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Get Home Safe tracking/alerting service

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I saw a great suggestion for flight following using a mobile phone in the previous newsletter.

I also came across a kiwi made one years ago that is great for lodging flight plans with friends, and if you spend 20 cents on a text and email they can also track you. It utilises a SAR time in the cloud as it's primary alerting service, and caches your waypoints if you're out of cell coverage before updating as soon as you're back in coverage. It drops a pin with your current location and battery percentage every 2 mins, and can be used for everything from walking, driving, flying, boating etc.

It also has a panic button for immediate help.

It's free to download, and comes with a few free texts for alerts, then you preload some more on at 20 cents per person/alert. You don't need to send a copy of the flight plan every time, it just needs a credit to alert, which saves money if no one is needed to keep an eye on your flight. (20 cents is still cheaper than any other flight watch I know of).

It's called 'Get Home Safe'. Downloadable off the App Store for your phone/tablet.

It's probably worth mentioning for those fractionally uncurrent with radioing up airways, ***it's still free to call Flight Information (FISCOM) and leave a current position/ETA/and any other info with them, even without a flight plan lodged with IFIS.*** It works well hand in hand with a tracking app.

Get Home Safe - Personal Safety App



Free App - Unlimited Use - GPS & heaps more

The free Get Home Safe - Personal Safety app is simply a smarter and safer way of telling others what you are doing!

Simply use the App to set yourself a safety timer for when you are "home safe" from whatever you are doing, add a few details, and head off to do what you were going to do! Your plans are shared with your contact for real time GPS updates and any notes you make along the way.

Check-in when you are 'home safe' and job done. Simple as that. Use the Get Home Safe app next time you head out and do what you do.

Check-in Along the way

One of the beauties of Get Home Safe is you can use the app to set a Recurring Safety Timer to check-in during an activity, not just when you are home safe. You can check-in every minute walking home after dark or every hour when cycling, boating or Hiking.

Why use the App?

GetHomeSafe was founded on the idea that the most important phone call you will ever want to make is a phone call for help that you can't make.

Tracking what you do with GetHomeSafe provides both a fun way to share what you are doing in real time and the reassurance of a fail-safe alerting system to call for help if it all goes wrong and you can't call for help yourself.

That is right, no matter what happens to you or your phone GetHomeSafe will send an alert if your safety timer runs out. No coverage, no battery and a drowned phone, no worries, the GetHomeSafe servers will send an alert on your behalf.

When to use the App?

You choose when and why to use it, basically any time you want the reassurance of an alert being sent if you can't call for help yourself and/or you want to share your live GPS tracking with those waiting at home for your safe arrival.

The top Five most common uses are:

- Walking Home
- Long distance Driving
- Recreational Flying
- Cycling
- Hiking

There are many other common uses like fishing, mountain biking, hunting, boating and even going on a date. It is completely up to you when to use the app.

How much will the app cost?

Get Home Safe-Personal is a free app for unlimited personal use. We do charge for SMS alerts if you want to use them over and above the email alerts.

CAA funding review- new charges

CAA have announced their new charges for services.

The main one possibly affecting microlight pilots is the ability to put participation levies on hold for aircraft that are out of service for an extended period.

[More info on the CAA website.](#)

2017 Fuel for Thought



FUEL FOR THOUGHT

*The runway behind you,
The air above you,
and the fuel you left behind...*

[Online Course >>](#)

Whether you're starving for new information, or too exhausted to find out the real gas, there's more to fuel than you think.

To understand more about the fuel system in *your* aircraft, at the seminar you'll get early access to our new online tool, *Know Your Aircraft*.

AvKiwi Safety Seminars are FREE – the remaining venues are shown here.

Auckland Tuesday 13 June, 11:00 am
ATC Hall, Ardmore Aerodrome

Tuesday 13 June, 7:00 pm
Auckland Aero Club, Ardmore Aerodrome

Ashburton Friday 5 May, 7:00 pm
Mid Canterbury Aero Club, Ashburton Aerodrome

Blenheim (Omaka AD) Wednesday 31 May, 7:00 pm
Marlborough Aero Club, Omaka Aerodrome

Christchurch Monday 15 May, 3:00 pm
International Aviation Academy

Monday 15 May, 7:00 pm
Canterbury Aero Club

Dannevirke Friday 30 June, 7:00 pm
Venue TBC

Dunedin Tuesday 2 May, 7:00 pm
Mercure Leisure Lodge Hotel, 30 Duke Street, Dunedin

Franz Josef Wednesday 17 May, 7:00 pm
Air Safaris (NZ) Ltd - Terminal Building, Franz Josef Aerodrome

Gisborne Monday 26 June, 7:00 pm
Gisborne Aero Club, Gisborne Airport

Greymouth Tuesday 16 May, 7:00 pm
Greymouth Aero Club Flight Centre, Greymouth Aerodrome

Hamilton Sunday 11 June, 5:00 pm
CTC Aviation Training, 131 Boyd Road, followed by fish and chip supper

Monday 12 June, 7:00 pm
Waikato Aero Club, Steele Road, Hamilton

Hastings Thursday 29 June, 7:00 pm
No. 11 SQN ATC Drill Hall, Hastings Aerodrome (Bridge Pa)
then refreshments at Hawke's Bay and East Coast Aero Club

Invercargill Monday 1 May, 7:00 pm
Southern Wings, Airport Avenue, Invercargill

Kerikeri Friday 16 June, 7:00 pm
Bay of Islands Aero Club, Kerikeri Airport

Masterton Thursday 6 July, 07:00 pm
Wairarapa and Ruahine Aero Club, Hood Aerodrome

Motueka Tuesday 30 May, 4:15 pm
Nelson Aviation College, Motueka Aerodrome

Nelson Monday 29 May, 7:00 pm
Nelson Aero Club, Nelson Aerodrome

North Shore Wednesday 14 June, 7:00 pm
North Shore Aerodrome, Auckland

Oamaru Wednesday 3 May, 7:00 pm
North Otago Aero Club, Oamaru Aerodrome

Queenstown Friday 19 May, 7:00 pm
St John Ambulance Building, 10 Douglas Street, Frankton

Taupo Wednesday 28 June, 7:00 pm
Suncourt Hotel and Conference Centre, 14 Northcroft Street

Tauranga Tuesday 27 June, 7:00 pm
Tauranga Aero Club, Tauranga Airport

Timaru Thursday 4 May, 7:00 pm
South Canterbury Aero Club, Timaru Aerodrome

Wanaka Thursday 18 May, 7:00 pm
St John Ambulance Centre, 4 Link Way, Wanaka

Whangarei Thursday 15 June, 7:00 pm
Whangarei Flying Club, Hangar 10, Whangarei Aerodrome

Membership changes

Vernon Brabant	Nelson Microlight Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Andrew MacKay	Manawatu Aviation Club	Advanced National	Joined
Allan Dillon	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Loren Nolan	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Connor Higgs	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Adrian Gloyn	Hawkes Bay and East Coast Aero Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Adam Houston	Feilding Flying Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Mark Sullivan	Geraldine Flying Group	Intermediate	FRTO
Andrew Drain	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Nicholas Ward	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Roger Palmer	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Gary Prouting	Geraldine Flying Group	Advanced National	Upgrade
Niall Mueller	Associate	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Michael Atkinson	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Bruce Gardner	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Matthew White	Geraldine Flying Group	Senior Flight Instructor	Joined
Barry Mowat	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Paul Dillon	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
James Fleming	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Jonathan Beadle	Bay of Plenty Microlight Assn	Novice	Joined
Cameron Marshall	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Vaughn Friedrich	Manawatu Aviation Club	Novice	Joined
Karl Meyers	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Richard Illston	Manawatu Aviation Club	Advanced National	Joined
Heather Kinghorn	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Ian Hustwick	West Coast Microlight Club	Novice	Joined
Susan Hustwick	West Coast Microlight Club	Novice	Joined
Reuben Abrahams	Associate	non-flying	Joined
Andrew Love	Geraldine Flying Group	Senior Flight Instructor	Joined