venter



Les Riesterer Short Course Trophy



Winner—Derek Shipley

Dave McPherson 1 Diamond Trophy



Speed over a 300km course. Record 7 entries for this trophy.

Winner **Dave Johnson** with a record speed of handicapped 112kph, raw 119kph. Some great lateral thinking to get such a high speed over our biggest club task.

X/C Award OLC

Bill Mace OLC Trophy

Catlin Trophy 100km

Valley 150 Trophy 150km



All 4 of the above awards were won by **Phil Rees**. His son Alex especially came to the dinner to uplift the trophies for his Dad.



Man of the hour was Bob Henderson, Master of Ceremonies, filling in for Iggy at the last minute. His only requirement was that we don't ask him to sing.

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On Line Competition – 2026 final

The World

34th 65,817 points Piako Gliding Club

Australasia

1st 71,948 points Beverley Soaring Society 145 members

2nd 65,817 points Piako Gliding Club

New Zealand

1st 65,817 points Piako Gliding Club (1st place for 5 successive years)

2nd 6,447 points Minden Soaring Club (Keith Essex)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Flights</i>	<i>Duration hrs</i>	<i>Overall Points</i>
Philip Rees	62	140	10,123
Tim Bromhead	32	127	9,895
David Johnson	39	154	9,744
Sarel Venter	44	140	9,366
Brett Slater	48	144	9,354
Bob Gray	19	57	4,249
Steven Care	15	40	3,003
Ian Wood	21	45	2,889
Steve Thrupp	16	36	2,503
Neil Raymond	8	23	1,316
Nathanael Melia	8	16	1,289
Paul Blackmore	4	14	1,181
Royden Hooker	5	8	690
Ross Hyndman	5	12	394
Colin Kelly	6	4	150
	332	960	

We were 26,000 points less than last year, but our world ranking went up from 35th to 34th. The points reduction is probably as a result of OLC announcement that they were closing down, but then didn't.

There are 5 pilots with over 100hrs of cross country flying.

The committee has decided to change the X/C Trophy (donated by Dave Dennison) and the Bill Mace Trophy to run off WeGlide rather than OLC. The last scoring day is the 30th Sept and the start is 1st Oct. The tables below are as at 20th Sept. I intend to still load both OLC & WeGlide.

First step is to get registered on the web site. You can also download a WeGlide APP to your phone, which can speed up loading flights using Bluetooth. You can also load photo's and you can go for different badges. The badges can link to levels. Tim has our highest level at number 4.

WeGlide is free, but if you pay around NZ\$123 p.a you can get a Supporter Plan and NZ\$250 p.a a Premium Plan, which includes coaching and highly detailed flight analysis, thermal efficiency, speed to fly, water ballast ideal loadings etc.

	<i>Points</i>	<i>User</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Flight count</i>
1	9,538	Sarel Venter	10,306	48
2	9,468	Tim Bromhead	9,502	33
3	9,223	David Johnson	9,401	37
4	8,711	Phil Rees	7,711	53
5	8,422	Brett Slater	7,367	41
6	5,524	Nathanael Melia	5,214	34
7	4,330	David Jensen	4,637	15
8	3,500	Neil Raymond	3,793	20
9	2,261	Steve Thrupp	2,223	14
10	2,174	Steven Care	2,156	11
11	1,399	Royden Hooker	1,391	13
12	1,260	Charlie Irvin	1,209	8
13	906	Paul Blackmore	857	3
14	875	Ross Hyndman	921	4
15	719	Stacey Hart	697	4
16	513	Ian Wood	505	2
17	220	Will V	171	2
18	57	Colin Kelly	61	1

	<i>Points</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Distance</i>	<i>Pilot count</i>	<i>Flight count</i>
1	86,436	Omarama Gliding Club (NZ-S)	84,293	24	286
2	68,776	Piako Gliding Club (NZ-N)	67,785	18	342
3	45,623	Auckland Gliding Club (NZ-N)	45,779	20	198
4	26,904	Canterbury Gliding Club (NZ-S)	25,695	17	111
5	20,737	Auckland Aviation Sports Club (NZ-N)	19,088	10	101
7	12,197	Wellington Wairarapa Gliding Club (NZ-N)	12,491	13	52
8	8,031	Nelson Lakes Gliding Club (NZ-S)	7,807	4	40
9	7,602	Kaikohe Gliding Club (NZ-N)	7,544	2	27
15	2,678	Tauranga Gliding Club (NZ-N)	2,709	4	16
22	1,484	Taupo Gliding Club (NZ-N)	1,397	4	12
34	391	Central Otago Flying Club (NZ-S)	346	1	1

WORLD

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[Piako Gliding Club](#)

New Zealand, North Island

69,108

The main reason we are not doing as well as Omarama, is that Milan Kmetovics is the owner of Kahu Soaring, a professional glider operation. He has over 18,000 points. John Smith at Omarama is also clocking up big numbers, so the only way we can do better to by having bigger numbers of cross country pilots recording on WeGlide.

Charlie Irvin is No 3 Woman in NZ, and top Woman member of NZ clubs. There are not many flights entered for women, but never the less a great achievement worth noting.

Here is how to get data from WeGlide:

<https://WeGlide.org>

For the [X-country trophy](#)

- Select Ranks from menu on left
- Select year (defaults to current year)
- Type Piako Gliding Club in search bar
- Press Total on the next line down

For the [Bill Mace trophy](#)

- Select Flights from menu of the left
- Type Matamata in search bar at upper left
- Type Piako Gliding Club in Search bar
- Select Season from menu on upper right, choose current season
- Click on pilot's name
- Scroll to bottom of list, note total points for that pilot

This is an exercise to be repeated for each pilot, so editor will need to publish a list in each flypaper of the top few. It was an even more difficult process for OLC, so no real change.

Note, trophy's timing for tasks will be from 1st Oct to 31st July each year.



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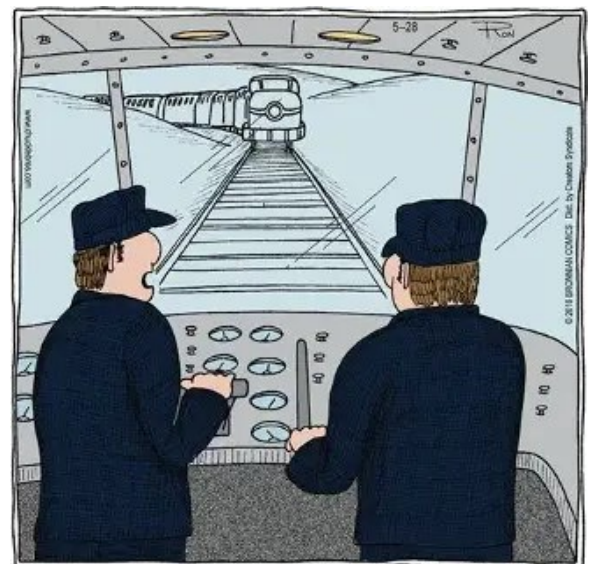
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Level Flight		✓			
Turns			✓		
Taxiing			✓		
Take-Off			✓		
Slow Flight			✓		
Transitions			✓		
Landing Pattern			✓		
Stalls			✓		
Spirals					
Landing			✓		
Spin			✓		
Emergencies					
Approaches 90°		✓			
X-Wind Landing Procedure					
Headwork			✓		
Reaction toward Flight			✓		
Air Discipline			✓		
Mental Attitude				✓	
Total Marks this hop	2	12	1		
Cumulative Flt. Totals	2	53	28		

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 Up ☒ Down ☐

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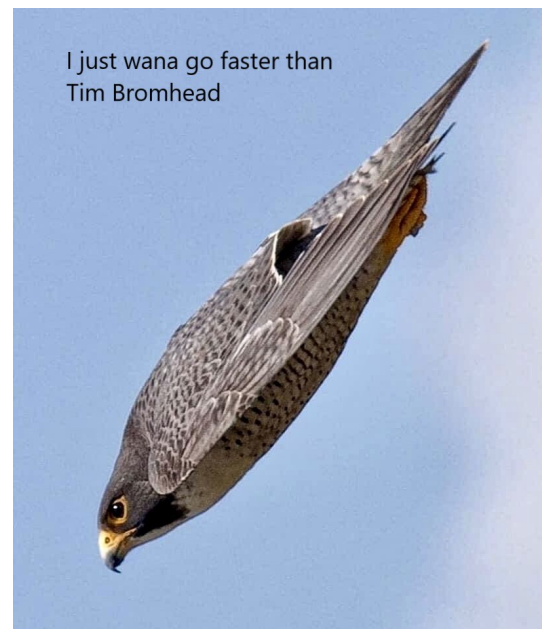
Yes– Neil Armstrong.



"Relax, Phil. I'm pretty sure he's gonna swerve first."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Compulsory Start of Season Briefing (includes Special Gen Mtg & Prize Giving)	Sat 26th September 9-30am-12pm (Free lunch at 12pm) Rerun Wed 30th 10am
Young Eagles	Sun 11th October
Tokoroa ATC	Sun 18th October
MSC Cross Country Course	24th to 28th October
Thames ATC	Sun 1st Nov
Morrinsville ATC	14 or 15th Nov (still to be confirmed)
MSC Task Week (Matamata)	23rd to 27th November
ATC National Camp (Matamata)	7th to 11th December
Youth-Glide Camp (Matamata)	14th to 18th December
Walsh	8th to 22nd Jan
PGC to Thames	6th to 20th Jan (approx.)
Nat Club Class & MSC Contest (Mtm)	30th Jan to 6th Feb

PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2026/2027

President:	Iggy Wood
Vice President:	Tim Bromhead
Secretary:	Will Verland
Treasurer:	Sarel Venter
Club Captain	Steven Care
Chief Flying Instructor:	Norman Duke
Chief Tow Pilot:	Paul Wright
Bar Manager:	Phil McKinnon
Maintenance Officer:	Brett Slater
Committee:	Bob Gray, Phil Rees, Brett Slater, Colin Kelly