

The Matamata Soaring Centre Cross Country Course

Applications are invited for The Matamata Soaring Centre Cross Country Course which will be run from 24th to 28th November 2008 at Matamata Aerodrome.

Preference will be given to Silver C holders that have not entered in a competition as yet and have a desire to do so, or progress to their gold badge or 500k diploma.

If your 50km flight seemed a bit of an anti-climax and has left you hungry for more then this course will point you in the right direction and set you on your way. However QGP's that have not yet completed their Silver C should also apply. Previous attendance does not rule you out from attending again.

Briefings will be given on the following subjects;

Weather plotting, thermal soaring, ridge soaring, navigation & instruments, out-landing and an evening briefing on; controlled air space and radio work, and cloud flying.

We plan to fly cross-country on every day that it is soarable but if weather dictates it may be prudent to remain local to the airfield, this can still prove very useful and educational as much can be learned whilst local soaring. The instructors will show you how to fly fast enough to complete long tasks as quickly as possible. You will be tasked within your capabilities and given all the encouragement and support you need to attain your goals.

Whenever you are flying on the course you will be in contact with an instructor who is ready to help. In the two-seater you will receive valuable one-to-one training. In single-seaters you only have to call on the radio and an instructor will be there to help and give confidence just when you need it most.

In any case you will not be asked to do anything that your instructor does not think is possible. It may appear to be out of reach, but with a little faith and determination, a dash of luck and a lot of fun, you'll amaze yourself.

Retrieves are by mutual arrangement between course members so no crew is required unless you want to bring one along, but as a minimum you require a car capable of towing. Flying consists of two-seat and single-seat cross-country flights (bring your own glider), some of the single-seat flying may consist of 'lead-and-follow' type training but this depends on experience, glider type, numbers etc. Participants are required to be able to fly efficiently and centre in thermals quickly.

Accommodation is available in the bunk house. There is a camping ground on the field.

Costs; Aero tows and glider hire plus \$130 course fee. This includes lunches each day.

Closing date for applications; 15th August 2007.

Email applications with subject "X Country Course" to;

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