

Waikato Whispers



Waikato Hot Air Balloon Club: www.waikatoballoonclub.co.nz Tel:07 856 0060

CLUB NIGHT Wednesday

No Club Night meeting for January

CLUB DAY Sunday

No Club Day for January

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fatigue

HOW FATIGUE AFFECTS YOU

Fatigue is caused by a combination of factors such as workload, circadian rhythm, and sleep habits. It is not only the activities that you do at work which contribute to fatigue, everything you do while you are awake has an effect!

Poor judgement


Long-term health concerns


Slower reaction time


This affects us all – more so for those who are driving a vehicle or piloting an aircraft. Please take care over the festive season – Drive Safe – Stay Safe.

Important Dates:

SGM: Club Night Wednesday 1st February. Details to be sent out in January

AGM: Sunday 19th February. Details to be sent out late January.

Riverlodge Balloon Meet: 28-30 January

BOW Fiesta: 22-26 March

For our Junior Balloonists: Crewing Safety - continued

Launching the Balloon

- DO listen to your pilot and obey his/her instructions. The safety of the launch is the Pilots decision not that of the crew;
- DO stand to the sides and rear (up wind) of the basket during the launch. Don't EVER stand directly in front of any balloon's flight path;
- DO ensure that the balloon is tied off to the chase vehicle BEFORE the envelope is secured to the burner frame;
- DO let the pilot know if you see/hear something that does not look right – the pilot may have missed seeing or hearing it, or not noticed it due to concentrating on another task;
- DO your job – do not ask another crew member to do your job. In these situations the task often gets overlooked leading to a breach of safety. This can put the safety of the flight at risk or result in equipment being damaged;
- DO secure all equipment in the chase vehicle and trailer before leaving the launch site. Check that nothing has been left behind;

For our Younger Members: (Ref: Kids Learning Resources by Cameron Balloons)




8) How can I start to get involved in ballooning?

The best place to start; is by building a model - to help practice your hot-air balloon control. And to read lots of background information which helps to extend your skills.
See Section 9 for even more ideas.

In the UK, it's a good idea is to join the British Balloon & Airship Club www.bbac.org as well as the local region of the club. Where you can meet local balloonists and keep informed of training opportunities and fly outs.

Take your most fun grown-up!




Some YouTube links for balloon songs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lrd0TiER_J0 Up Up Up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQRbF8YNfp8> Postman Pat and the Big Balloon Ride

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If we are flying over January we will put a note on our facebook page.

