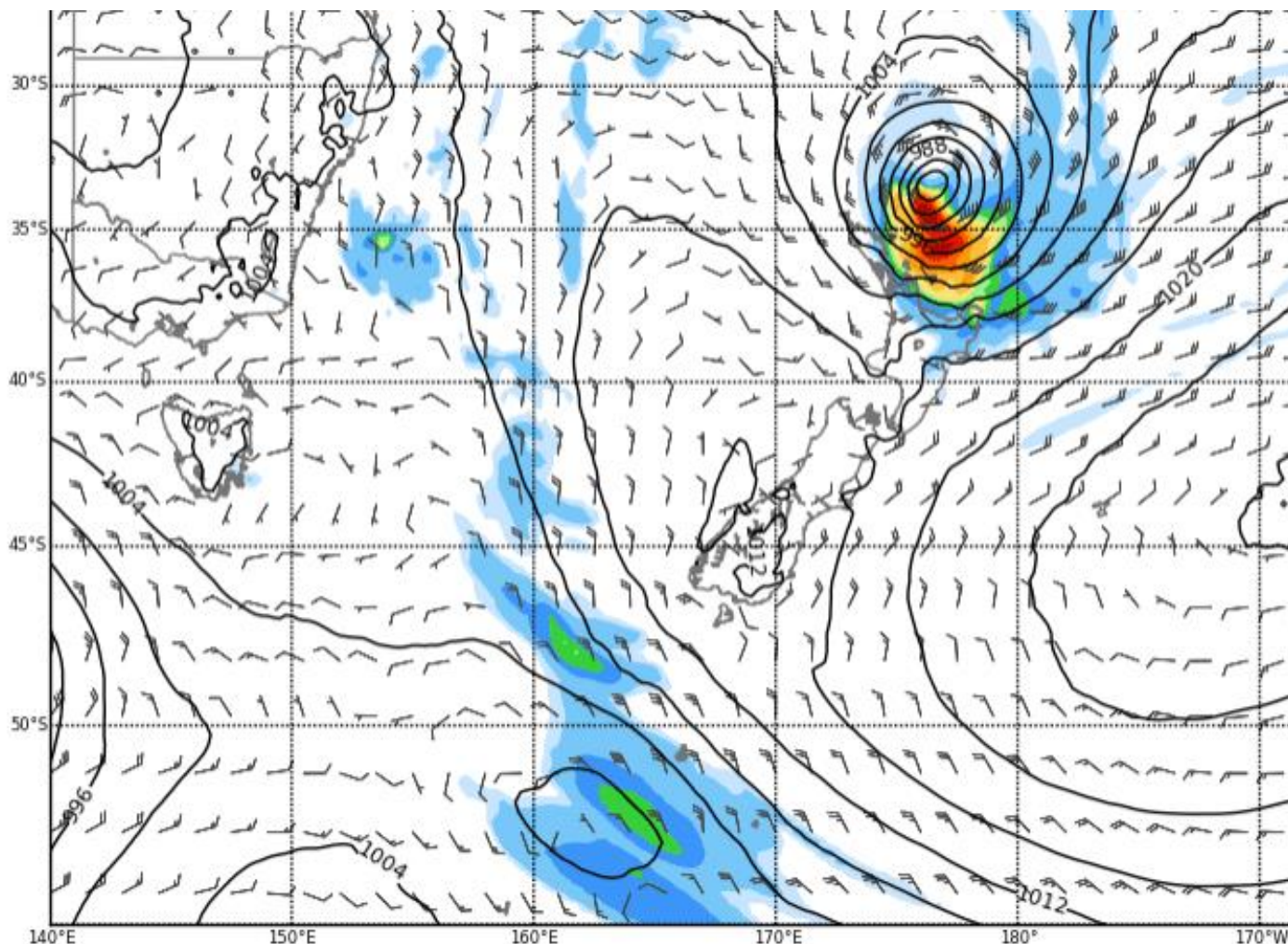


AGC Weekly News

Cyclone Cody – A Serious Weather Advisory

Simone Falkenhaus has just sent me this chart prediction for 19h00 on Sunday.

It seems a good idea to make sure your trailer is pegged down securely.



More Chess in the Air

Gerard Robertson

[DECEMBER 29, 2021](#), by [Clemens](#). My 2021 "Soaring Performance Review" – How Did I Do?
<https://chessintheair.com/my-2021-soaring-performance-review-how-did-i-do/>

Also, the GFA magazine is available for download, from:
<https://magazine.glidingaustralia.org/mag/GA-58.pdf>



And from the FAA, some interesting articles on Lessons Learned in Aviation:
<https://lessonslearned.faa.gov/>

We have ended a week of fun flying out of our special Drury based site. As all will know, this is the second time we have had to delay hosting the Smeg sponsored Auckland Soaring Competition due to Covid related problems. Our very successful competition is designed to provide a high-profile event that promotes our exciting and interesting sport to a wider public as well as provide a lot of fun for anyone involved. To get maximum exposure the involvement of sponsors has been a crucial part of our game plan. So, it is imperative that we provide some mileage for the sponsors via media. To provide interest from all over the world and to attract top local talent we normally invite high profile pilots (usually Northern Hemisphere based) and assist with airfares and equipment to make the invite attractive. This has not been too hard as many pilots are attracted to the various soaring opportunities our Drury site can offer.

This year we decided to delay the Auckland Soaring Competition in favour of an event with a more local flavour. Diane Edwards cleverly suggested the following:

“Due to the Starship Enterprise being out of action we are going to commission Starship Voyager for the duration of our flying week. As many of you know, SS Voyager has extensive experience in the DELTA Quadrant, is used to overcoming sickness and those wanting to lock her down. She is no stranger to exploring the galaxy with the express reason of seeking out new knowledge while all the time looking the best way to get home with all crew intact. The captain was intent on building a family where the shared knowledge would be harnessed to problem solve, improve performance and most importantly of all, ensure everyone could enjoy the journey.”

Both Simon and I loved this idea and as a result the cast was set. The main objective here was to provide satisfying and challenging flying for all that enter. I didn't really want a cumulative score and decided we should just have a score for the day. This means even someone trying their first 50Km flight or first out-landing would have fun just as would those trying for a 500Km distance.

Unfortunately, the CD we had originally initially invited – Mike Marra (Ch-Ch based) – had personal reasons that made it difficult to be our main person, so we chose Paul Castle to take over in the Director role. Paul has been a great

supporter of all our Enterprise events so it was great he could be back on board again this year. As usual we were a little un-organised but the players and assistants all started to come together only a few weeks before the 1st January start date.

This year I wanted a very laid back and simple event. OLC (Online Gliding Competition) is an international online website that uses an algorithm to derive points for any flight in the world. It uses straight lines to six points of any one flight to derive a distance. We use this distance score (in Km) to transfer to our own scoring system and then multiply by the gliders handicap to achieve a NZ number of points at one point/km. Finally, we add bonus points for various things that can be achieved. For example, we had +50 points if we fly over a sea and another 50 points to fly over Lake Taupo. Also 50 points for getting back to Drury. These stayed through the event but we also tried other bonuses on a daily basis, like the best FAI triangle (which OLC calculates) or getting within five Km of any recognised airport. Once calculated we then rounded the winning distance to 1000 points and proportioned the other pilots' flights. Well, I say we, but it was actually Anton Lawrence who provided a spread sheet and worked out the scores from the pilots – all of whom had to log their flights onto the OLC website. It's not a particularly fair event but the objective is not really all about finding the best pilot, it's about pushing our pilots towards better flights in a safe and organised environment.

Below are some credits:

Comp Commandant – Paul Castle
Safety Officer – Russell Thorne
Scoring – Anton Lawrence
Tasking – Anton, Tim Bromhead and Ross (myself)
Chief Tow Pilot – Wayne Thomas
Invitee Tow Pilots – Paul Murphy and Neil Sutherland (Fatman aircraft ex Alexandra)
Weather – Anton Lawrence (help from Tim)
Radio/Field assistance/Retrieve phone – Bradley Greer
Other assistants on the grid and about – Paul Castle, Wayne Thomas, Murray Wardell, Alan Pendergrast, David Moody and others
Food – Food – Food – Marion Moody (with help from many others)

Cast – ALL THE COMPETITORS AND SUPPORTERS, most of whom chipped in and helped when needed.

December 31st – Thanks to all who helped tidy our club house area and prepare for the next week.

Jan 1st – No Task

Not a great day for flying – very blue and soft thermals and frankly – bloody hot. Some good flights were still had however many couldn't attend (which was expected) so we cancelled any points for that day.

Jan 2nd – Task 1 – Normal Bonus plus 50 points for .5Km turnpoints at Waitomo caves and Rotongaro.

This was a good but hard day – Georgia Schofield experienced one if not her first solo land out in the club PW-5. Great achievement as most of us (even after many) respect and appreciate the need to be able to select and achieve a safe out-landing. Anton Lawrence with 271 Km collected the first prize which actually is just an acknowledgement at the next morning's briefing.

Jan 3rd – Task 2 Normal Bonus points plus 1 pt / km for OLC FAI triangle distance and 10km circle.

Again a hot day but it still provided great thermal flying with Tim Bromhead taking the 1000 winner with 297 OLC Km. There were several land outs but no incidents really and all enjoyed the experience and fun back at the clubhouse.

Jan 4th – Task 3 Normal bonus points. Also 50 pts for registered airfields within 5Km.

Tim won this again with 361.7 OLC km flying way up the Coromandel but many other pilots also had great flights along the Kaimai range.

Jan 5th – Task 4 Normal Bonus Points and 20km circle to Tokoroa and 10km to Coromandel.

Pat Driessen won this day with 537.69 OLC Km and a great flight in his JS1-c. Again, much fun was had and many exceeded their longest flights recently at least. Unfortunately, a strong breeze pushed into the Thames Valley basin and made it impossible to get all the way back to Drury. Extra points should have been awarded to the GNZ president Steve Wallace for perseverance, but many landed at Mercer (a nearby airfield) and in various fields. No reports of damage or problems has kept our fantastic safety record intact.

Jan 6th and 7th – NO Tasks set.

Although the weather actually turned out acceptable, we canned these days as they had poor forecasts.

Jan 8th LAST DAY. Normal Bonus + Airfield points (only a sea bonus or Taupo Lake not both).

This promised to be a great day on Sky Sight and RASP. Rather than tone down the distances, we decided to take advantage of the forecast. In actuality it was a bit difficult when trying to cross from the Putaururu area to the better clouds nearer Taupo. But for those who managed it was great. Pat did 630.59 OLC Km - an amazing effort and wicked adventure to Turangi, Centennial Park (Taupo Gliding Club), Ruepehu and Te Kuiti. Terry Delore flew to Lake Waikeremoana (551 Km) with me in the back and Tim had a great flight to Taumarunui and Taupo as well (536 OLC Km).

Summary

So far, we had all had a great week of Voyaging around our playground and seeing areas we had not visited. Again, we were lucky and did literally thousands of Km of flying, down the southwest as far as Mount Ruepehu, southeast as far as Lake Waikeremoana and also to the top of the Coromandel peninsular to the north. Huge congratulations also to all those who managed to push their experiences a little further, Georgia Schofield and Frank Excell being examples of two pilots who really had fun. Also, thanks to Paul Schofield (in XY) and the DX (our AGC Duo) instructors who showed the P2 pilots just why this is so much fun.

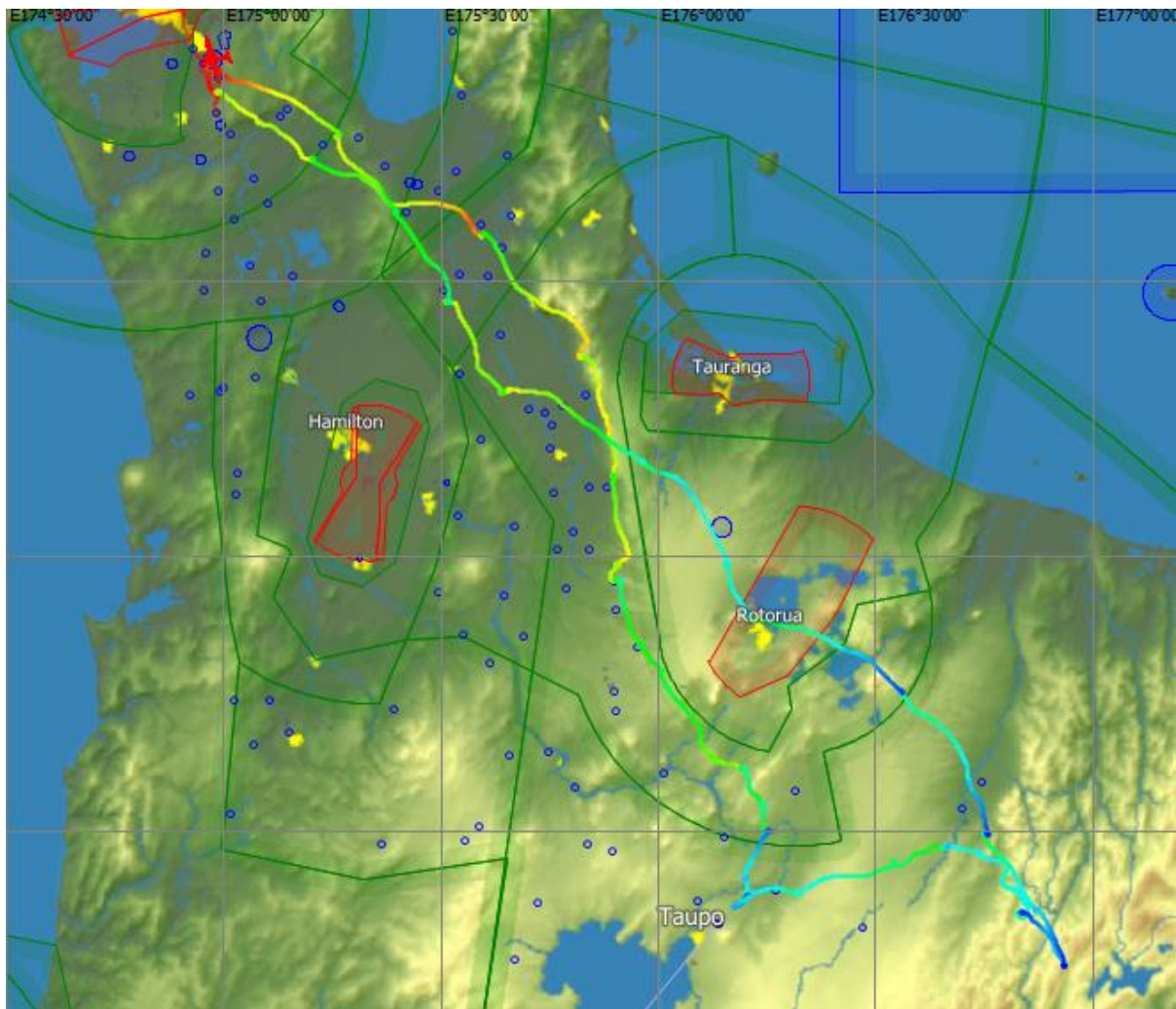
We just needed a great night to end it and that we managed well. This is where my good friend and saviour came to the fore and produced yet another great menu for all those attending and many visitors as well. In true AGC fashion there was much frivolity and the lights burned well into the night.

We were all satisfied, I think, regardless of how long our entrants had been flying and even where the final placings had placed them. It was not even my intention to cumulate the daily scores but for advertising's sake we did this on Soaring Spot. But the real stories come direct from the pilots and especially the supporters who really deserve to get as much fun and accolade as those getting to fly. I also need to thank Paul Murphy and his offsider Neil Sutherland, who flew all the way up from Alexandra to assist with getting a quick and

efficient launch for the entrants. They did this along with our AGC pilots in CEB to almost perfection, enabling us to launch in a really short time, which is so important out of our Drury site.

We all know how many it takes to get these events off the ground and into a safe structure. Thanks Folks!!





Nice distance!





Another Good Flight – South Island

John Robertson recently flew a 919 km flight with Justin Wills in his Duo Discus, comp number 1. What an experience!



Auckland Gliding Club Task week 2022 scoring

Totals

Number	Name	Reg	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Total
6	Pat Driessen	VZ		972.9	396.2	769.7	1000.0			3138.9
7	Ross Gaddes	BH		960.3	765.9	867.8	700.4			3294.4
21	Tim Bromhead	OP			1000.0	1000.0	896.4			2896.4
9	Russell Thorne	RT		930.0	624.6	550.8	568.3			2673.7
1	Anton Lawrence	OZ		1000.0	209.0	777.0	548.9			2534.9
17	David Johnson	RA		802.7	137.6	630.6	730.4			2301.4
16	Derek Shipley	ML		917.3	336.7	522.4	348.0			2124.4
15	Steve ForEman	XM		586.5	819.0	241.2	420.5			2067.2
10	Jason Shields	HW		990.5	445.4	623.6				2059.5
20	Peter Wooley	XS		962.2	341.2					1303.4
24	Steve Wallace	KT			447.2		589.0			1036.2
3	Graham Player	NR			264.9	296.6	541.4			1102.9
2	David Moody	ZD			335.3	630.3				965.6
26	Johnathon Cross	SR				619.7				619.7
14	Frank Excell	DX					369.3			369.3
19	Keith Macy	XY		103.6	377.8					481.4
22	Rob Meili	LW			406.8					406.8
23	Sam Tullet	BI			405.1					405.1
25	Roy Innes	RI			164.3		223.7			388.0
18	Georgia Schofield	XF		75.8	91.1					167.0
13	Tristian	XY								
4	Murray Wardell	AT								
5	Nigel McPhee	GB								
8	Gerard Robertson	SW								
11	Various	DX								
12	Various	XY								

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