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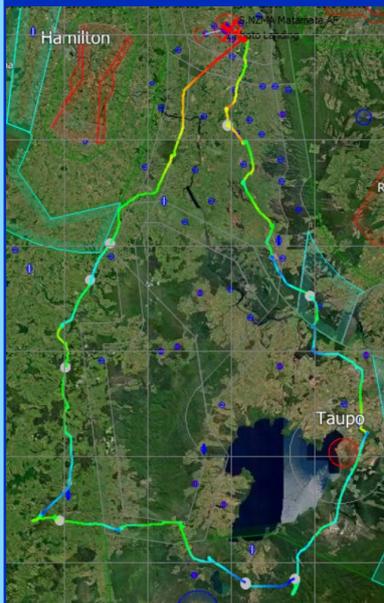


Iggy Wood and Bob Gray. Flight No 1 in GPK.

New member Brett Slater ridge flying in GPK below

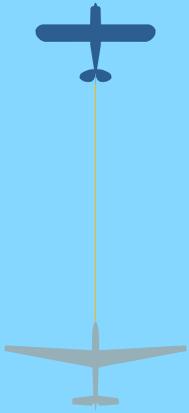


Tim Bromhead, David Jensen, David Johnson have all posted some big flights lately. Tim recently went around Lake Taupo (2nd Dec), left, but there have also been flights to the tip of the Coromandel Peninsular, (below left). Dave Johnson in Discus 2cT VM (below right).



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It's been a while since the last Flypaper, so some of the attached is news from a couple of months ago. Still, its good to publish some up to date news as well.

In general, wx (that means weather) has been unusually damp through winter and spring. The MSC contest was close to a compete washout and the regionals at Taupo ended up being cancelled. However there have been a few good days, with several pilots making it to the tip of the Coromandel peninsular and back. The MSC cross country course had fair, although not exceptional weather, with lots of land-outs. We are also doing very well on OLC since season start 20th Sept and we are in No1 position in NZ and No2 in Australasia. Colin Kelly is leading the way, with Dave Johnson not far behind.

Our new DG1001 Club Neo (GPK) is everything we hoped for and more. It's quiet, very responsive, with a glide angle much better than anticipated (at all speeds) and handling good for newer pilots. **A huge thank you to those that have contributed by way of debentures and donations.** We do have to be careful that trim weights in the rear often need to be removed for pilots flying solo. So the pre-boarding checks A,B,C,D,E need to be done every flight. Also there is a need to be very careful with the tow out gear. Make sure the tow our bar is fully extended and bring the glider to the car rather than backing the car too close to the tail.

Lots of pilots have been installing ADSB before the Dec deadline. It's rather expensive and there will be places that you will not be able to fly without it. Hopefully the expense will add to the value of the glider, so still a worthwhile installation.

There has been a flurry of glider purchases within the club. A good sign of a healthy club. Phil McKinnon now has our previous club Astir GMC and Walter Lowen has a Mini Nimbus GKR. Others about to get gliders are Neil Raymond Ventus 3 FES, Ross Hyndman ASW27, Royden Hooker and Neil Harker. We have also had some new members sign up. New welcome to Andrew Simmonds, Brett Slater and welcome back to Rohan Allen

There have been several recent break-ins around the airfield lately. Please be extra vigilant regarding security around the hangars and clubrooms.

Our 2 week trip to Taupo 6th to 20th Jan is well planned. CNC will stay at home. The Taupo Club have 2 tow planes and assure us they can provide adequate towing facilities. We are in desperate need for volunteers willing to take a club glider there and back. Please let someone on the committee know if you are able to help out on the 6th Jan, or 20th Jan (approx.)

Steve

Day 1 PK Snippets 24th August



Tim talking to himself, again.



Charlie grabbing first dibs in the front seat

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More snippets



Derek Shipley spent most of winter in the UK and while there joined up with the Dorset Gliding Club. He even managed to win a contest in an ASK18, Here he is being congratulated by the task setter Tim.



Ross Hyndman in GNI



ATC Group from Point Chevalier winning

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MSC X/C Course 25th Oct



What a way to celebrate your 21st birthday. Land-out and cake during the MSC X/C course. Charlie Irvin.

Godfrey LARSEN

Godfrey received a well-deserved club life membership at our awards night on the 17th September.

He started gliding with the Waikato Gliding Club while he was a university student in the early 1960's. The club was originally based at the airport at Rukuhia, but then shifted to a farm strip at Gordonton. In the late 60's they lost the use of the farm strip, so the club amalgamated with Piako and of those members that came across, was Godfrey, Ian Finlayson, Roger Brown, and others.

He has an FAI Gold C with 2 diamonds and was a regular competition pilot. Rumor has it that he had been chosen as a standby for a team to the world championships in the late 70's; so at the time a top NZ gliding competitor.

His big contributions to the club have been in the roles as President, Vice President, and Chief Flying Instructor. The club went through some quite significant changes during his involvement and his logical thinking always led to the best outcomes for the club. As an instructor, he took particular interest in student flying decisions. Most instructors are good at teaching flying skill, but Godfrey has extra talent to explore early pilot cross country observations and decisions.

Committee Positions Held

1973/74 Vice President

*1974/75 Chief Flying Instructor and
Committee Member*

1975/76 Chief Flying Instructor

1976/77 Chief Flying Instructor

1979/80 Committee Member

1980/81 Committee Member

1981/82 Committee Member

1982/83 President

1983/84 President

2011/12 Committee Member



Godfrey has been actively flying up to the last year or so and still does duty pilot when required. I am unsure how many gliders Godfrey has owned, but he had a Libelle for many years and more recently Les Riesterer's Cirrus JM.

Godfrey is very much a part of PGC and recognition of his lifelong contributions to the club well earned as a Life Member.

Steve

2022 MID WINTER DINNER AND PRIZE GIVING NIGHT 17th Sept

Les Reisterer short course Trophy 25km
Josh Donderwinkel



Catlin Trophy 100km
Tony Davies



Valley 150km
Sarel Venter

Care Trophy 200km
Derek Shipley



Dave McPherson 1 Diamond Trophy
Bob Gray and Dave Dennison



Ken Bartlett Trophy
Steven Care



X/C Award OLC
Tim Bromhead



Bill Mace OLC Trophy
Colin Kelly



De Renzy Pot
Colin Kelly



Tom Martin Trophy
Gareth Cartwright



The band—Stephen and Sarah Healey

THE GREAT MATAMATA SOARING CENTRE CONTEST Nov 2022

#	O P	CN	Contestant	Club	Glider	Total
1		XB	Brett Hunter	PKO	JS3	248
2		WD	Jevon McSkimming	WGM	DG-808C	215
3		FS	Michael Cooper	TGA	LAK-17B FES	48
4		OP	Tim Bromhead	PKO	Ventus cT	13
5		XM	Steve Foreman	AAV	Discus-2cT	12

The Club had 10 members competing in the contest and there was good weather for the Practice Day. Unfortunately things didn't improve and there were no contest days for the Sports or Racing classes. There was only 1 day for the Open Class and the day was won by Brett Hunter, who won on a seemingly impossible day. Well done Brett.



Norman Duke is having a busy season. He was Contest Director, was in charge of the MSC X/C Course and also in charge of the ATC National Camp at Matamata. Thank you Norman.

ON-LINE COMPETITION

#	<u>Points</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>km</u>	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Pi- lots</u>
1	35,853.25	Beverley Soaring Society (WA)	31,418.70	121	29
2	16,101.65	Piako Gliding Club	16,191.98	111	19
3	12,891.38	Gliding Club of Victoria (VIC)	11,018.22	35	14
4	11,029.67	Kingaroy Soaring Club (QLD)	10,590.67	33	8
5	11,005.61	Alpine Soaring Mount Beauty (VIC)	8,623.86	46	4
6	10,796.60	SportAviation Tocumwal (NSW)	8,983.62	24	4
7	8,519.93	Warwick Gliding Club (QLD)	6,558.86	44	12
8	5,478.92	Lake Keepit Soaring Club (NSW)	5,088.58	18	4
9	5,461.32	Japan Soaring Club	5,013.93	20	3
10	5,010.81	Omarama Gliding Club	4,442.42	16	3

We are No 1 in NZ **again**, so I have widened the profile to all of Australasia and we are No 2. The Gliding Club of Victoria (Bennella) is significantly bigger than us, but they only have 14 pilots signed up. We had a total of 70,500 points last year, so are at 23% of last years target but only 21% of the season year has gone by.

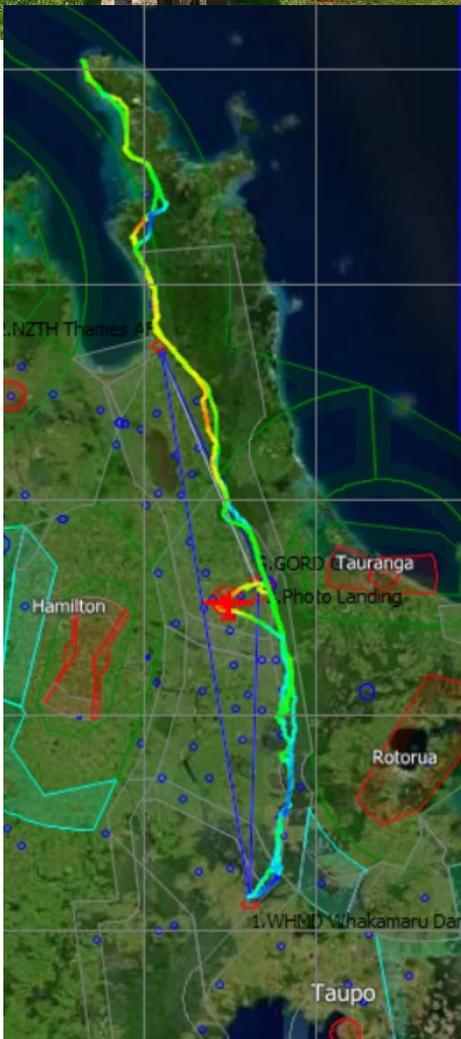
name	U25	<u>Flights</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Overall Points</u>	<u>average Speed</u>
Colin Kelly (NZ) 😊		18	38:27	2,601.57	43.78
David Johnson (NZ)		7	30:14	1,988.83	78.55
Tim Bromhead (NZ)		8	26:28	1,887.51	78.58
Sarel Venter (NZ)		11	26:10	1,743.55	43.31
DP Jensen (NZ)		5	19:17	1,495.24	91.01
Derek Shipley (UK)		8	19:42	1,423.82	42.72
Philip Rees (UK)		9	42:54	995.05	29.17
Ian Wood (NZ)		6	14:12	664.85	34.24
Steve Thrupp (NZ)		9	10:57	647.77	21.11
Royden Hooker (NZ)		5	7:13	449.48	26.17
Will Verland (NZ)		5	11:24	355.68	13.97
Steven Care (NZ)		4	4:16	334.02	26.67
Ross Hyndman (NZ)		4	7:40	333.32	23.97
David Dennison (NZ)		2	5:04	306.18	47.53
Charlie Irvin (NZ)		3	4:04	304.05	28.73
Bob Gray (NZ)		1	2:48	185.29	55.84
Bob Henderson (NZ)		4	9:03	182.16	14.64
Malcolm Piggott (NZ)		1	1:24	166.18	46.71
Tony Davies (NZ)		2	1:42	135.94	20.26



PK again



This is a real multi-tow photo. 9 gliders behind 1 towplane.



David Jensen's flight in October. Tim Bromhead and Dave Johnson flew on the same day.

Tim and Dave in a flight since, found out that going onto the ridges North of Thames is definitely not to be underestimated. The weather has to be nothing less than perfect. Luckily they both have engines. See Tim's video on YouTube (under Pure Glide).



**DYSON ROLLS OUT NEW
JET ENGINES**



UPCOMING EVENTS

12th to 16th Dec	Youthglide Camp at Matamata
26th Dec to 5th Jan	PGC Xmas Camp
31st Dec	Club Dinner
1st to 7th Jan	AGC competition at Drury
6th to 20th Jan	Piako camp at Centennial Park Taupo
19th to 28th Jan	GNZ Multi-class Champs—Omarama
3rd to 12th Feb	NZ Club Class National Champs at Matamata
18th to 24th Feb	Central Districts Regionals—Waipukurau
26th Feb to 3rd Mar	Vintage Kiwi meet—Stratford
4th to 11th Mar	Central Plateau Comp—Taupo
18th to 25th Mar	GNZ Grand Prix—Matamata

PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2022/2023

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President:	Iggy Wood
Vice President:	Tim Bromhead
Secretary:	Dave Dennison
Treasurer:	Sarel Venter
Club Captain	Genevieve Healey (Jnt)
Chief Flying Instructor:	Bob Gray
Chief Tow Pilot:	Phil Rees
Bar Manager:	Sarel Venter assisted by Derek Shipley
Committee:	Steven Care (Jnt Club Captain)
	Phil Rees
	Colin Kelly
Maintenance Officer:	Colin Kelly
	Seconded for project purposes Gareth Cartwright