



Recreational Pilot e-zine

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Finally- some good news re MetFlight-GA

The CAA has confirmation that Government will be funding MetFlight-GA (the web based product for private pilots only) from 01 July 2015 – as part of the 2015 Budget tabled in Parliament yesterday. The funding is contained within the disbursements to Vote Transport for public weather forecasting services for the MoT-MetService public weather services contract. Well done to the MoT Team who picked up this important task.

There will be some transition issues to wash-up existing subscription payments so the actual start of the no-charge service to private pilots may be a bit later than 1 July 2015. MetService is currently assessing how quickly it can implement the IT changes needed.

Now you will be able to access the official aviation weather for free! No excuses for not checking the weather for every cross-country (and even local) flight.

I expect the user login will remain, so MetService have a record of who/what/when regarding use of the service. And that will be one of the things checked by CAA in any weather related incident. Not a good look if you are caught out in a weather incident and have not checked the weather!

Be professional- get in the habit of checking the MetFlight-GA weather before each day's flying. It's free, no excuses.

Ruahine Corner airstrip

Jeanette Lusty/CA

CAA has concerns that people are landing on Ruahine Corner Airstrip without permission from the owners – The Department of Conservation. DoC has approached CAA about their concern of observed landings.

This is a private strip and as with all private strips in New Zealand, must not be used without written permission of the owner.



Please advise all members not to land on private airstrips (without permission) including Ruahine Corner.

CAA 2015 Flight Instructor Seminars

Flight Instructor Seminar 2015 - How to Teach Met

If your efforts to teach meteorology are met with glassy-eyed stares, look no further than the 2015 Flight Instructor Seminar.

The two-day flight instructor seminars are targeted at new C-Category (Aeroplane/Helicopter), and microlight, flight instructors. However, you're welcome to register regardless of your experience.

This year's seminars will be presented by Greg Reeve, aviation meteorology instructor. Attendees will learn the principles of teaching met, how to simplify it, and how to make it interesting.

Seminar Schedule

City	Venue	Dates
Masterton	Solway Hotel	04 to 05 Aug 2015
Ashburton	Hotel Ashburton	11 to 12 Aug 2015
Auckland	Spencer on Byron Hotel	18 to 19 Aug 2015

Thanks to sponsorship from Aviation Services Limited, the CAA has been able to keep the cost of the seminar to \$160. That includes all meals and twin share accommodation.

Flight training organisations are encouraged to contribute by sponsoring the attendance of their flight instructors.

[Registration Form](#)

Post your registration form to: CAA, PO Box 3555, Wellington 6140, or email it to: finance@caa.govt.nz

RAANZ Instructors- These seminars are a good opportunity to brush up on your instructing tools and techniques. And for junior Flight Instructors, attendance meets the Instructional Techniques requirements for advancement to Senior Flight Instructor. And an opportunity to meet other Part 149 and Part 61 instructors, share your experiences and learn from each other.

Registration forms and info

Eastern Bay of Plenty- Air Safari

Pete Mullooly/EBOP

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Aviation Sports Club held their annual cross country Air Safari on Saturday 30th of May 2015. In all ten aircraft participated in the competition to win the coveted Willy Bakker trophy.

The day was perfect and all participants said that this was a most challenging and enjoyable event. Winner of the Willy Bakker trophy was Tony Unwin in his gyro ZK-MZM

The winner of the spot landing was Ray Marks in the SportsCruiser ZK-DAR.

A BBQ was held at the conclusion of the event whilst the points were collated, and prize giving followed the debrief.

If anyone else is interested to have a go in this event you are most welcome to come along and join in. We plan to hold this event each year and generally about the month of May. If you are keen to have a go you can [email me](#) your email address and I will include it in my email list.

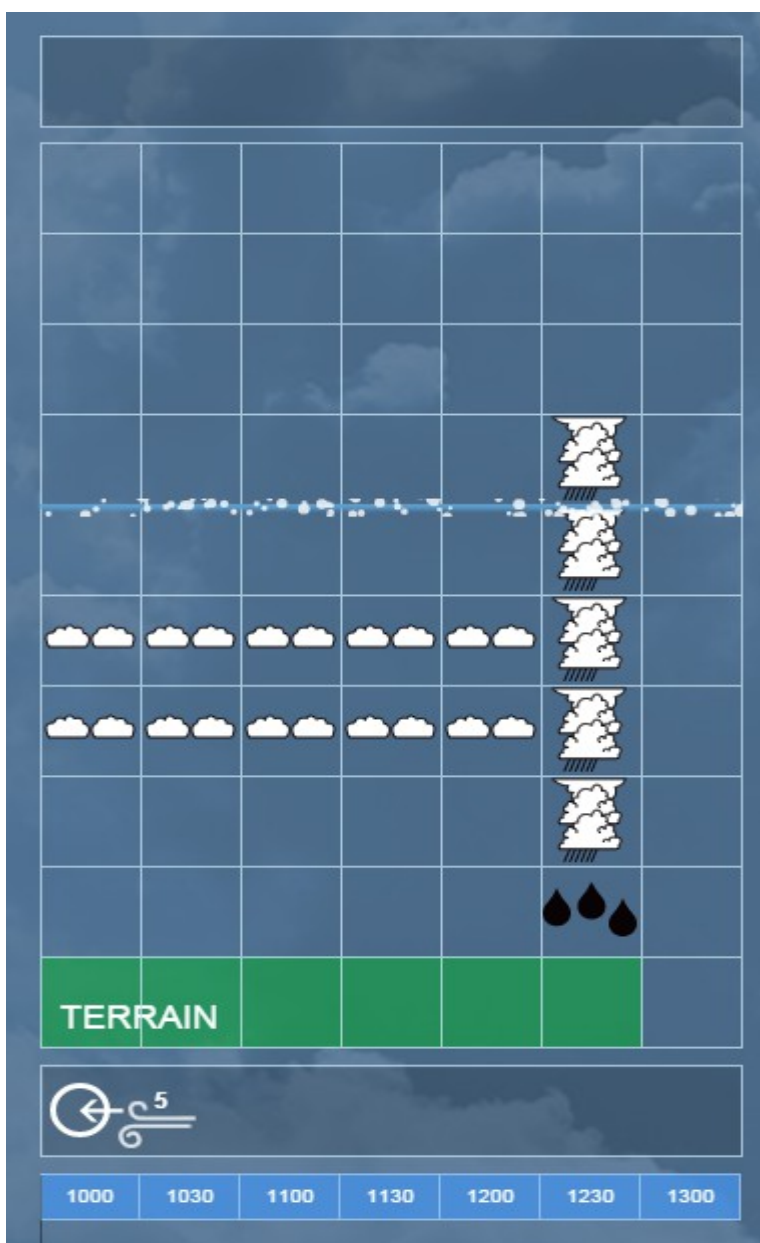
Cheers and Happy Flying.

GARFOR

The recent AvKiwi seminars introduced the concept of GARFORs- a graphical view of area (and terminal) forecasts.

The problem with a text based forecast is that all you see is words. To properly interpret those words you have to convert them into a mental picture of what the weather is going to do, and when it is going to do it.. All part of situational awareness- understanding the big picture .

This where GARFOR can help. You turn those words into a simple pictorial presentation of the weather predicted for your flight. The big white, wet, black and green bits you want to avoid, and the clear blue bits you want to fly in become obvious.



Those attending the AvKiwi seminars get priority log-in to the CAA weather app and the GARFOR toolbox. It will be opened up to all users once the seminars are complete (end of June).

Well worth a look!

Membership changes

Douglas Anderson	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Senior Flight Instructor	ATO appointment
J Thomas Grant	South Canterbury Microlight Club	Flight Instructor	Upgrade
Anton Dittmer	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Deane Philip	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Jeremy Talbot	South Canterbury Microlight Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Nicholas Cain	Gore Aero Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Nicholas Nagel-Grimshaw	Whangarei Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Michael Odering	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
John Yates	Associate- no club affiliation	Novice	Joined
Geoffrey Breaker	Opotiki Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Graham Smith	Associate- no club affiliation	Advanced National	Joined
Rod Willis	Gyrate Auckland	Novice	Joined
Connor Higgs	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
David Murray-Orr	Gore Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Alastair Macdonald	Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Reagan Humphrey	Kaitaia Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Brent Arkell	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Adam Butcher	Fiordland Aero Club	non-flying	Joined
Ross Alexander	Whangarei Flying Club	Novice	Joined
Peter Dell	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	Joined
John Richards	Geraldine Flying Group	Flight Instructor	Joined
Charles Kenny	Gore Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined
Keith Turner	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined
Quentin Macdonald	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Chia-Pu Huang	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Devon Samuel	Mercury Bay Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Colin Loker	Associate- no club affiliation	non-flying	Joined
Derek Chamberlain	Fiordland Aero Club	Novice	Joined

RANGIORA AERODROME ANNUAL SAFETY MEETING

All users invited

7pm Thursday 11 June 2015

Canterbury Aero Club Rooms (RT)

Please inform other Rangiora users

Mercury Bay RV12 project
Jim Evans/MBAC

We will be having the cabin area painted in the coming week, after this installation of the electrical fit out and commencing the construction of the empennage components



Mercury Bay Student Aviation Trust
RV12 Project Log

Date	Hours	No. of students	Job reference
13 May 2015	12:30-5pm	6	Fitting the floor panels in the cockpit. Preparing parts for the Vertical stabiliser. Sealing the fuel tank and fitting the landing gear.



What's been happening?

This week is another big week as we fit the floor panels in the cockpit. Prepare parts for the Vertical stabiliser. Close up the fuel tank so the seal can be tested and fitting the landing gear.

Fitting the floor panels in the cockpit

The first order for the day was to fit the floor panels to the central tunnel of the cockpit. In the first image Kiel Rhodes is screwing down each panel.

Preparing parts for the Vertical stabiliser

Oliver Hunt and Ruby Meek are busy prepping parts for primer paint. This entails the removal of the protective blue film that covers the sheet metal, deburring all holes and edges as demonstrated in the second image. These parts will be primed later in the week so they are ready for the following week's build.



Sealing the fuel tank

The fuel tank has come off the shelf so Matthew O'Connell and Bernadine Tanoa can put on the last of the parts to seal the tank.

Fitting the landing gear

In the last image I am helping to fit the landing to the fuselage. So the front wheel is on and the starboard assembly is currently being fitted. This procedure was a little tricky but we got there before knock off time.

Next week, the team will be assembling the vertical stabiliser and fitting the electrical components to the fuselage.

That's all, more next week.



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