

Newsletter

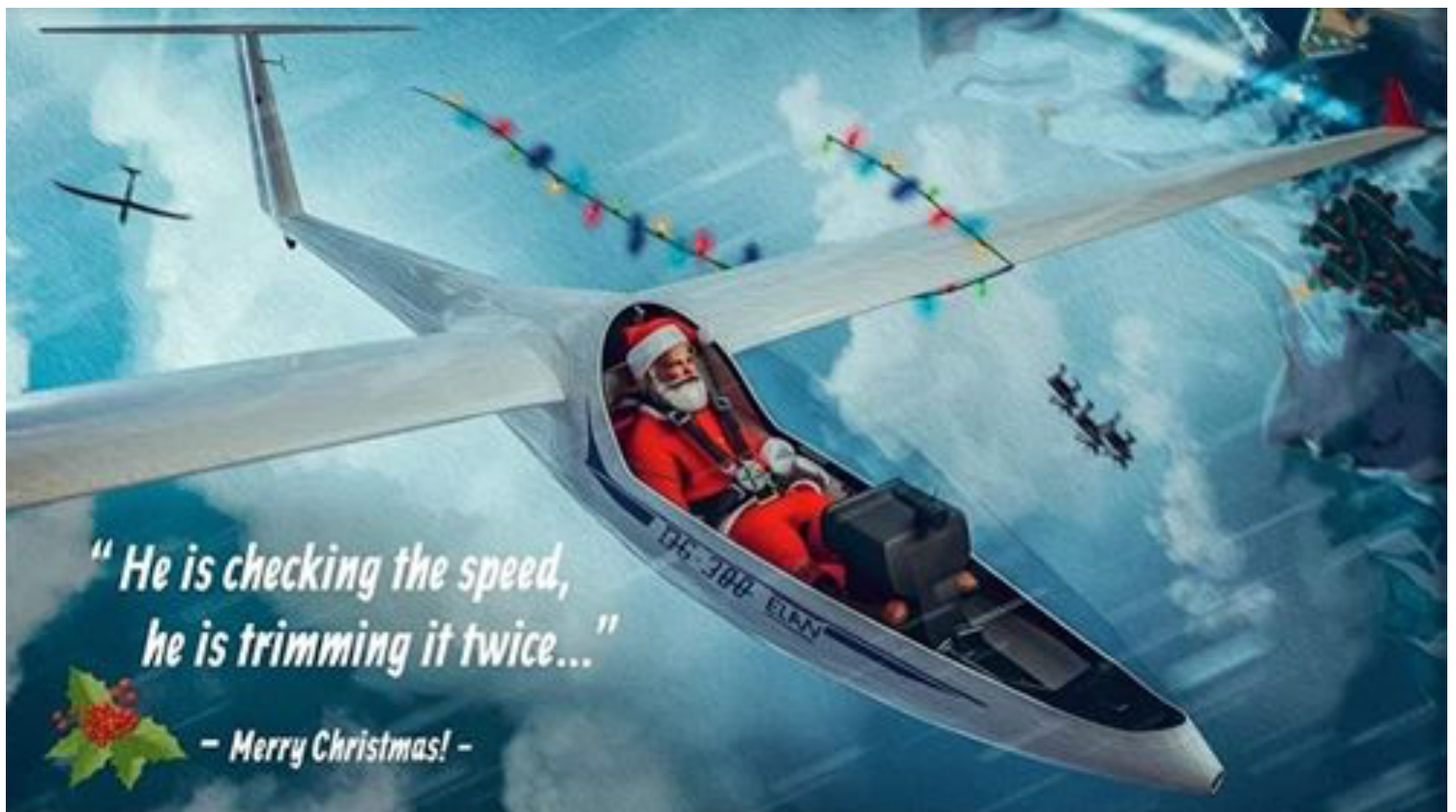
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Seven Day Week Operations

Commence shortly after our summer instructor Lucas Bottin arrives 1st January and becomes locally qualified.

Our visiting German pilot Stefan Langer arrives 27th December to compete in the Auckland Soaring Competition.



Worth reading

<https://www.warwickgliding.org/index.php/wgc-blog/blogger/listings/dkinlan>

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Auckland Soaring Championships

<http://glidingauckland.co.nz/index.php?q=node/11>

There is a lot of preparation going towards staging the Auckland Soaring Championships from 4th-11th January.

We request that any ground assistance that club members can provide, is forthcoming and appreciated.

Roles from 10am Briefing

- ✓ **Grid Assistance** for Launch from midday
- ✓ **Radio Operators** for position reports
- ✓ **Flight Following** during tasks
- ✓ **Retrieve Crew**
- ✓ **Social Media** photo contributions to

Facebook, Instagram in recognition of our principal sponsor SMEG - there are SMEG products being offered for best Social Media contributors



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Security

Club Security

As we approach the Christmas Holiday and the absence of people around the club as they spend time with their families during this period, the issue of club security has been raised.

If you about to leave the club, please check the following usually secure doors for any subsequent unauthorised entry:

Bar, Instructors Room, Computer Room, Hangar, otherwise close all other doors and windows.

Airfield Security

We have had reports of stock including horses (dead or alive) and sheep loose on the runway, this presents a clear danger to flight operations. If you notice such incursions, please immediately address the threat with the neighbours. We also get the occasional boy racers, who invade our runway and create surface damage. Make sure you secure the entry gate as you leave after flying is over.

Callum @ Youth Glide



Throughout my time at Omarama I had some pretty awesome flights, but one has stood out in particular. On the 9th after the 10:00 weather briefing which was predicting strong thermals up to +10,000ft, I decided I would attempt my 50km silver badge flight. After towing the Omarama Gliding Clubs Ventus 2b out to the flight line I launched straight into 8+kts of lift off tow and within just a few minutes was at 9,500ft getting close to cloud base above Mt St Cuthbert (Horrible).

Once I had established how the sky was developing, I decided to push out towards Magic Mountain as there was some rather nice development out to the West (As was forecasted). Once established onto Magic I pressed on towards the Ben Ohau Range and rode a rather nice-looking energy line right up to Mount Cook Airfield (approximately 80km from Omarama). Deciding enough was enough and my flight computer displaying I was well within glide distance of Omarama, I set my slights for home and began my final glide back to home over Lake Pukaki in the lee of the Ben Ohau Range (instead of doing the smart thing which would have been to retrace my path along the still working energy line). After crossing Glentanner airfield I began to encounter 8-10kts of sink in the lee of the mountains and realising my mistake tried to establish myself back on the peaks but unfortunately to no avail.

Getting lower and lower with my glide slope looking less and less I made the decision to head back to Glentanner knowing my fate would be landing out. After a smooth and successful landing at Glentanner, I was in awe at the fantastic views around me which made for some very neat photos as well as a very happy retrieve crew (especially after the 2 rounds of ice cream of course). Overall this one particular flight taught me many things, but the one main thing I learnt from this experience was: don't rely on your instruments! Use your eyes and actually think! If I had followed this, chances are I would have made it back to Omarama safe and sound, but oh well the lesson was learnt!

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Callum checks the scenery

Mt Cook (NZ's highest peak) is in the background for those overseas. It was 12,349' (an easy number to remember) until the top fell off.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itl_vnuSqHc&feature=youtu.be

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Forthcoming events



26th Dec to 4th Jan Matamata Christmas Camp

27th to 31st Dec Grand Prix at Matamata

4th to 11th Jan Auckland Soaring Champs at Drury

15th Jan to 15th Feb 2020 Fly with Peter Hartmann (International Coach)

2nd to 15th Feb National Champs at Taupo

15th to 21st Feb 2020 .

Waipukerau airfield, camping on site, clubhouse facilities. Having fun flying is compulsory.

Call Rae Kerr 0274 950 855 if wishing to attend.

22nd to 29th Feb Central Districts Comp at ???

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Matamata Airfield

December 27th - 30th (or 31st if required)

The first Grand Prix held in the North Island !

Planned to be fast and exciting racing !

Better visibility for supporters !

2 classes (to be confirmed on Day 1)

- **18 meters** (with Duo's/Arcus's allowed)
- **15-ish meters**—handicapped- i.e. tasks will be slightly longer for high handicaps.
- **Limited to 12 gliders per class** - first in etc.

The event will be during the traditional Xmas camp held on the airfield which provides some synergies and collegiality.

Questions to: David Jensen (0274 517757) or Rob Lyon (021 324232)

Try out this contest format in a shortened
and relaxed setting - no pressure (well not much).

Enter at the new GNZ Contest Site - <http://gliding.net.nz/contests>

More info to follow . . .

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TAUPO GLIDING CLUB INC

“CHRISTMAS CAMP”

Thursday 26th Dec 2019 to 11th Jan 2020



We invite you to join us at our Annual Camp to use the gliding facilities and enjoy Taupo attractions. Taupo Township 6 km from the airfield.

Gliding tasks will be set for cross country pilots. We can also arrange boat trips on Lake Taupo.

We do have some accommodation or caravan and tent sites available.

Social events will take place with B.B.Qs. and refreshments after 4pm.

Come and enjoy the hospitality of the **TAUPO GLIDING CLUB**.

Call Tom Anderson for more details and accommodation needs 0274 939 272.

Taupo Committee



WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

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WEEKEND WEATHER FORECAST



Hunua

19 December 2019

Friday

20 DEC



Fine spells and isolated showers, but rain with possible squally thunderstorms afternoon and early evening. Northwest turn southwest evening.



21°C



11°C

Saturday

21 DEC



Cloudy periods. Isolated showers clearing afternoon. Southwesterlies.



21°C



10°C

Sunday

22 DEC



Fine. Southwest breezes.



22°C



14°C

CLASSIFIED ADS

1/3 Glider Share for sale. Discus B GPV, includes hangar share (& 2 very nice syndicate members, at no extra cost).

Contact Paul O'Neill-Gregory - 021 1945065

For sale:- ZK GOP Ventus CT s.n. 98 3,600hrs, engine 38hrs, prop 19 hrs. Polyurethane finish, Clear Nav vario, Oudie 2, Nano, Dittel VHF, Microair transponder, Mountain High EDS O2, Flarm, tail dolly and tow bar, wing walker, metal clad trailer, possible hangar rental,

Resident at Drury for many years, serviced by Sailplane Services.

\$95,000 neg

Contact Andy Campbell, 0272956103, andy@eastwoodortho.co.nz

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ROSTERS – DUTY PILOT

DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 7 OCTOBER 2019 to JANUARY 2020 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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ROSTER – INSTRUCTORS

Saturday 21st	Jonathan Cross	Graham Cochrane
Sunday 22nd	Russell Thorne	Murray Wardell

ROSTER – WINCH DRIVERS

Saturday, 21 December 2019	Grahame Player
Sunday, 22 December 2019	Keith Annabell

ROSTER – TOW PILOTS

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