

# Newsletter

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## Airplane Flight Manual - unauthorised amendments

### From the CFI

During an inspection on the club PW5 (XF) a number of duplicate Flight Manuals pages were found in the glider: this is unlawful.

The Flight Manual is an integral part of the Glider Airworthiness Certificate and cannot be altered, added or not available to the pilot for any other than valid reference purposes. In the course of a gliders lifetime, the glider Type Certificate holder (usually the manufacturer) will issue page changes as a result of in service use, the flight manual always has a list of current pages pertaining to the Certificate Of Airworthiness of the glider, its radio licence and fitout, weight and balance among other common tables.

If you have need of your personal notes about a vario or other device, then they must be secure during flight and removed from the glider after your flight.

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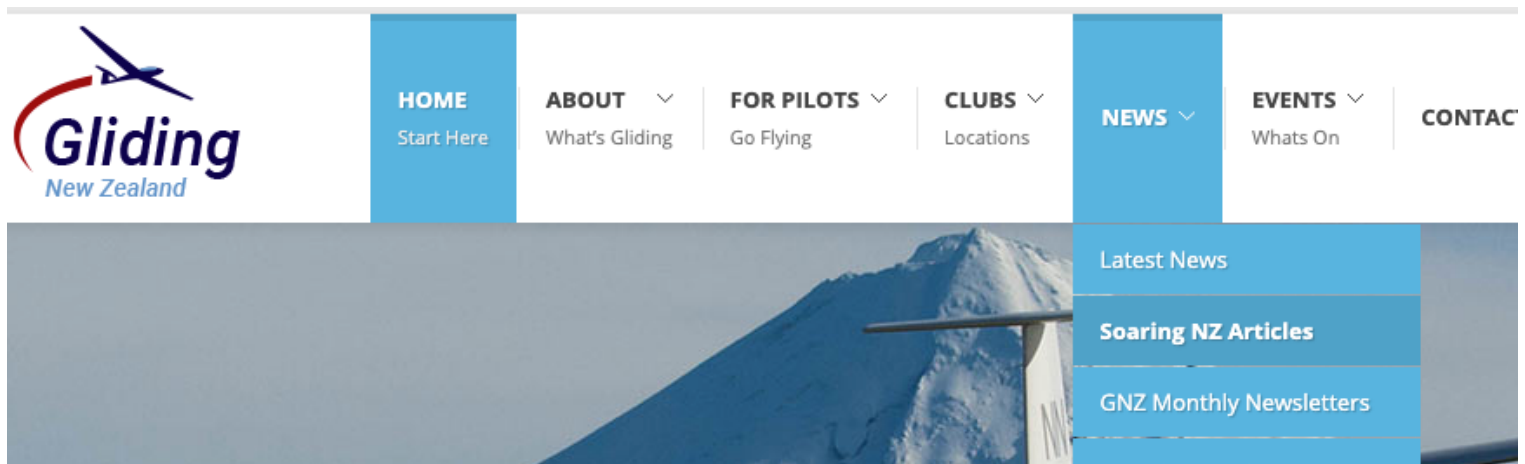
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## Gliding New Zealand blogs



With the unfortunate cessation of publishing of Soaring New Zealand, there are still stories to be told and material to be shared.

The first iteration of doing this can now be found on the GNZ website as shown below – despite its somewhat confusing label.



I've started by adding some material I got from some UK clubs on the cost of operating Pawnee towplanes – a relevant topic for us.

You too can provide stories: I've volunteered to be the Editor of this part of the GNZ site. You will be surprised to learn that most glider pilots are well capable of writing coherently. The story which Pat wrote of his long flight which appeared in "Soaring NZ" required no real editing at all.

While I'll add to that useful material as I come across it, please consider writing your own stories. Pat, Ross and others have already done so.



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NZ Aerobatic Club competition at Mercer this weekend (deferred from last weekend)

## MERCER MBZ CAUTION

June 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>



2020 North Island Akro Fest  
Mercer Airport

## AVOID MERCER AIRPORT AND THE CIRCUIT AREA

Extensive aerobatic flying will be taking place immediately to the SOUTH (within the Mercer Airport circuit).

Aerobatic traffic information *may* be provided by 'Mercer Ground' on 133.05 – listen carefully.

If you need to join to land at Mercer Airport, fly a **wide circuit** clear of the **Aerobatic Box**



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## QGP lecture schedule

The 2020 QGP Programme is as follows commencing at **9am sharp** at the Club rooms on the following Saturday Mornings

27 June Air Law-Gerard Robertson

4 July **Exams** Navigation and Airmanship, Air Law- Russell Thorne

11 July Meteorology-Anton Lawrence

18 July Glider Tech- Gerard Robertson

25 July Human Factors- Jonathan Cross

1 August **Exams** Met and Glider Tech- Russell Thorne

8 August Radio Procedures- Russell Thorne

15 August **Exams** Human Factors and Radio Procedures -Russell Thorne

*Trust me: none of this stuff is hard. I teach some of it, so it can't be. I used to start a course lasting a week or two on aircraft structure design and repair by saying "I'm going to talk about rocks in a stream and why sausages always split along their length".*

*Other club members are welcome to attend and chip in. After all, "All of us are smarter than any of us".*

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## UK radios available

Do you or does anyone in your club want to buy some handheld or panel-based radios? We have a number on 25 KHz that are surplus to requirements, now that we have swapped from 25 KHz to 25/8.33 switching sets in the UK.

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### Why Thermal in a Slip? | And the Hazards of Skidding

<https://soaringeconomist.com/2020/06/20/why-thermal-in-a-slip-and-the-hazards-of-skidding/>

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## New training programme & MOAP approved by CAA NZ

The **Moodle Glider Pilot Programme** has now been approved by CAA, implementation will be progressive at AGC with existing students to continue with the previous syllabus until June 2022 when everyone will convert at the equivalent level.

Further information and FAQ are here

<http://gliding.co.nz/training-programme/>

For new AGC pilots, the future syllabus is available after registration on this website link

<http://moodle.gliding.co.nz/login/index.php>

The 5 progressive certificates based on the following achievements are named as

- Solo Pilot
- Soaring Pilot
- Cross-Country Pilot (XCP)
- Task Pilot
- Alpine Pilot

A major overhaul of the **Manual of Approved Procedures** (MOAP) has therefore taken place with effect 15 June 2020, the current online MOAP is here, it will have flow-on effects to our HWDT Local Flying Rules, which will take time to transition.

<http://gliding.co.nz/pilots/moap/>



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## Le Météo



Hunua

25 June 2020

<b>Friday</b> 26 JUN		Occasional showers. Northeasterlies.	▲ 18°C ▼ 12°C
<b>Saturday</b> 27 JUN		Morning rain then showers. Easterlies, turning westerly at night.	▲ 18°C ▼ 10°C
<b>Sunday</b> 28 JUN		Fine spells. Isolated showers, mainly in the west. Westerlies.	▲ 16°C ▼ 7°C

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## Duty Pilot rosters



### Duty Pilot Roster June 2020 to September 2020 Ed1 2 Jun 2020

	Date	Duty Pilot	Cycle	GNZ
Sat	6-Jun	Dion Manktelow	1	5085
Sun	7-Jun	Geoff Gaddes	1	4236
Sat	13-Jun	Graham Cochrane	1	4961
Sun	14-Jun	Grahame Player	1	278
Sat	20-Jun	Hugh Warren	1	1842
Sun	21-Jun	John Bongrain	1	5264
Sat	27-Jun	Roy Innes	1	4869
Sun	28-Jun	Jonathan Cross	1	1500
Sat	4-Jul	Keith Annabell	1	4733
Sun	5-Jul	Matt Findlay	1	4038
Sat	11-Jul	Murray Wardell	1	2942
Sun	12-Jul	Nigel McPhee	1	1309
Sat	18-Jul	John Bayliss	1	4958
Sun	19-Jul	Pat Driessen	1	267
Sat	25-Jul	Paul O'Neill-Gregory	1	942
Sun	26-Jul	Ross Gaddes	1	1846
Sat	1-Aug	Ross J Taylor	1	780
Sun	2-Aug	Russell Thorne	1	1623
Sat	8-Aug	Seamus Breen	1	325
Sun	9-Aug	Allen Pendergrast	3	4854
Sat	15-Aug	Caleb Rosvall	3	5790
Sun	16-Aug	Callum Dodds	3	5711
Sat	22-Aug	Colin Bryan	3	1007
Sun	23-Aug	Dylan Watson	3	4129
Sat	29-Aug	Geof Green	3	5683
Sun	30-Aug	Geraldine Dumas	3	5712



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## Weekend rosters

### Saturday, June 27, 2020

Level 1 Restrictions Apply. Existing Voucher holders may book trial flights using the club member Instructor & Glider option. In the intentions box state your preferred launch time

- ✓ Public Flights
- ✓ Towing Available
- ⚠ Winching not available

### Existing Bookings

No Bookings

### Crew

Instructor 1 David Moody  
Instructor 2 TBA  
Tow Pilot 1 John Bongrain  
Duty Pilot 1 Roy Innes

### Sunday, June 28, 2020

Level 1 Restrictions Apply. Existing Voucher holders may book trial flights using the club member Instructor & Glider option. In the intentions box state your preferred launch time

- ✓ Public Flights
- ✓ Towing Available
- ⚠ Winching not available

### Existing Bookings

No Bookings

### Crew

Instructor 1 Russell Thorne  
Instructor 2 Graham Cochrane  
Tow Pilot 1 Ron Burr  
Tow Pilot 2 Wayne Thomas  
Duty Pilot 1 Jonathan Cross