



Recreational Pilot e-zine

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RAANZ 2017 National Fly-in

Got any images, reports, war stories from the fly-in?
[Send them to the editor](#) and we will include them in the next edition.

From the President- No, not *that* one- the other one!

Rodger Ward/RAANZ President

Another National Fly in has been and gone. The weather Gods relaxed for a few days, got rid of most the fog that had been bothering Canterbury and delayed the rain in order for folks to get away. Up to 40 aircraft visited Rangiora ranging from ultramodern plastic fantastics to very first generation rag and tube.

We are extremely fortunate to have a Rules framework that allows for all these types. They all have their place with none more important than any other.

A lot of familiar faces were present and quite a few newer members, which is quite healthy for the sport. We are also extremely fortunate that we do have a wealth of experience and skills in our group that does keep the ship on an even keel. The camaraderie associated with this group is great. Broken prop? We can sort that. Engine won't start? We can sort that.

Thanks to the local club members and organisers who rolled their sleeves up to ensure the weekend went ahead successfully. Thanks also to the owners of Forest Field Airfield for making their facility available for the landing competition and also to Ivan Campbell for making Loburn Abbey available.

Thanks also to everyone who made the effort and attended. Without your support we do not have an event.

With every Fly in we do present a few awards.

This year

- Spot Landing. John Bolton-Riley
- Best Presented Aircraft. Alan Warner
- Best Engineered Aircraft. Wayne Richmond
- Longest Flight. Willie Morton
- Sportsman Award. CRAC Executive.

Well done to all the winners. I know there is some fierce competition involved with some of these. Next year's event will be at ????

The weekend was tempered somewhat with the double fatality Microlight crash south of Dunedin on Sunday morning. I know there was some anxious time until we confirmed none of our party who had headed south were involved. While those involved were not part of our group they were microlighters and it was a tragic morning for our sport. Our condolences go to the families and friends of those involved.

One of the topics that has created quite a bit of work for the executive lately is the reporting and publication of incident data. We are working closely with CAA to ensure that data collection is accurate and reflects the true state of our sport. I think we are making progress in this area.

One area where we don't get much feedback from is the "lucky stuff". ie Those situations where no breaking of rules occurred but good luck saved the day. In my view achieving by good luck is not really achieving. If these situations are not recorded then others may not learn from them and the next person who does the same thing may not be so lucky.

We are working with CAA to get an online reporting system up and running to make reporting of the "lucky stuff" easy. Watch this space.

Safe Flying,
Regards,
Rodger Ward 03 3599671 0274932943

NOTAMs

Al Millar/Kaiapoi

Just a beware, I'm one of those who is not great with this electronic information thing and have always had problems getting NOTAMs off the net, anyway I am aware that there are NOTAMs issued for Rangiora for the Fly in this last weekend.

I google NOTAMs NZ and first up comes Airports in New Zealand- NOTAMs, select Rangiora I get the current WX etc and an advise" NO NOTAM issued for this airport", this is incorrect and I suggest staying well clear of this site.

I've now found after good advice IFIS mobile app where the information is correct.

Editor's note:

The **only** reliable place to get NOTAMs is direct from Airways.

Other sites may capture and aggregate NOTAMs from around the world, but they are only as good as their last scan, which may be well out of date. Don't use them!

On your PC, go to the [IFIS website](#)

On your smart phone, download and use the **IFISmobile** app

Followmee

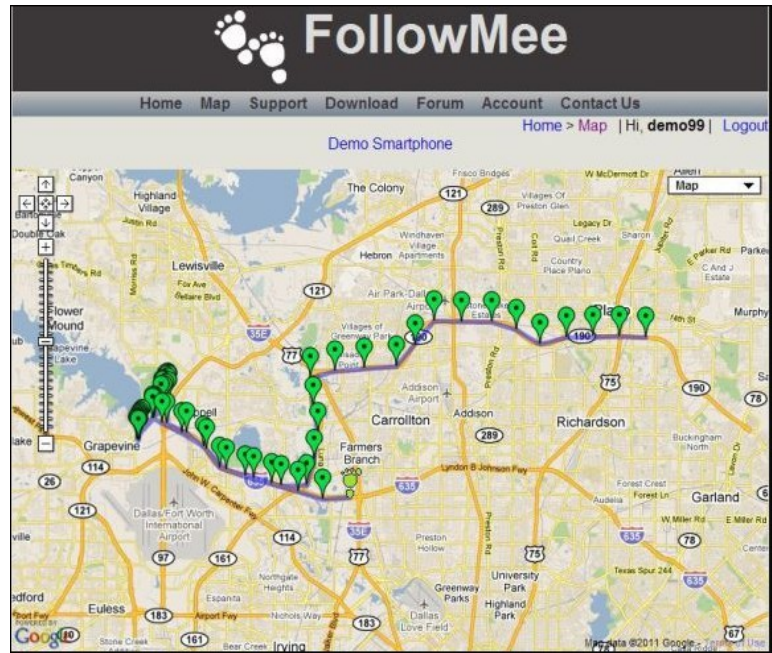
Ian Boag/Feilding

I found a breadcrumb-dropping tracking app for Android phones -poor man's SpiderTrack.

Works only where there is cell coverage, is not patched into the search and rescue guys etc but for many cases of "where is the plane?" would work fine.

You go to Cash Converters and buy the cheapest Android phone you can find. I paid \$30 for a basic Huawei one. Put in a SIM card - a basic data-only one with 500 MB/mo (which would be oodles) is \$15/mo. If you have a normal Spark acct with more data on it then you can share the data in which case the SIM cost is \$8/mo. The app is [Followmee](#) - de luxe version (required) costs a one-time

\$US6.99.



Hardwire a USB charger into the plane so the thing works automatically. I think you have to turn the phone on, but that's it. The phone lives in the plane it is a tracker, not a phone. It stops pinging when you stop moving.

Followmee run a website where you can see the breadcrumbs for your phone. Last hour, 3 hours, 8 hours, 5 days whatever. Breadcrumb frequency can so set to anything from 1 minute to a couple of hours.

You can geofence it so it doesn't get cluttered up with tracks from people doing circuits or whatever.

And now for something completely different



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Membership changes

Iain Blyth	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Michael Glen	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Allan Dillon	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Kevin Flynn	Fiordland Aero Club	Advanced Local	Joined
Ashok Abhyankar	Waikato Microlight Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
John Barrat	Gyrate Flying Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Bruce Anderson	Gyrate Flying Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Cris Lawry	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Sinead Dunne	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Derek Simmons	Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Robert Bradnock	Feilding Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Matthew Wilkins	Feilding Flying Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Liam Gahegan	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Kyle McBeth	Whangarei Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Zheng Qiu Yang	Feilding Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Iain Anderson	Parakai Aviation Club	Novice	Joined
Scott Walker	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Joined
Bruce Gardner	Associate	non-flying	Joined
Jacob Knight	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Robert Hilligan	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Trevor Pentecost	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Stephan Bosman	Coromandel Flying Club	Advanced National	Joined
Ingmar Frei	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Kevin Maurice	Gyrate Auckland	Novice	Joined
John Booth	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined
Patrick Hodgson	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Barry Mowat	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined