

glideTime v2.06 – 'Post-session' flight data entry at Omarama

These notes summarise the use of glideTime's Mode-3 data entry for recording flights from towpilot notes and glider notebooks at the end of the day when all flights are completed.

Basic Operation

The flight data entry screens are the same as those in the 'launch-point recording' screens of Modes 1 & 2 apart from the replacement of the 'event buttons' (Groundroll started, Glider landed etc) by boxes for actual times to be entered. Exact glider launch and landing times are not essential as long as the flight durations are correct. If the pilot has not given you this then enter a 3-hour estimate and they will pay the price for being slack :). You also need to enter the launch and landing sites (type 'Landout' where appropriate, and put any other relevant info in Notes). The 'Retrieve' and 'Declared XC' check boxes will likely get a lot more use than they do at Springfield.

When you start glideTime in Mode-3 **the opening screen lets you change the date setting from the default CURRENT date. PLEASE BE SURE TO DO THAT IF YOU ARE ENTERING DATA FROM A DIFFERENT DATE.** This is most important – it's a nightmare to sort things out when we have more than one session with the same date. In general, every effort should be made to enter data on the day of the flight – there are too many bits of paper lying around otherwise. Also, you may need to generate an invoice the morning after a flight (see below).

When all the entries have been made and you come to shut-down, please transmit the data via the GNZ WiFi. You may need to set up a login if you are first off the block.

It will be a good idea if someone copies the contents of the ...\\glideTime\\clubData\\sessionReports directory to a memory stick and have it brought back to me in Chch from time to time.

Recording non-member flights

There will be quite a few regular 'other users' of our towplanes – both members of other NZ clubs and overseas visitors to Omarama. These pilots should be set up as 'TEMP:STANDARD' members and their flights recorded as member flights - M.Solo, M.Share etc.

Use the 'New Member' dialog via its button on the main screen toolbar to record their details (including contact info). Be sure to include their glider regn (so the pilot name is filled automatically when the glider regn is entered in a flight record).

Other casuals should be recorded as 'Visiting Pilot' flights and you really do need to chase them and **get payment on the day**. This is a pain, but not doing it is a proven way of losing money.

Generating Invoices

For any member (including TEMPs) the 'Glider Pilot Invoice' item in the Reports menu (main menu-bar at top of screen) will allow you to select a pilot and date range and generate an on-screen invoice. There is also a button to save this to file – please do that, naming the file with the receipt number, if they are paying. NB If you start glideTime just to do this, please choose 'Test' as the site – this avoids writing unnecessary data files.

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