

OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter

February – March 2018

Welcome everyone to another edition of Outlanding. The soaring season has come to a close and the days are now becoming shorter and the temperature is dropping too, but there will still be good days to go flying so take the opportunities when they arrive.

If you would like to place an article or notification in the next edition of 'Outlanding' please forward via email to Trace no later than 20 May 2018.cheers, Trace.

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This News Letter seems to have come around quickly but it is good to air Club happenings with all members, associate members and social members; from my point of view I need to be able to pass on Safety Issues and changes within Gliding New Zealand.

Now that GBD and GML have now been sold, from where I stand as CFI, the club has a good all round glider fleet to meet the needs of Glider Flight Training. The committee was charged with rationalising the Club's glider fleet and I feel we have done that, so now it's really up to the members to utilise these assets, but alas you can led a horse to water but you can't make them drink. Some feel there are other options and this will be put to the members at the AGM.

We had three of our club members at the Waipukurau competitions and had some very good flights and with me being the only one to land out. I learnt a very good lesson in field selection. What does a dairy farm and a very green field indicate (with hot dry weather)? DEEP COW FOOT PRINTS it was like running over a series of close judder bars, I thought all my filling were going to fall out. I just needed to stick to the lighter section or the field for a smooth landing. It also made it very rough for the retrieve team and just lucky we didn't break an ankle.

Congratulations to Jolyon for achieving his SOLO and A certificate, well done. Jolyon is staying on at Centennial Park to complete his QGP and for those who have not met him he makes a mean scone so it has been Devonshire Teas all round at the club.



Also we had a member of the Manawatu Club with us due to the loss of their Twin Astir. Varina Mitchell enjoyed flying with us and sent me a text to pass on to all what a pleasure it was to visit our club and how welcoming and instructive we all were. She said it was a wonderful experience for her and she will be back. That was a great response and many thanks to all involved for making that happen. GME is out of the air at the moment; just waiting on new seat belts to arrive from Nelson. Keep up the good work on the SAFETY front - just don't let your guard down or get complacent, SAFETY is a full time job.

Manger's Report *by Tom*

We are losing certain items and tools from the workshop. If you use tools or any equipment PLEASE put them back where they came from. Also, after using the workshop please clean up after yourself or someone else has to do it, so why can't it be you?

Both the Jantar – ML and the PW5-BD have now been sold.

Payments – we all know that they have to be paid on the day but still some members go away without paying making it difficult to balance the daily sheets. **I think we should impose a penalty charge?**

When leaving the club at the end of the day can the last person check all lighting if off – we have come back next day to find lights in hangars on – hangars and workshop doors open also sometimes Toby has been locked in the workshop – last person to lock the gate.

End of complaints.

Let's go gliding.

Maintenance *by Trace*

GTG – An AD (Airworthiness Directive) has been imposed on the seat belts of the ASK 21. This means that aerobatics are prohibited until new belts have been procured. New belts have been sourced and we are now just waiting on the delivery. The belts will be coming from Germany and hopefully be here in the near future.

GME – New seat belt harnesses have been manufactured and these have now been fitted. The rudder adjustment cable has been removed as it was not functioning due to the outer cable housing being damaged. A new cable is on its way, once again from Germany. *HOT OFF THE PRESS!*.....as I was about to publish this newsletter the cable has arrived at my door so I am off to the club to fit it.

General – If you notice a defect with any of the gliders please ensure that it is recorded in the Defect Section of the DI Book. GME's rudder cable defect wasn't in the booklet but written up on the white board in late December, hence nothing had been done about rectifying the problem as it wasn't recorded.

We have a good fleet of gliders now which will serve the club well as long as we all do our bit in maintaining them. When the gliders are pulled out for their daily inspection they should be washed and prepped in accordance with our club rules. If you are not sure the Club Rules are located on the website.

On completion of their annual inspection, and before being reassembled, they need to be polished and waxed. This activity will require a small working bee and with four people can be accomplished easily in an afternoon. Most damage caused to club glider fleets is due to "Hangar Rash". Please be careful when moving the gliders to and from the hangar. Also, please have a re-read of the *Club Rules* in particular Section 6: Airfield Operations.

Aerobatics

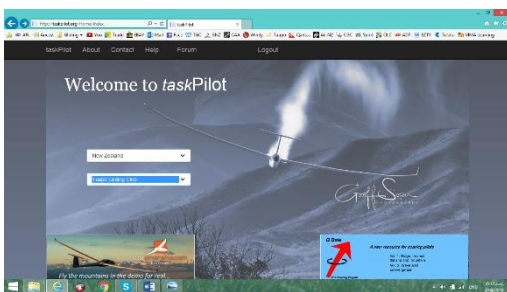
Time is running out for those that have an aerobatic rating and want to be revalidated under the provisions in AC (Advisory Circular) 2-06 – Aerobatic Flight in Gliders. Basically, you have until 30 June 2018 to be reassessed and have your logbook endorsed.

Sale

Good News! Both the PW5 – GBD and the Jantar Standard 2 – GML have found new homes. A huge Thank You to all involved in the preparation of both gliders and their trailer's to make the sales a success.



taskPilot by Trace



We had a small group turn out for the Training night which was held on the 28th of March. The rationale for this topic was and is to introduce *taskPilot*, and to show club members how to login and navigate around the site.

The whole purpose of *taskPilot* is to get new pilots to have a goal when they fly around the local area and for the more experienced pilots to set higher challenges in cross country flying.

If you haven't checked it out yet, it is now time to do so. There are a number of tasks loaded and there is still a little work to do on the details of some of the tasks, however, every task can be reviewed and flown.

All you need to do is to login to *taskPilot* via <http://taskpilot.org> select Taupo Gliding Club, register by creating a user name and password (not your bank account password) and then explore.

From home or at the club you can review the weather, choose a task, print the task and even fly the task in 3D before you enter the glider. The 3D view gives you an idea of the terrain before you even take off. Once you have selected a task, upload the waypoints into your own navigation computer, club's Oudie or the LX 8000 - if flying the ASW28, fly the task, upload the flight into *taskPilot* and check out your score. That simple!

To make the scoring **comparative** between novice and experienced pilots there are two options. Club class for novice pilots and Open for the advanced. Scoring is done by using the glider's FAI handicap and some smoke and mirror technology in the programme.

I believe it is a great programme and we will all enjoy using it.

New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- Jolyon Reeves, and
- Ken Hunter

Upcoming Events

Just a quick reminder about the following events.

- Youth Glide minicamp has unfortunately been cancelled
- Airmanship competition – 12 May – 03 June
- GNZ AGM – 9/10 June
- Annual Dinner and AGM – 16/17 June

Humour



TGCs Club Manager trialing the latest gliding apparel.....?

Competition – For the best caption.

Email Trace with your thoughts.