

Stratford 2010 RAANZ NATIONAL FLY-IN

Some more helpful stuff.

Interest for the RAANZ Nat's Fly-in is slowly starting to appear and queries for this that and those things are showing up in my email now and the odd call. If you require any info contact me or the other two chaps listed and we will try steer ya in the right direction if not we'll tell ya a darn good Yarn.



Now we have laid on the best Navigation Aid one could have Mt Egmont /Taranaki (pick one you like the sound off) just so we are clear it's the **Pointy** looking one to the **WEST**. If you only see the Ocean you have missed it. Now it would be appreciated when flying about the mountain that you remember it is a National Park and that there is to be no littering of aircraft on it at any time. I dare say if you do the D.O.C will talk to you very sternly and send you a big bill. The mountain itself has her own set of rules and even though it maybe all blue skies etc we encourage you to ask before heading up there as she will slap (mainly when winds involved) you if she does not want you up there it just comes down to common sense. The view from top is truly spectacular and I for one never tire of it and I have been up and over at least 55 plus times now. The best trip up there was a twilight flight about 2030hrs from memory. That's the nice winter look. Followed by a Summer shot. This how you should see it probably with even less snow.



We are aiming for the Fly-in to be a good ole country affair (if you are expecting !! flash !! you be sadly disappointed) and am sure we will get a pretty darn good cross section of the aviation community attending and all are welcome. Saying this a good level of Airmanship will be needed as with different speed types sizes etc from slow movers to fast movers and heavy metal and also those whirly things will make for an interesting time. Main thing is to just chill and remember AVIATE, NAVIGATE and COMMUNICATE. Any body not doing that will get a stern talking to..... :0) or a look like the one in the pic below. I mean most of us have done it all before. If the Wx is Spectacular we probably gonna have a reasonable amount of Traffic be ALERT.



Stratford Mobile Radio will be on the Air on 119.10. It would pay to keep a good listen out when approaching Stratford as we will be broadcasting RWY in use and wind direction. **A STANDARD OVERHEAD RE-JOIN IS A MUST** as you will be able to slot into the traffic flow at you leisure. If you require any assistance please call SMR and we will do our best to assist you. This is an advisory service only we will be doing no controlling. It is up to you to keep separation etc till on the ground. RWYs 09/27 have taxi ways please use them. RWYs 16/34 are plenty wide enough to taxi down the edge whilst other aircraft landing/Taking off. Again it's up to you to decide best course of action as P.I.C. We will than have some very nice people in suitably dressed attire and modes of transport to direct you to a parking slot. We will be running a one way taxi system in a clock wise direction round the main parking area so we don't have any traffic hassles. This applies even when re-fueling. No matter where you are parked it's follow the arrows.



The latest Wx has been issued for Summer and it indicates wind but shouldn't be to much of a hassle as late March should be pretty settled (here's hoping) but with Mum nature being in charge who knows. If leaving for Stratford on any of the days give us a call on my mobile 0275 611 518 or Club House 06 765 6628 and we will let ya know whats going down.

As indicated in the Op's spec's for the Fly-in please be mindful of **New Plymouth Controlled Airspace** as it can be quite busy over Summer. Be sure to check the **RAANZ** web site for further details. The Controllers at NP are a really good bunch and would appreciate you contact them if you think you have entered the Control Zone at any point and as **SAFETY** is the name of the game. Remember NP has Scheduled Airline Traffic , Training , Catalina Charters and also Warbird Jet Traffic and of course the odd Yak Aerobatic team based from there also Experimentals and Microlites. Every now and then the RNZAF and RAAF are stooging about also.

Fuel wise Stratford is the Only **SHELL AVGAS** (we also have Jet A-1 it's also at NP) **supplier in Taranaki**. Our pump area is Gravel so if at all possible please switch of and pull plane to pumps (should be extra hands to help with this) if taxiing to the pumps please only enough power as required. Choppers for the Jet A-1 Pump one skid on the Grass one on the Gravel and the hose will reach. Choppers Avgas same applies but if able land on the Grass next to Concrete pad or on Pad. NP has BP Avgas supply but if you go there you will incur landing and Airways Charges we don't have either at Stratford. Mogas will be on a as needed basis. No Regos yet so I guess no one needs it.

Accommodation over the late March period is gonna be tight as Taranaki is bursting at the Seams with events so the quicker ya get in the better. Go to the RAANZ web site for details on where to stay. It's up to you to sort out ya own accommodation. If staying on the field we are allowing for people to either sleep in one of the Hangars (bring air mattress) or at your Aircraft. There will be **NO COOKING AT AIRCRAFT** or naked flames of any type Battery powered devices only. The Club house and Hangar 3 will be set up with the required amenities for cooking. Remember if you Camp next to your aircraft **EXPECT** to be woken **REAL EARLY** by those Aviators that like to go for an early morning flight and **I mean early**. No correspondence :0) in this matter will be entered into you have been warned.

As also indicated in the Op's Spec's for the Fly-in Stratford is surrounded by Power Pylons which all lead to the Power Station on the South Eastern corner of the Aerodrome. These pose no real hazard as are quite a distance from the Vectors about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ nautical mile although again not to be taken lightly. The standard Op's for Stratford is to take off lower the nose proceed down the RWY then do a power climb as this will gain you a good buffer height in regards to the Pylons. Basically comes down to if you lose power or total failure depending on what ya flying 250ft and under you will need to go under the wires anything over that should get you up and over but of course depends on aircraft performance and glide ratio. Also be aware of the Earth wire that runs along the top of the Pylons. The other thing to keep an eye on is the different visibility one will get during the day and changes in light where they can be easier or less so to see. It all comes down to **Situational awareness**. Now it's really no great drama as we fly a huge amount of hours at all times of the year in varying Wx conditions and as with most things if ya not sure **ASK**. Please do not fly over the power Station directly it is a danger Area after all. Remember it is no great hassle this is just to make you aware. The Picture below shows Power Station from the SSE the Aerodrome behind. RWYs 09/27 (West/East) RWYs 34/16 (South/North). RWYs 27,16,34 are where the Pylons are 09's are quite a way back.



As a bonus we also get to see the central Plateau Mountains as well. You can just make out Stratford to the right Aerodrome just to left. Level with the Mountain at 8250 ft in me Jodel. The central plateau Mountains are visible from the Aerodrome most days. Mind you won't look like this at the height of Summer we hope.





Now the Taranaki Rescue Chopper (Augusta 109) is going to pay a visit if able on Saturday. You can't miss it done out in **TARANKI COLOURS** of course. They will be on active duty while here so may have to leave quick smart if something pop's up. We will advise ALL TRAFFIC to STOP what you are doing and we/they will let you know where they are vacating from and heading to. As we are all Gun Pilots we will not need to be making use of there services now **will we**.

The Program is pretty well laid out and there will be Competitions for those so inclined designed for Slow and Fast movers a like and also the judging of the best dressed Aircraft etc. There will be a pilots briefing Saturday about 10ish let you no whats gonna be going on around the place. We are planning for a relaxed Saturday night dinner (dress code Jandals upwards it's a family affair so lets keep it seemly now) at the Aerodrome with a few interesting things thrown in should be a hoot.

We are looking to have a pretty laid back affair and as such so leave your Drama's , Ego's , Hassles etc all at home (just bring your plane and wife/husband/Partner or First option a must, other's what ever order suits) and just come and have a relaxing time. I can assure you we will be.

If you have a A Yearly presented Trophy from the 09 RAANZ Fly-In can you please bring it with you. If not attending give it to someone who is. Other wise send it to Nick Furmage PO.Box 4 Stratford 4352.

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