

DEAKIN'S TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand has some funny animals that are not found anywhere else in the world.

It rains a lot.

I'm in the cockpit of the plane that is being pushed by the pilots.



DAY 3

Terry Delore and Steve Fossett have the world record for the longest distance in a glider. Dad is flying with Terry Delore to fly further and win the record. Steve Fossett is dead.

Today was a great day. The NZ air force landed right next to my bedroom in the morning. There were 5 air force planes. They let me sit in the pilot seat. Then dad went off gliding.



I am the pilot

The captain let me sit in the pilots seat



Learning to steer

I am in control in the cockpit.

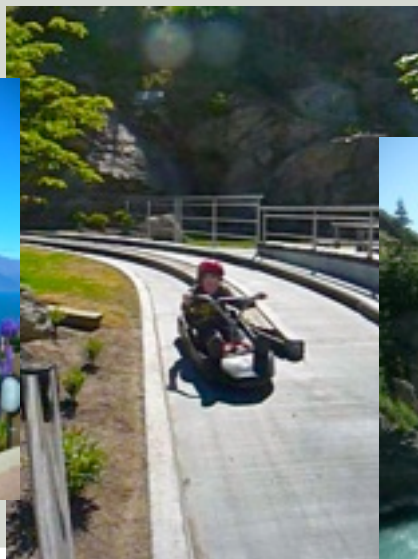
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Pop and I went to a place called Queenstown. It took 1.5 hours in the hire car. We went up the mountain in a gondola cage. We went up and up. We saw someone doing a bungee jump. He yelled arrrrrhhhhhhh as he jumped.

The luge is very fast and exciting

We saw him swinging back and forth. Then we got off the cage and put on helmets and sat on the luges. We went on the slow track first. But the second time we went on the fast track. Then we had a long drive home.



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Thats me being tired
after a long day

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Chad's Tuesday Blog

Today the weather forecast was not all that good according to the met man. What this meant was that there would be no wave but the day would still be good. No one likes flying here unless there is wave. They're all mad I think. Since most people went off doing the tourist thing I had the pick of the club gliders so I decided on the club LS6 with 17.6m tips. I launched onto the nursery ridge and then progressed onto Mt. Horrible. The tow was seriously rough. Interesting for a first launch on type.

It is interesting that on the ground was 10-15kt of easterly and up higher was 10-15kt of westerly wind. Apparently when the westerly winds are not strong this is common. What happens is the valley heats up and rises, this then brings in new air and it comes from a valley from the east. It all funnels through the valley that the airfield is in and to get away you have to hide around the corner. Get low over the airfield and your done for. What all this brings is an amazing combination of ridge lift, lee side rough and tight thermals and convergence (all while right next to large rocks).

After getting a weak thermal on Mt. Horrible I glided over Ewe ridge and onto Hugo's Elevator. Right when I arrived there I noticed a convergence line forming just further along. I got in front of it and climbed from 6,000ft to 10,000. With this height I doubled back over Omarama to Big Ben and topped up again. you can see in the pictures I attached the cold airmass cloud creeping over the nearby hills which was causing all the convergence lines.

Since i had some height to use I flew over to lake Ohau using another convergence line (they were everywhere and easy to spot) and then returned to Big Ben. I spent the next hour beating up the range with my gliders shadow right next to me. Very cool indeed. After getting lower I transfered over to little Ben and set off for home. Omarama Radio called 30kt gusting 35kt on the ground. Another test for my first landing of type. All on the ground with out a hitch even if the circuit was bumpy as hell. I want an LS6, they are fantastic gliders to fly.

Terry is hopeful to get away from work tomorrow so fingers crossed as I've now blown my budget wide open.

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