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Peter Hartmann – Gerard's flight

Peter showed me that most of my fears about cross-country are ill-founded. Russell says that Peter hasn't landed out since 2015 – I put that to the test by being unable to get the Duo's transponder to work while we were low on the slopes of Mt Pirongia and being held there below 2,500' by ATC.

Pirongia was not enough: then we went out into the Waikato and found ourselves at Maramarua looking down at the cell phone towers reaching up for us.

Fly with Lucas during the week – it's your chance to learn!



Even at Maramarua, as Russell notes, Peter was looking up at the clouds, not down at the ground.

We got home: 410 km in 4 hrs 21 min.



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Peter Hartmann – Russell's flight

Russell wrote some notes from his flight with Peter.

When you believe lift is under a cloud, but you don't get an immediate lift response under either wing, turn into wind to search first - before, I often would turn towards the sunny side first to search.

When approaching a wide cloud, place yourself first under the highest top to begin the search

Apply the "one turn" principle to search for the centre before going on, it does not lose much altitude

When high, and you make a turn under a cloud and sink is the response, then leave without completing the turn.

When low, focus more upon the cloud immediately above your head, rather than the ground beneath, (my failing)

Route Deviations

Peter has a concept where 30 deg off track is OK, but 30-45 degree you better have a good reason, more than 45 deg is "desperation" mode.

He will fight much more than me to avoid a landout, fly much more aggressively (He has not landed out since 2015, but often in a much higher altitude band, than we have to work in)



Auckland Gliding Club

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT

Saturday 8th Feb 2020

Everyone welcome!

Meet our newest members and find out what's going on in the club



WOODFIRED PIZZA \$TBC*
HAPPY HOUR 6PM-7PM - \$3 HEINEKIN

*price based on numbers, please express your interest
by leaving your name on the form at the bar or email
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New Members



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Come over to the quiet side – young power pilots' visit 8th February

Airline Flying Club will visit the Auckland Gliding Club on Saturday 8th February.

They're bringing their young members, the Young Eagles, about 10 to 15 of them, aged between 15 & 18.

The main purpose is to have a tour of the airfield, aircraft, operation and be given a talk about gliding, competitions, tasks, badge flights etc.

Some may want to fly, but is only an option at this stage

They will arrive on the airfield around 10am and would need someone to meet and greet and give them the tour info etc.

We need some pilots to welcome these young pilots – we may succeed in convincing them that gliding will really teach them to fly! Please let Russell know.

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Noah's report on the Christmas camp at Matamata

The Matamata Christmas camp was something that I will never forget. It was filled with new experiences and amazing memories, the main one being flying along the Kaimai Ranges which was absolutely incredible. Thankfully that week was filled with great weather which ranged from strong winds for ridge soaring to calm days with little to no thermal activity combined with little wind which was ideal for circuits.

The first flight at the camp was one of the most awesome flights I have ever had. It was late afternoon and the winds were strong from the west which meant we were off to the ridge. Little did I know how special this flight was going to be. As we got close to the ridge we immediately felt the glider start to rise very quickly along with the sound of the variometer beeping away which is always a great feeling. We started by flying along the ridge towards the south past the waterfall which was a beautiful sight, to say the least. The sunlight was shining through the water creating a magnificent rainbow. The combination of being able to feel the power of nature along with the amazing views makes for an absolutely incredible experience. After two days of flying along the ridge with Nigel and a lot of learning the wind finally died down which put an end to the ridge soaring.

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Noah's report on the Christmas camp at Matamata (continued)

The following day the winds were calm and the thermals were almost non-existent which meant that circuits were the only viable option. After one circuit with Seamus, he got out and sent me off to do my first solo. I can remember sitting there watching the tow plane take up slack with a huge smile on my face. After all the concentration of flying the aerotow, the best moment came when I released from the tow plane and everything was just so relaxed. After giving the tow plane enough space in the circuit I went and joined the downwind, made my radio call and completed the SUFB checks, turned base, then final, concentrating on keeping the speed and rate of descent under control as I came towards the aiming point; flaring and bringing the glider to a stop on runway 28 at Matamata, beaming with joy as I got out of the glider. I spent the next two days doing solo circuits and when the weather was good enough going for longer solos, definitely another moment that I will also never forget.

Overall this was one of the best experiences I have ever had and one I don't think I will ever forget. Also huge thanks to Seamus and Nigel for the great instructing, and to those who helped to make this camp possible.

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ROSTERS – DUTY PILOT

DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 7 OCTOBER 2019 to JANUARY 2010 iss. 24/09/2019					
		Duty Pilot	Cycle	Helper	Cycle
Sat	5-Oct	Gerard Robertson	3		
Sun	6-Oct	Jason Williams	3		
Sat	12-Oct	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	13-Oct	Rob Meili	3		
Sat	19-Oct	Tony Noble	3		
Sun	20-Oct	Caleb Rosvall	3		
Sat	26-Oct	Peter Wooley	3		
Sun	27-Oct	John Robertson	3		
Sat	2-Nov	Pat Driessen	1	Bourne Buchanan	H-3
Sun	3-Nov	Nigel McPhee	1	Geraldine Dumas	H
Sat	9-Nov	Murray Wardell	1	Lawrence Allen	H
Sun	10-Nov	Callum Dodds	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sat	16-Nov	Paul O'Neill-Gregory	1	Nathan Montano	H-3
Sun	17-Nov	Ross Gaddes	1	Stephen Barfoot	H-3
Sat	23-Nov	Ross J Taylor	1	Bourne Buchanan	H-3
Sun	24-Nov	Russell Thorne	1	Geraldine Dumas	H
Sat	30-Nov	Roy Innes	1	Lawrence Allen	H
Sun	1-Dec	Seamus Breen	1	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sat	7-Dec	Allen Pendergrast	3	Nathan Montano	H-3
Sun	8-Dec	Brian Ruddell	3	Stephen Barfoot	H-3
Sat	14-Dec	Bruce Barber	3		
Sun	15-Dec	Isaac Bell	3		
Sat	21-Dec	Dylan Watson	3		
Sun	22-Dec	Geof Green	3		
Sat	28-Dec	Gerard Robertson	3		
Sun	29-Dec	Greg Balle	3		
Sat	4-Jan	In Cheol Kim	3		
Sun	5-Jan	Jason Shields	3		
Sat	11-Jan	Lois Kok	3		
Sun	12-Jan	Matthew Williams	3		
Sat	18-Jan	Jason Williams	3		
Sun	19-Jan	Josh Park	3		
Sat	25-Jan	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	26-Jan	Lal Busher	3		

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DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 1.0 Feb 2020 to May 2020					
Day	Date	DUTY PILOT	Cycle	HELPER	Cycle
Sat	1-Feb	Allen Pendergrast	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	2-Feb	Brian Ruddell	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	8-Feb	Caleb Rosvall	3		
Sun	9-Feb	Callum Dodds	3		
Sat	15-Feb	Colin Bryan	3		
Sun	16-Feb	Dylan Watson	3		
Sat	22-Feb	Geof Green	3		
Sun	23-Feb	Geraldine Dumas	3		
Sat	29-Feb	Gerard Robertson	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	1-Mar	Greg Balle	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	7-Mar	In Cheol Kim	3		
Sun	8-Mar	Jason Shields	3		
Sat	14-Mar	Jason Williams	3		
Sun	15-Mar	John Robertson	3		
Sat	21-Mar	Jolyon Reeves	3		
Sun	22-Mar	Kate Farrant	3		
Sat	28-Mar	Keith Malkin	3		
Sun	29-Mar	Lois Kok	3		
Sat	4-Apr	Lal Busher	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	5-Apr	Matthew Williams	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	11-Apr	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	12-Apr	Patrick Brennan	3		
Sat	18-Apr	Stephen Barfoot	3		
Sun	19-Apr	Rob Meili	3		
Sat	25-Apr	Ross Jones	3		
Sun	26-Apr	Nathan Montano	3		
Sat	2-May	Tony Noble	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	3-May	Vincent Vingerhoeds	1	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	9-May	John Bayliss	1		
Sun	10-May	Andy Campbell	1		
Sat	16-May	Anton Lawrence	1		
Sun	17-May	Bradley Greer	1		
Sat	23-May	Campbell McIver	1		
Sun	24-May	Christian Derold	1		
Sat	30-May	Conal Edwards	1		
Sun	31-May	Dale Maxwell	1		

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ROSTERS – TOW PILOT



Auckland Gliding Club Towing Roster (191105)

		0930-1330	1330-1800
Sat	12-Oct-19	Currency	Graham Cochrane
Sun	13-Oct-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sat	19-Oct-19	John Bongrain	
Sun	20-Oct-19	Ron Burr	Currency
Sat	26-Oct-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	27-Oct-19	Pat Driessen	Currency
Sat	2-Nov-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	3-Nov-19	Currency	Graham Cochrane
Sat	9-Nov-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	10-Nov-19	Ron Burr	
Sat	16-Nov-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	17-Nov-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	23-Nov-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	24-Nov-19	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	30-Nov-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	1-Dec-19	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	7-Dec-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	8-Dec-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	14-Dec-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	15-Dec-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	21-Dec-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	22-Dec-19	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	28-Dec-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	29-Dec-19		Graham Cochrane
Sat	4-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	5-Jan-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	11-Jan-20	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	12-Jan-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	18-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	19-Jan-20	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	25-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	26-Jan-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	1-Feb-20	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	2-Feb-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	8-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	9-Feb-20	Pat Driessen	Currency
Sat	15-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	16-Feb-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
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Sun	23-Feb-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	29-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	1-Mar-20	Pat Driessen	Currency