

OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



July - August 2024

Welcome all to another edition of Outlanding. Winter has now officially come to a close and summer will be upon us before you know it and so will the new soaring season. So it is time to start preparing yourself and finalising the last of the winter maintenance.

The season will kick off with the Central Plateau Soaring Competition which will commence on the 2nd of November and complete on the 9th. The club will need personnel to make this another successful event, so please offer to when you can. Your time is really appreciated.

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

Fly well and have fun! Cheers, Trace

STOP PRESS!

To celebrate the end of winter, it is planned to have a MULLED WINE / POTLUCK evening after flying on Sunday the 1st of September. Bring partners, friends and some nibbles / light food and of course your version of mulled wine.

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From the President – *Martin Jones*

Welcome to the new committee 2024 – 2025. I have been elected as your new President and have a new committee and as such I have allocated committee member's different roles around the club:-

Tom Anderson is continuing as Club Manager,

Colin McGrath is continuing as CFI,

Hugh de Lautour - Secretary,

Trace Austin is continuing as Club Captain,

Peter Lynch – Building and Maintenance Manager,

Craig Hunter – Mechanical Manager,

Mathieu Turquier – Glider Log Books,

Trace and Rob - Central Plateau Comp Programming.

While not on the committee, Geoff Thompson will carry on with club insurance work.

Patron



We are very pleased to welcome Trevor Terry to the roll of Club Patron for which he was a bit surprised and overwhelmed to be asked.

Trevor started his gliding in 1965 at the Hastings club and gained his B cat instructor rating along the way. Trevor has amassed some 4500hrs and owned five different gliders during his flying career. He has been, and is, one of the club's most influential cross country mentors and has vast experience and knowledge of the flying conditions around the Waikato and other parts of the country. Amongst his many achievements, one of Trevor's most notable was being awarded the GNZ Friendship Trophy in 2007.

New Members

We also welcome two new tow pilots Zac Attwood & Cameron Durno.

A footnote for everyone:-

It is very important that we always talk to either Craig Hunter or Trace Austin before any work is done on TPO or any gliders. This is to safe guard our engineers and also yourself should something go wrong.

Safe flying everyone,

Martin.

Pilot Responsibility Regarding BFR's and Medical's *by CFI Colin McGrath*

The following are excerpts from the MOAP and all club pilots need to be familiar with this material. What it all says is that while the club must keep records of BFR's and Medicals the Pilot in Command (PIC) is absolutely responsible for ensuring that they keep these current and shall not act as PIC if they are not.

2. Operational Responsibilities of the Individual Pilot-in-Command (PiC)

2.3 The **PiC shall ensure** they are appropriately qualified to conduct the operation being undertaken and that they have satisfactorily completed a **Biennial Flight Review** in accordance with Section 2-3, paragraph 14.

1. Medical Requirements

1.1 **No person** may act as pilot-in-command of a glider or powered glider unless that person complies with the medical requirements detailed in Appendix 2-A (page 73).

1.2 An importance aspect of the medical requirements is that **any change of health** or existence of a previously undetected medical condition that may affect the validity of the required medical certificate or declaration **must be declared to the relevant CFI**. In such cases, the holder must cease acting as pilot-in-command until a medical practitioner confirms that the certificate is not in fact affected and the CFI so advised.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS (from page 73)

1. Medical Declarations and Certificates

1.1 No person may act as pilot-in-command of a glider or powered glider unless that person:

- (a) Holds a valid GNZ Medical Certificate and Declaration completed on form OPS 01; or
- (b) Holds a valid Medical Certificate and Declaration completed on a Recreational Aircraft Association of NZ (RAANZ) medical form in respect of acting as pilot in command of a microlight aircraft, or
- (c) Holds a valid NZ CAA Class 1 or Class 2 Medical Certificate or a valid ICAO equivalent; or
- (d) Holds a valid Medical Certificate provided on NZTA form DL9, issued in accordance with rule 44(1) of the Land Transport (Driver Licensing) Rule 1999, that is applicable for a Class 2, 3, 4 or 5 driver licence with passenger endorsement; or
- (e) Is a visiting foreign pilot and provides evidence of holding an acceptable and valid equivalent to the GNZ Medical Certificate and Declaration.



Note: With effect 1 October 2021, pilots over the age of 70 exercising the privileges of a Passenger Rating or a Gliding Instructor Rating must hold a valid medical certificate as specified in either (c) or (d) above.

1.2 Any change of health or existence of a previously undetected medical condition that may affect the validity of the medical certificate or declaration must be declared to the relevant CFI. In such cases, the holder must cease acting as pilot-in-command until a medical practitioner confirms that the certificate is not in fact affected and the CFI so advised.

2. Validity Periods for Medical Declarations and Certificates

2.1 Student Glider Pilot and Cross-Country Pilot

The validity period for a student glider pilot shall be non-terminating, provided the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above are complied with.

2.2 Pilots exercising the privileges of a Passenger Rating or a Gliding Instructor Rating

Provided the requirements of paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 above are complied with, the validity period for pilots exercising the privileges of a passenger rating or a gliding instructor rating shall be as follows:

- (a) 5 years, where the applicant is less than 40 years of age on the date that the medical practitioner signs the certificate; or
- (b) 2 years, where the applicant is 40 years of age or more on the date that the medical practitioner signs the certificate



8. Record Keeping (by the club)

8.2 **Individual pilots are responsible** for maintaining their own Syllabus / Training Record sheets until they are completed and handed to their CFI for record keeping purposes. **Individual pilots shall retain their own Medical Declaration / Certificate** and provide a copy to their CFI for record keeping purposes.

8.3 Records of pilot training (including any completed Syllabus / Training Record sheets, Pilot Ratings and **Biennial Flight Review sheets** and pilot Medical Declarations / Certificates are required to be held by each affiliate. (ie the club)

Hobby Expo *by Hugh*

The weekend of the 14th and 15th of July saw a flurry of activity at the Club as we prepared and set up our stand at the Hobby Expo in the Events Centre. The ASW28 (ZK-GSS) was cleaned and polished, de-rigged and transported, rigged and positioned, and very much admired over the two public days of the Expo.

It was eye-catching and different, so there was plenty of interest shown, and the raffle (\$5 for a \$250 Trial Flight) was sold out well before the end. Coincidentally it was won by the "boss" of one of our members, so we are expecting "M" to be given more time off to come gliding now! Tom will



follow up on a good list of email addresses of people who are obviously interested enough to buy a ticket.

Several members donated their time to man the stand and talk to the visitors - a job which requires a

bit of gliding knowledge and a lot of patience! It was the 28th Hobby Expo, and the Taupo Gliding Club has been at everyone except the very first, so well done and thank you to all who organised and supported it. It is one of the few times we present ourselves to the public these days; if you have other ideas as to how we can publicise our presence in the community, don't hesitate to let the Committee know.

Who am I?

Hi all, my name is Zac Attwood and I am an aspiring Commercial Pilot and current Tow Pilot at Taupo Gliding Club. I achieved my commercial pilot license in 2022 and have been striving to build a career in aviation since.



I have worked as a Unicom Operator and Airside supervisor at Ardmore, New Zealand's busiest airport and in August last year I moved to my new hometown of Taupo to work at Taupo Tandem Skydiving.

I started my tow pilot journey in April this year and now have almost 50 tows, plenty more to go before I can catch up to the legend, Tom Anderson. Towing has been a blast so far, I have really enjoyed learning a new skill and still get the same exciting thrill after every tow. I am looking forward to many more days spent out at the gliding club with you all, hopefully lots more tows to be had, stories to be told and memories to be made!

Training Sessions

We will be holding a couple of training sessions in October covering; *taskPilot*, LX8000 and Oudie. These will be conducted via zoom or face to face at the clubhouse. Times and venue will be advised by email in due course.



Season Safety Briefing

The season safety briefing will be held at Clubhouse on Saturday the 12th of October. The time for the briefing will be advised closer to the date. This is **MANDATORY** for all flying members'.

Facebook Page

To allow for more exposure of the club, the committee would like members to make more use of the club's Facebook page. If you have had a good flight or anything aviation related etc. please share.

Upcoming Events

Just a quick reminder about the following events.

- Mulled Wine / Potluck – 1st September
- Training Sessions - 2nd and 9th of October
- Season Safety Briefing – 12th of October
- CPSC Taupo – 2nd- 9th of November

Pictures



Sammy from Primary Avionics working on GCP Altimeters



Members' assembling GME after annual inspection and polishing



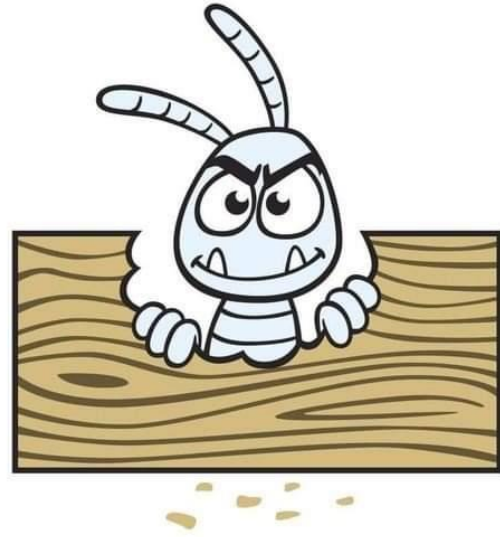
Tiger's Hair Stylist - Lois

Humour



I have a pet termite. I named him Clint.....

Clint eats wood.



A pure-bred

