

Outlanding

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter - August 2021

OK, this is my first attempt at a Newsletter for the club, so excuse me if not up to the high standards set by Nick & Trace in the past, I will improve next month hopefully.

My intention is to get one out every month, hopefully, once we all get out of lockdown I will have more to write about sadly I currently (Temporarily) live on the wrong side of the Bombays (by only a couple of Kms) so I have an added disadvantage, there is only so much cleaning and fiddling on GSP I can do in my Garage. Roll on summer and hopefully bye bye Covid.

Neil

Hugh's Newsletter Content #1 (Pre Lockdown)

Greetings all.

Things are looking up! Things are getting towed up! It feels as though summer is on the way at last, and activity at the Club is picking up. Ivan tells me this July's figures are better than each of the the last two Julys, so well done.

We have a new committee with some new blood and a bonus in the Club Captain position with not one but two holders. Thanks to you all for stepping up.

Lately, I have been seeing more people doing little things around the Club when they can see that it needs doing, which is great - keep it up.

GSS is still away getting its new coat, but barring unforeseen circumstances she will be back before the end of next month.

For the first time in a long time we have had an application to build a new hangar, so that too is a positive sign for the Club. Discussions are still in progress, but it may be that there will be even more than one to be built. Watch this space.

It's not long now - less than three months - to the first (and best!) competition of the year - the Central Plateau Championships, starting on the 31st October (practice day on the 30th) and finishing on Nov 6th. We will need a good team of helpers for this, so contact Tom or myself or Rob Lyon if you would like to be a part of it. We will need grid runners (free instruction on the day if you need it!), radio operators, kitchen helpers, timekeepers, retrieve drivers, tow-off-the-runway drivers, cleaners, carriers, you name it, we need it! It's always a great atmosphere at competition time, so please do come if you can. Put it in your diary.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for your support of the Taupo Gliding Club. As Fred Dagg would have said, WE DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY WE ARE, MATE!
We don't know how lucky we are.

Hugh's Newsletter Content #2 (During Lockdown)

We are in Level 4 (soon to be Level 3) lockdown, so there is no gliding. That will be reviewed at Level 2.

However, there is still plenty you can do from home. Get familiar with the HUGE amount of resources available to you on the web, starting with our own Club website. Log in to the Members section and see what's there. Read what's there. Then log in to other websites, and literally, the sky's the limit! Start with the GNZ website and follow the links. Have a look at the new training syllabus. Go to Moodle and follow some of the links there - you will be amazed at the wealth of material on gliding. Look out for GNZ webinars, or look up some of Tim Bromhead's excellent tutorials on YouTube.

Stay safe, and enjoy your virtual soaring!

Your Committee

Just an update about your committee, we normally meet the Wednesday before the 20th each month. Nowadays this is done by Zoom as opposed to in person at the clubhouse. This was a change that occurred because of Covid but has turned out to be a very successful way of conducting meetings

We can sit at home, in front of Laptops & PC's with a nice glass of Red or a Ice cold beer, and the meetings flow seamlessly with Hugh managing the zoom processes.

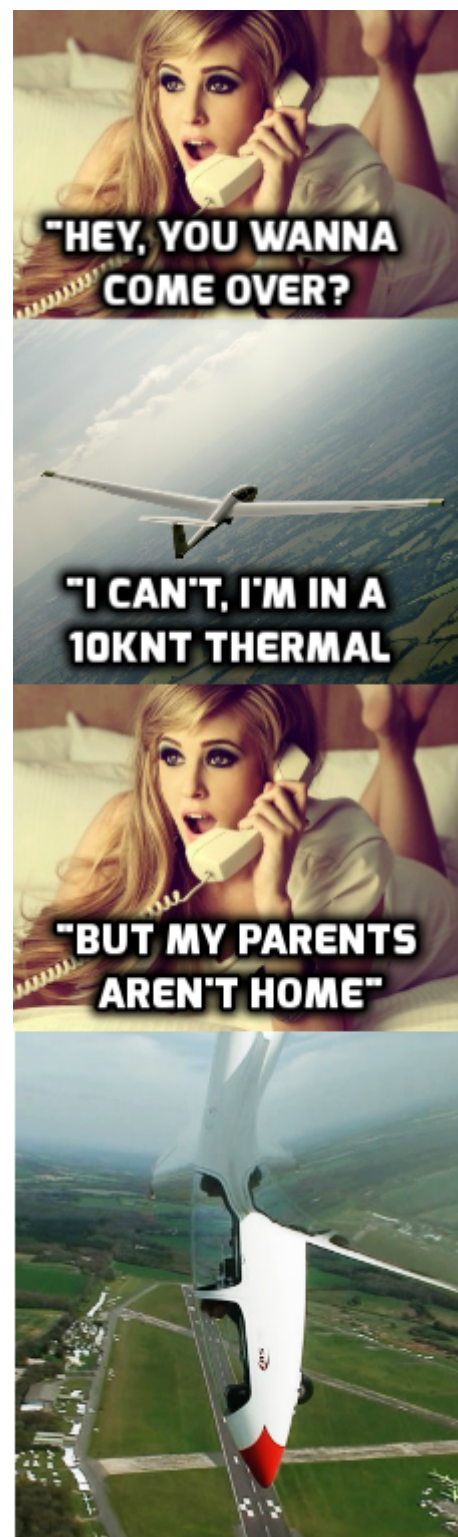
What do we do talk about ?

Most of it is usually pretty boring, signing off the payments to be made for the month and reading Ivan's detailed analysis of Income vs Costs (he does a good job & we are very grateful for his input) but occasionally we do end up opening up a Pandora's Box

An example is where do we put more hangars? the question arose when two member said they were keen to build (two) This started off as an easy question but the further some dug into council rules concerning boundaries and the spacing needed between hangars required it rapidly turned into a nightmare. Needless to say solutions have been found but not before dozens of emails and sketches flew back and fourth over the Interweb.

More will be said about these in the coming months as council approvals are sought, oh and before I forget we need to first get our lease on the airfield with the Taupo Council for the next 20+ years.

Hopefully this Will be a formality - "Yeah Right"



Me flying on
a weekend



Me flying a
comp



The Central Plateau Soaring Comp - Oct 2021

Its starting to loom up on very fast, Covid lockdowns don't help.

Last week the groundwork was laid out in a short zoom meeting.

Rob Lyon is to be the CD,

Neil, Trev & Bill are offering to do a range of meals as we are trying to have dinners available onsite

At least 5 of the 7 nights.

The biggest need is to have people to be Wing Runners so if you can spare a day of two (or more) the committee will be eternally grateful. We really need two each day.

Central Plateau Soaring Comp, Taupo, 30th Oct ~ 6th Nov 2021

First comp of the NZ season is not to be missed in sunny Taupo.
CD will be Rob Lyon so expect a fun comp with daily prizes.

We also have 4 twin rooms plus plenty of caravan & tenting sites.
Email: Tom on gliding@reap.org.nz for room bookings, first in first served.
We are also planning to have onsite dinners most nights.

Early Bird registration entry is \$180 before 31Sept \$210 thereafter.

Register Online at <https://gliding.net.nz/events/>



And Finally ...

For those that fly SH Gliders, they have put out their latest digital magazine

https://www.schempp-hirth.com/fileadmin/Minimoa/Minimoa_Sn6_July_2021.pdf

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