

# OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



## April - May 2024

*Welcome all to this edition of Outlanding. As winter is now upon us, our soaring flights will be limited but this does not mean that we will not have the opportunity to fly. With decent breezes we will have good opportunity to fly the ridges of Mt Tauhara and there will be days where some of the shorter tasks from taskPilot could be flown.*

*We hope to see you around the club.*

*As the next newsletter will be at the end of July, anyone who has an article or notification to be included into that edition, please have it to Trace by 20 July 2024.*

*Fly well and have fun! Cheers, Trace*

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## Winter Reading

Winter is a good time to refresh, and for our newer members' a good time to learn about, the Civil Aviation Authority New Zealand (CAA NZ), Gliding New Zealand (GNZ) and our own Club Rules and Procedures.

As with all aviation activities in New Zealand we are governed by CAA NZ. For GNZ we use the following rules:

1. Part 91 - General Operating and Flight Rules for New Zealand aviation
2. Part 104 - Operating Rules for Gliders which take precedence over Parts 91 and 43.
3. Part 43 - Maintenance Standards for an Airworthiness Certificate.

These rules can be easily found on the CAA NZ website.

For those more experienced members, "when was the last time you viewed the GNZ Manual of Approved Procedures (MOAP)?"

For our newer members, "the MOAP is GNZ's bible." The MOAP and our own Club Rules provide us the information to operate in a safe and efficient manner. You do not need to know the rules verbatim, **BUT** you should know where to look for whatever specific rule you are in need of. The MOAP is broken up into three parts. These are:

1. Administration
2. Operations, and
3. Airworthiness

In support of the MOAP there are Advisory Circulars, once again divided into three sections. These are:

1. General
2. Operations, and
3. Airworthiness

All these resources can be found under the 'For Pilots' section of the GNZ website.

Our own Club Rules were revised in August 2023. When did you last look at them? These can be found under the membership section of the club's website. Please take the time to review these.

For those pilots yet to complete the Air Law examination, it is now a good time to do some study and for those experienced pilots a good time to review.



## ASW28 GSS Booking Approval

This was an Agenda Item for Committee Meeting 15/5/2024

After discussion the committee has decided to clarify the booking protocols for the use of GSS for cross-country and badge flights.

### The role of GSS in the club

When GSS was purchased by the club there was much discussion regarding what its role would be. It was generally accepted at the time that its role would be to foster greater participation in cross-country flying, and, along with it, giving club members more goals to aspire to and maintain interest post QGP. With the new syllabus now having a cross-county qualification, this has become more important.

To this end the committee has decided to implement the following rules:

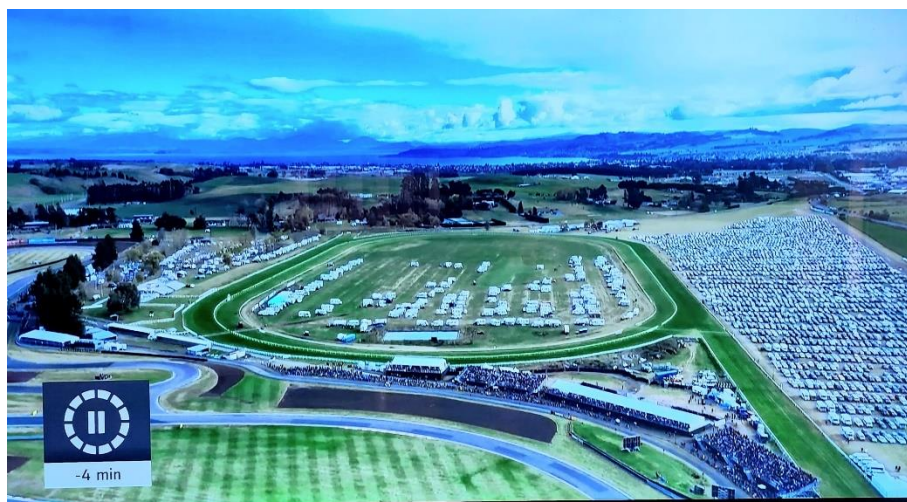
1. If a club member wishes to use GSS for a cross-country or badge flight a booking must be made at least **the day before** using the club's on-line booking system.
2. This booking entitles that member to have GSS for the day, or part thereof, to prepare and complete the flight and in the case of a landout return to Centennial Park.
3. On a day when GSS has been booked no other club member can request a return to base for another flight unless this is negotiated beforehand with the member who has the booking. This includes official club days.
4. Pilots must still obtain permission from the Duty Instructor before commencing the flight.
5. On non-club days when there is no appointed Duty Instructor, permission can be obtained from any "A" or "B" Cat instructor. A "C" cat instructor with the endorsement for *Manage field operations* may also authorize the flight.
6. Normal rules regarding retrieval crews or arrangement for retrieves are to be followed.
7. Club members wishing to book GSS for competition flying must do so by application to the committee. (Present requirements, no change)
8. "Fair use" consideration will apply to the booking to ensure all club members are able to utilize GSS for their flying development

If you have any queries, please ask one of your friendly committee members.

## Supercars Taupo

We saw during the weekend 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April, the Supercars descend on Taupo for the ITM Taupo Super 400. Centennial Park was closed for business the week before the event to enable the event organisers to prepare parking and grandstands for the turnout. And what a great turnout it was.

The airfield was covered in cars and there were a number of helicopter movements throughout the weekend. Of course Taupo put on the weather as normal for any major event at Centennial



Park.....RAIN! Only for the Saturday though. Racing on day two was dry and it appears that an awesome time was had by all.

Thank you to club member's who assisted in the planning for a great event. Well Done 😊

## A Sign, I've seen a Sign



After many months of back and forth between myself and the council, we have finally have a sign. Six signs were requested but unfortunately we were only permitted to have one sign and the council determined its location.

You will see this sign on the corner of Broadlands Road and Centennial Drive.

I haven't given up of getting a couple of others,

Trace

### GME – Twin Astir

To encourage more use, it was decided at the last committee meeting to reduce the hourly rate of the Twin Astir back to \$30.00 per hour (50 cents per minute). So come out and take advantage of it.

### Airmanship Competition

Time is rapidly running out for this year's Airmanship Competition with only eight more club days to complete it. There has been a slight change to this activity as we have removed the bombing competition component. Please make a booking and come out and try your skills.

## Training Sessions

Over the winter we will be holding a number of training sessions. These will be conducted either via zoom or face to face depending upon the topic. If anyone has a particular topic that they would like to cover, please let us know. Topics and times etc. will be advised by email.



### Upcoming Events

Just a quick reminder about the following events.

- Airmanship Competition
- AGM and Awards Dinner – 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- Hobby Expo - July

Humour



"I'm home...What a terrible day...I took your ladyshaver to work instead of my taser!"

