

October-November 2023

# RAANZ RECPILOT



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## WELCOME TO THE October-November 2023 RecPilot

Well, I have passed my medical exam, so apparently, I can drive a truck! My wee plane is getting through its extended maintenance, with new fuel lines and cleaned out tanks - thanks to some hard work by a couple of good friends in my club.

That shows the value of the comradery and shared wisdom that you get from a club, and a group of mutually supportive friends. To whom I say – ‘Thank you!’

Brian Greenwood, editor@raanz.co.nz

**Cover** – Another of the more popular microlights available in New Zealand – the ICP Savannah S. This one belongs to the ZK-SGC Syndicate and is seen operating from Rangiora Airfield last March.

**This page** – Rans S6 ZK-KNI on short finals for the spot landing competition held at the RAANZ 2017 National Fly in. Pober Pixie Pathfinder ZK-PXI in the background (note the distance is compressed by the extreme telephoto lens).

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## Notes from the CEO

### Scott James

Hopefully you have had better flying weather in your part of the country than we have had in Canterbury. As I write this, we have another gale NW blowing through.

Over the last few months, we have had a number of Instructor Seminars around the country with a significant percentage of our instructors attending. Thank you all who attended for giving up a day of your time. Feedback from the sessions was good, and it was a great opportunity to meet several of our members I hadn't met before.

Our AGM is in Wellington in just a few days. If you can't attend in person, we would love to see you on the Zoom call (see details below or on our Facebook page).

### AGM

November 11, 2023.

Rydges Wellington Airport. 10.30am – 2pm

- Rydges Wellington Airport Conference Centre
- Saturday 11 November
- 10:30 for 11:00 start
- Car Parking - a discounted rate of \$20.00 is available for conference delegates at the new multistorey undercover car park at the Wellington Airport. It is a brief 1-minute walk from the car park across to the main entrance of the hotel making Rydges Wellington Airport the most convenient place for the AGM.
- Formal Notice, Agenda, Nomination form, Remit form is posted on our website.
- Financials and Reports will be posted on our website following presentation at the AGM.

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic people to join the RAANZ Executive. If you would like to contribute, get your nomination form in asap!

Planning is now well underway for the 2024 Hokitika Fly-in (see details on page 3). Hopefully the weather will play ball, and we will have a great weekend. Get it in your calendar now.



We will also offer Zoom attendance, as we have done in the past (Link below)

Join the Exec! Our survey showed that only a few are willing to put their hands up. It isn't the easiest of roles, but it is rewarding to give something back to the sport. There are all sorts of skills required in the Executive. If you are not sure and would like more information on the requirements, please feel free to give me, or one of the other Exec members a call to chat.


The Executive nomination form can be found using this link:

<http://www.raanz.org.nz/AGM/2023agm/AGM2023nomination.pdf>

**Join us by Zoom!** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85702171281?pwd=bO4YYzehbL59r1DgaF5JZ3qvSs4abM.1>

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## National Fly-in – Hokitika 2024

2024 RAANZ Annual Fly-in

Hokitika Airport, February 03-06, 2024

Local advice suggests accommodation will be at a premium so early bookings are advised. We suggest visitors do this through the Hokitika iSite:

<https://hokitikainfo.co.nz>

At this point we anticipate some camping sites will be allowed airside.

More information as plans firm up.

**Scott James**

**RAANZ CEO and VP**





## RAANZ Operations

Rodger Ward

We have recently concluded a nationwide series of Instructor Refresher seminars and I am reminded of the great pool of Instructor experience we have. A snapshot of the last 3 seminars gave some very impressive averages. I.e. An average 32 years and an average of 8500 hours in the business.

We are very fortunate to have this base as one great All Black captain once said, "we are not playing tiddly winks". While our sport can generate lots of enjoyment at the end of the day it is actually very serious business.

We have unfortunately been reminded of that seriousness with the recent fatal accident at Omaka.

Our condolences and sympathy go to all those associated with this tragic event.

The latest CAA Vector magazine recently arrived in my letter box. It contains significant information regarding this seriousness, and I encourage you all to take some time to digest the information contained in it in some detail. All members should have received a copy of the Vector Magazine. If not, it is available on the CAA website.

Regards,

Rodger Ward

RAANZ Ops.

Current Vector magazine online:

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/safety/education/vector-magazine/latest-issue-of-vector/>



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## Glenn Martin's flight to the Chathams

Words: Brian Greenwood

Photos: Deane Philip, Glenn Martin, Aaron Murphy

On Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Glenn Martin achieved a significant goal – a solo trans-oceanic flight from Rangiora to the Chatham Islands!

That's a fantastic achievement – I caught up with Glenn a couple of days after his return and hastily scribbled these notes.

As most of our readers will know, the Chatham Islands are a group of small islands about 800 km east of New Zealand and are New Zealand Sovereign territory.

"The Chathams are 074° magnetic from Rangiora – I took off and basically extended the upwind leg for 800 kilometres", quipped Glenn.



**Heading photo**, Glenn is interviewed for local media on his safe return (**Aaron Murphy photo**)

**Right**, strapping in immediately prior to departure (**Deane Philip photo**)



The cloud base was only around 1000' at the coast, but further out he could see clear air and the sun shining off the ocean. The escorting aircraft (Vanessa Martin in her Savannah, Frank Barker and Deane Philip in their 701s) turned back at the coast and Glenn climbed to his cruising altitude of 10,000' in a series of steps.



Radio frequencies were set – 129.4 plus a listen out on the International Remote and Oceanic frequency, 123.45. The good folk at Air Chathams were very helpful, providing weather updates for the route and the destination.

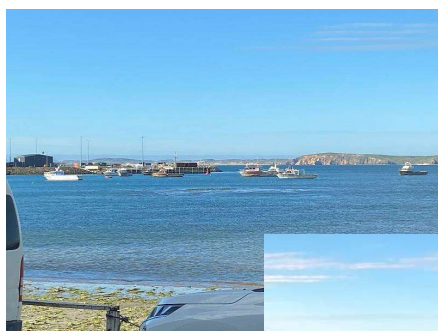
With a 20-knot tail wind, the Sting cruised at 90 knots indicated, which was 105 knots TAS and 125 Ground speed (sea speed? Surface speed?).

After burning 65 litres of fuel (of the 175 litres on board!), Glenn and ZK-MTN landed on the main airfield at the Chathams at 0105 UTC – an elapsed time of 4.6 hours.

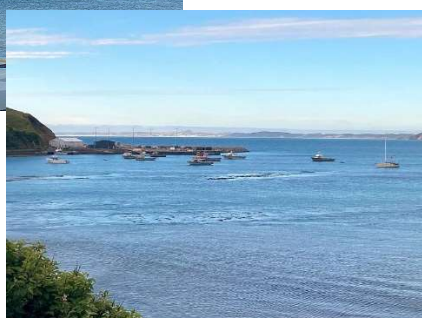


*Above, nobody could accuse the flight of being unprepared! The top two yellow packages are the grab bag of emergency supplies on the left, and the life raft. Also visible are the Spidertracks and additional fuel tank. (Aaron Murphy photo)*

After arriving, the first person that Glenn met, unexpectedly, was an old flat mate from 20 years prior!



*Right, photos courtesy Aaron Murphy*



*Above and right, two photos of the main settlement, Waitangi (Glenn Martin photos)*



Day two was spent touring, which included a museum at Kaingaroa visit to see the former RNZAF Sunderland, NZ4111, which beached in the lagoon in 1959 (*above*).

On Day three he packed in a 2-hour circumnavigation flight around the Chathams, and an excursion to land on Pitt Island, roughly 30 nm offshore.

Day four saw the return flight to Rangiora, again at 10,000 feet, reducing to 4,000 feet for the last 150 nautical miles due to cloud cover. An average groundspeed of 105 knots saw a flight time of 5.1 hours.

Glenn and ZK-MTN were welcomed back to NZRT by a small group of very relieved and happy club members.



Whilst Glenn is first to acknowledge previous flights (two Microlights flew there in 2004), we think this is a fantastic and unusual achievement, worthy of celebrating.

Nicely done, Glenn.

## Membership Changes

### Stuart Parker

Name	Club	Certificate	Update
John O’Leary	NZ Autogyro Association	Advanced National	Upgrade
Benjamin Craig Riach	Nelson Microlight Club	Novice	Joined
Walter Taber	Wairarapa Aero Club	Senior Flight Instr.	Upgrade
Bruce Anderson	Gyrates Flying Club	Senior Flight Instr.	Upgrade
Kelvin Kent	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Exam
Christopher Rea	West Coast Microlight Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Peter James Lyttle	Associate	Novice	Joined
William Brunt	Associate	Novice	Joined
Andrew Campbell	Associate	Advanced National	Upgrade
Asha Kay-Taylor	Associate	Advanced Local	Joined
Phillip Rees	Associate	Flight Instructor	Upgrade
Stacey Mehrtens	Waimate Aero Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Mark Faulks	Associate	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Martin Taylor	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Zane Fremaux	Manawatu Aviation Club	Advanced Local	Joined
Darren Saunders	Whangarei Flying Club	Novice	Membership
Sean Mickleburgh	Associate	Advanced National	Upgrade
Dino Damiani	Associate	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Kwok Hung Tong	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Exam
Hamish McLagan	Associate	Novice	Exam
James Evans	Associate	Advanced National	Exam
Caitlin Boddy	West Coast Microlight Club	Novice	FRTTO
Warren Matthews	Associate	Novice	Exam
Jeremy O’Hanlon	Associate	Novice	Exam
Jared MacDonald	Associate	Novice	Joined
Edward Spry	Associate	Novice	Exam
Lucas John Colman	Rodney Aeroclub	Novice	FRTTO
Christopher Simcock	Associate	Novice	Joined
Nicholas Mulligan	Whangarei Flying Club	Novice	Exam
James David Work	Feilding Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Woodrow Foster	Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club	Senior Flight Instr.	Joined
Craig Russell Riley	Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club	Senior Flight Instr.	Joined
Nigel Charles Parnall-Gilbert	Associate	Novice	Joined
Gregory Douglas	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Joined
Craig Keenan	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Joined
Maxwell Brooke Stevens	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Joined
James Mason Mist	Hawkes Bay and East Coast Aero Club	Novice	Exam
Ryan Garry Spinks	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Mark Fleming	Matamata Aero Club	Novice	Joined
David Crouch	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Joined





Name	Club	Certificate	Update
Simon Richard Kelly	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Nathen Paul Clarke	Associate	Senior Flight Instr.	Membership
Martin Pattie	Associate	Novice	Exam
Charlotte Green	Feilding Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Phillip Rouen Beale	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Richard von Sturmer	Gyrat Flying Club	Advanced National	Joined
Philip John Olson	West Coast Microlight Club	Senior Flight Instr.	Joined
Leroy David Benjamin Ent	Waikato Microlight Club	Novice	Joined
Ryan Marsden	Associate	Novice	Joined
Henry Muller	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Thomas Johannes Maxim Eberhard	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Novice	Joined
Christianne Fredrique Eberhard	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Novice	Joined
Joep Henricus Antonie	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Novice	Joined
Ian Donald Simpson	Associate	Novice	Joined
Yanick Eugene Maria Eberhard	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Novice	Joined
Isabella Cutler	Associate	Novice	Joined
Gregory Mark Chapman	Associate	Novice	Joined
Christopher Lee Stevenson	Associate	Novice	Joined

## Admin Notes

### Stuart Parker

Two payments that I can't match with members or applicants: DM Hair 15 Sept \$80 - LJ Frogley 09 Oct \$80

Please e-mail [admin@raanz.org.nz](mailto:admin@raanz.org.nz) if you have any information on these.

*Right, a superb view of Kaikoura Airfield taken by Aaron Murphy in 2021.*

*© Aaron Murphy 2021*



## VALE Sir Tim Wallis

The Editor would like to express, on behalf of RAANZ, our condolences to the family and friends of Sir Tim Wallis on his passing.

Sir Tim passed away peacefully at his home in Wanaka on Tuesday afternoon, the 24<sup>th</sup> of October. His memorial service was held at Wanaka Airport on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>.

The good folks at Warbirds over Wanaka are thinking of a suitable way of honouring Sir Tim's life and work during next year's Air show.

Blue Skies, Sir Tim.

Thanks to the Warbirds over Wanaka newsletter for the great photo.



## Kaikoura Aero Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Kaikoura Aero Club are holding their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on the weekend of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There are 3 Scenarios set for Saturday 2 December day:

- Clear day and great for a cross country opportunity to either Parikawa and Cape Campbell or Hanmer and Culverden. Gather at the Kaikoura Aero Club by 9am for a BBQ breakfast.
- Conditions allow only for flying activities locally at Kaikoura Aerodrome where competitions will take place. Gather at the Kaikoura Aero Club by 9am for a BBQ Breakfast.
- Weather conditions require ground activities only. Gather by road to a designated venue at Noon.

We will email you of the decided option on 28 November, 4 days prior to the 2 December.

The Evening function on the Saturday 2 December will be located at Donegal House, Schoolhouse Road, Kaikoura from 1700hrs.

There is accommodation available at Donegal House and we are using this venue as the recommended lodging option. Contact to book your bed 03 3195083 or [donegalhouse@xtra.co.nz](mailto:donegalhouse@xtra.co.nz).

Please register your interest at <https://form.jotform.com/krons2020/kaikoura-aero-club-40th> for updates and to be added to the WhatsApp group for further information.





## A Day at Rangiora

### Brian Greenwood

I spent most of last weekend (28-29<sup>th</sup> October) wandering around Rangiora airfield and happened to have my camera and everyday lens with me. Here's a selection of the least blurry shots.

**Top**, the view down 25 with Skyranger ZK-JAY departing and Alpi Pioneer 300 entering the runway. The CRAC clubhouse is the brown building in front of the hangars. **Left and below**, the beautiful Chilton D.W.1 was out and about, too.





**Top left,** Gardan Minicab ZK-DMM enjoying the blue skies.

**Top right,** Cessna 172RG ZK-NBC departs with a couple of Geese watching on and providing a hazard.

**Below left,** One of TieUpp Aviation's Pipistrel Trainers (LSA Reg'd) – think this is their second, ZK-FTD (Fly to Dream) with the Air New Zealand Flying Club's Reims Cessna 172 ZK-NAC in the foreground.

**Below right,** one of my favourite aircraft on the field is Piper PA-22 Pacer ZK-BLE. Originally built as a tricycle undercarriage Tri Pacer, it's obviously been converted to a tail wheel undercarriage.



**Above left and right,** Zenith Zodiac CH601-XL was parked in front of the Chilton in the first picture, shown here taxiing for Runway 25, and subsequently taking off.

**Next Page - top left,** Emirates A380 looks to be on an overhead join for NZRT 25, but is, in fact, on approach for Christchurch's runway 20.

**Next Page - top right,** one of the many natural hazards on the field, a honey bee nearing its maximum AUW with two large sacks of pollen attached to the rear luggage compartments.





**Above,** a very happy CRAC President, Iain McPhail, beside his build project Karatoo. It's really cool to be able to see the care and attention to detail that's gone in to this aircraft.

**Right,** Another Karatoo, ZK-KTW, awaits it's next flight. If you can see a large hoop in the hangar, it's a contraption that Iain was working on, which will allow wings to be painted and rotated without having to lay the wing on the newly painted surface to paint the other side.



**Right,** another visitor to the field was a replica Spitfire. I didn't get a decent shot of it (I did have work to do, after all!) but I did see that it looked like it had an "H" under the propeller.

That feature would make it neither of these, but it is a good shot taken at NZRT a few years ago.

