

The Flypaper



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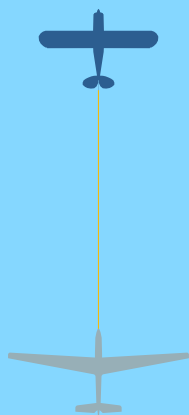
6th Apr 2018

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Saturday 14th April 2018

Open day from 11am and dinner at 6pm

Venue MSC clubrooms



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Royden Hooker being congratulated by CFI Bob Gray on attaining QGP 24th Feb 2018

Derek Shipley in his latest glider to be based at Matamata. Jantar MJ. By a strange set of circumstances he had already purchased Jantar ML, so now has the whole NZ fleet. He might find it difficult to fly 2 gliders so no doubt will have one of them up for sale.



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Plans for our 60th celebrations are well in hand. There are 110 attending lunch and the day's festivities with a further 52 registered for dinner. Joining us for the day are approx. 20 farmers from the land-out slips everyone has filled out over the last 12 months. There are still a lot of people who have said they are coming for "dinner" but have not registered on the web site. Just go to

http://www.glidingmatamata.co.nz/events/piako_gliding_club_s_60th_annive/ The cut-off date is the 10th, but it does make things a bit tricky if everyone leaves it to the last day. Please also keep our treasurer happy, by paying for the dinner on-line as per the web site details.

We are keen to get club and private gliders on display in front of the club house. Hopefully we can get a photo towards the end of the day, with all the fleet as we did for the 40th. The aero club are also having a fly in and parachutes will be operating, so lots of activity happening.

There is a working bee on Saturday 7th (yes that's tomorrow) to clean the clubhouse, mow grass, gardening, fixing the BBQ, clean the club hangar. Project is starting at 10-30am and should all be done in a couple of hours. If anyone has a water blaster (the more the better), ladder or cleaning material, please bring along. Sausage rolls for lunch.

Steve & Genny



Tow pilot Scott Montagu's new toy "TNT" a Corby Starlet.

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Couple of stories from Ian Findlayson

In the late 1960's when the original Piako Aero Club was in terminal decline there was considerable animosity and ill feeling against the newer flourishing and vigorous Piako Gliding Club. One morning Brian Kosoof "Kooz" and myself were first to arrive at the Airfield to find the old iron road gate securely padlocked and several Aero Club members sitting at their club house grinning their heads off. Brian who was a farm water pump specialist glanced at me and we moved to the other end of the gate where we lifted it off it's hinges and threw it in the hedge !! We drove past a gobsmacked and silent assembly on the way to getting our operations underway. The animosity seemed to die a natural death !! Brian who suffered from polio when he was young had a withered leg and wore a built up boot. Ian Pryde who was one of the founders of the Soaring Centre often chided Brian, usually after a few beers, as being "the Arab with a puckaroo boot".

17 Oct 1987. I was towing in BZA for an Air Training Corps flying experience day. Fortunately Sandy Norman was in the back seat of the ASK13 ready to face the impending drama. After 4 perfectly normal tows the lift off for the 5th was going well until i detected a slight burning smell. After checking that all the instruments were normal i was approaching about 300 feet when without warning the engine suddenly stopped dead. Luckily Sandy had just enough height to complete a 180 degree turn back onto the airfield. All I could hear was Ken Fenwick from Waikato Aero Club days shouting down the gosport in the Tiger Moth to "go straight ahead - go straight ahead" when practicing simulated engine failure. My only option was some tiny pad-docks just to the East of Waharoa village which were ring fenced with barberry hedges.

My plan was to leapfrog a hedge and plonk BZA on the other side. The plonking sort of went OK but one wing caught top of the hedge and severely damaged the leading edge. The muffler in BZA was mounted across the firewall just above the fuel pump [design flaw?]. When the newly tested muffler blew apart at the seams it vaporized the fuel in the pump. I suppose all's well that end's well. Sandy and I argued about who reached their release toggle first. About 12 months later the farmer brought back the tow rope so we declared a dead heat !!



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David Johnson in RA above
and Tim Bromhead in BA on
a busy 24th Feb 2018



One of Piako's first
Tow Plane's. It will
around on the 14th
and hopefully, doing
some vintage towing

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A young Roger Brown.
Cool mutton chops
Roger!

Tracey Gore with BZA;
then and more recent.



On Line Competition

name	Flights	Duration	<u>Overall Points</u> <u>OLC-Plus</u>	Speed-OLC average Speed
Tim Bromhead	23	88:16:00	5,684.81	61.84
Bob Gray	20	66:41:00	4,005.17	60.05
Tony Davies	19	51:59:00	3,744.66	53.69
DP Jensen	15	54:11:00	3,648.50	75.88
Malcolm Piggott	23	59:30:00	3,073.87	35.5
Steven Care	15	43:37:00	2,636.04	54.16
Sarel Venter	26	49:25:00	2,523.83	25.38
David Dennison	10	24:51:00	1,363.97	42.64
Genevieve Healey	7	15:33	932.42	26.92
Maurice Weaver	4	10:50	850.29	76.22
Bill Mace	2	4:17	364.51	67.03
Neil Raymond	2	2:58	338.51	60.16
Noel Bailey	2	1:41	42.49	2.08

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OLC NZ Club

	Points	Club	Km	Flights	Pilots
1	46,695.63	GlideOmarama.com	47,064.63	181	5
2	34,495.27	Auckland Gliding Club	37,712.29	165	16
3	29,209.11	Piako Gliding Club	29,118.65	168	13
4	16,956.01	Gliding Wellington	17,062.77	44	4

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UPCOMING EVENTS

This Saturday 7th Apr 2018	Club working bee 10-30am
Saturday 14th April 2018	60th Anniversary day
25th April 2018	Anzac day flying from 12pm
11th, 12th & 13th May 2018	Morrinsville ATC
26th & 27th May 2018	Waikato Rangers—winching
4th June 2018	Queens Birthday flying

Weather for this weekend 7th & 8th April ——— Ridge flying!!!

