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Safety notice from the CFI

During a recent maintenance check on the PW6, two pens were found under the seat.

This type of threat (FOD) poses a danger to the flight controls of any glider and its occupants.

If a pen or any object is lost, then it must be located before further flight, similarly if a loose item is not secure before aerobatics, then the manoeuvre shall not be executed. You must also brief your passengers on the need to empty their pockets of any potentially loose items.

In 2004 the Fouga Magister on the right crashed in the Firth of Thames, killing both aboard. The cause was a lost screwdriver which had been sitting in place for several years until dislodged by aerobatics, whereupon it jammed the controls.



I watched the Canterbury Club pull the cockpit of their Twin Astir apart a few years ago, searching for a couple of AA batteries they thought were there. They were adamant that they wouldn't fly until this was resolved. I think they finally de-rigged and turned the fuselage upside down to find them.

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Pat's unusual flight

Yes an unusual flight indeed.....and a view I haven't had from a glider since the early '90s!

Wasn't sure if it was even soarable before a late-ish launch. Eminently soarable it was..... however, the best lift was just out of area, over Ardmore and east thereof. A quick call to Auckland approach and I had a clearance to the Hunua's with the proviso I may have to vacate in about 15 minutes.

I was able to climb to about 4,000ft there and got approval to continue to Orere Point which was going to be a blue glide there and back.

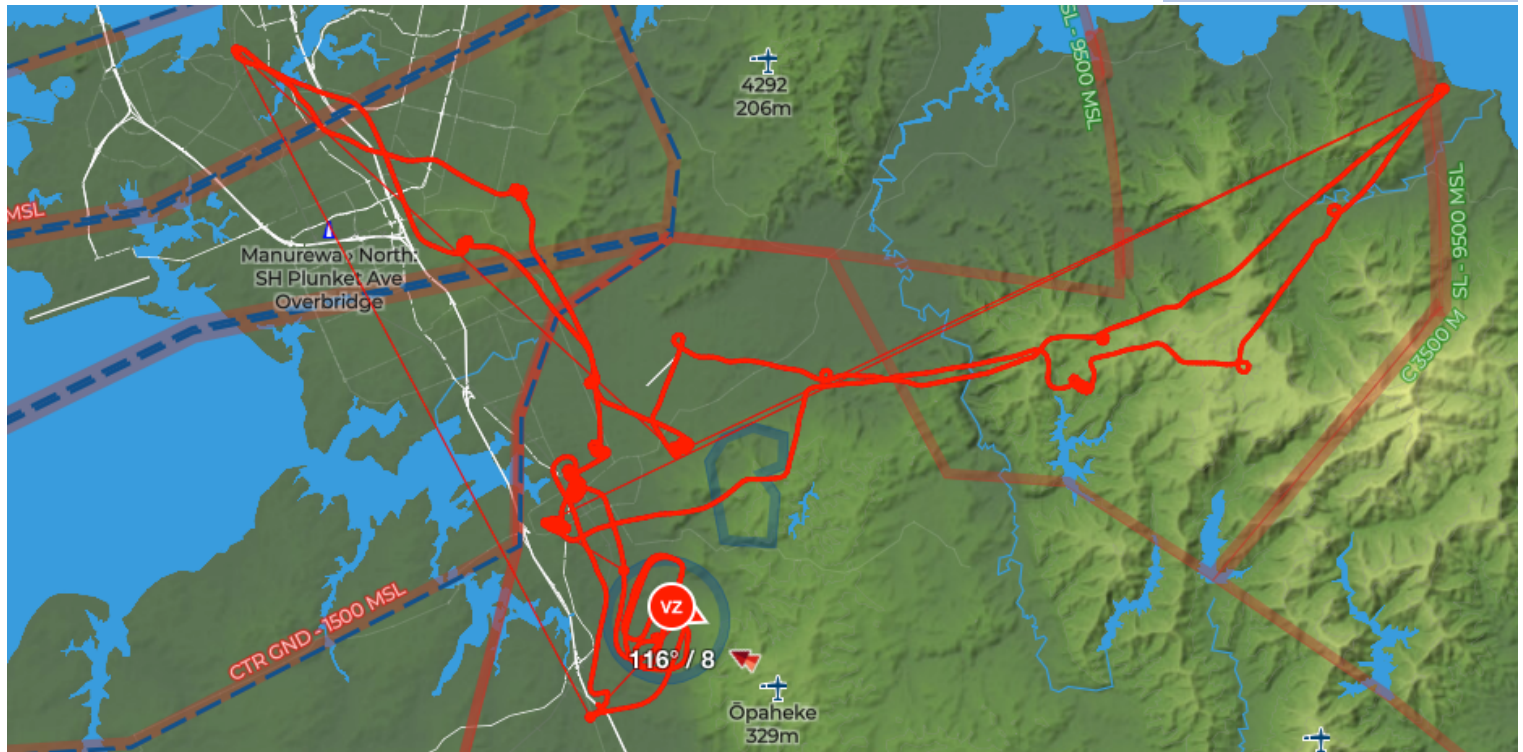
5 minutes into that glide, control told me no tracking back towards Drury while they vectored an arriving A320 between me and Auckland airport. Ummm....ok that should be alright I ,thought to myself.....I was still 1,200ft above glide.

It all worked out and turning at Orere, control gave me an unlimited clearance westbound.

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Pat's unusual flight (cont'd)



It was incredibly quiet on 124.3 with only 2 or 3 arrivals during my 1 hour on their frequency.

Working a gentle cloud street, I found myself back overhead Ardmore at 4,000ft. What to do!?

Could I be cheeky, and ask for a clearance towards Manurewa? Fill your boots was the reply. You guessed it, I got to Manurewa and it looked good over Manukau City....fill your boots!

Onehunga??.....go for it!! My luck ran out there, as it was getting late and cold with no further cloud wisps ahead. I did a 180 and, 1,000ft above glide, I retraced my track southbound being careful not to descend into the Ardmore MBZ. Back over Drury airfield, a couple of vertical manoeuvres and a short noisy jet burn had me back on the ground after a very interesting local flight.

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Stefan's back in the groove



DONAUWÖRTH

I missed that so much! | 848 km cross-country glider flight






















<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=so4BYAkKhkl&t=8s>

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TODAY	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
21 MAY	22 MAY	23 MAY	24 MAY	25 MAY	26 MAY	27 MAY
 17°C	 18°C	 18°C	 19°C	 19°C	 19°C	 19°C
 7°C	 7°C	 10°C	 14°C	 14°C	 14°C	 13°C

Sat 23 May



SUNRISE 07:18am



SUNSET 05:18pm

Fine to start, then cloud increasing towards evening. Winds tending easterly.

Issued: 11:05am Thu, 21 May 20

Overnight



Morning



Afternoon



Evening



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Weekend rosters

Duty pilots

Sat	23-May	Dale Maxwell
Sun	24-May	Christian Derold
Sat	30-May	Dave McIver
Sun	31-May	David Moody



Saturday, May 23, 2020

Level 2 Restrictions Apply

✓ Towing Available

✓ Winching Available

⚠ Sorry no public flights today

Existing Bookings

Afternoon (help pickup) Keith Macy, 1 Hour, AK,
Morning (help setup) Colin Bryan, 2 Hours, DX,

Crew

Instructor 1 Paul O'Neil Gregory

Instructor 2 Christian Derold

Tow Pilot 1 Ron Burr

Sunday, May 24, 2020

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Existing Bookings

No Bookings

Crew

Instructor 1 Russell Thorne

Instructor 2 Ross Taylor

Tow Pilot 1 Andy Campbell

Tow Pilot 2 Graham Cochrane