



## Club Update--- March 2019

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### **F15?... with a difference**

Was out and about and drove past this very interesting aircraft. Constructed from mostly what appears to be Pinus Radiata ( 12x2 and 4x2 ) it has a generous coating of fuel proof polyurethane. It does have a bit of hangar rash just forward of the port side jet intake, but this could quite easily be sanded out. As you can see it has no markings, so not sure which country it is from. I'm wondering if it is not one of the new NZ Air Force jets?. Although being fully fitted with ordinance probably not.

Judging from its location, it will be for sale , once the shop opens. Comes without landing gear , servos or power plant . Rolls Royce or Pratt and Whitney might do the job!

## **From the Prez.**

Well it was a good week to take off.

Kath and I enjoyed a week away and those that attended club night enjoyed the challenges of being locked-in at the park.

In spite of efforts from Alastair and Don, I believe the wooden gate was unbolted to allow the miscreants to escape. Phoning for help on the night didn't bear fruit, partly because Don managed a wrong digit. The efforts from Alastair to unlock the wooden gate failed as key wouldn't turn the lock.

So, what happened?

This from Wayne Boness:

*We have had the installer out here today and he has discovered a drive cog partially stripped hence the gate not always engaging to open or close when activated, this has now been repaired and the question asked why did this happen and how can we be assured this won't happen again in the future.*

Wayne also asked for the gate padlock to be checked and replaced if necessary.

It looks like a new lock has been put there and I can confirm our key opens it, so hopefully there will be no further occurrences.

The Rally is only one week away. Hopefully the weather plays ball.

I'm looking forward to it.

Steve

## **GWRC – Jewels in the Crown – Open day QEP – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

This should really help us with public participation at our rally on the Sunday

Free shuttles will run from Paekakariki station to the park from 10:00am through until 3:00pm

We will also be given stamps and stamp pads for attendees to get a 'passport' stamped of the activities they have attended.

If you're on Facebook, then share the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1136850473133601/>

Also:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/jewels-in-the-crown/kapiti-coast>

go here and play the video: <http://www.gw.govt.nz/getoutdoors/>

## **Club AGM.**

**Will be held at the April club night.**

AGM papers will be sent out end of March.

If you wish to be involved, or know somebody that would, now is the time to give it some serious thought.

## **Club and MFNZ Annual Subscriptions.**

These will be invoiced in the next week.

Payment is due by the end of March.

No pay/no fly.

### **Behind the scenes – farm tours – Heads Up**

As part of their summer programme, GWRC will be running some behind the scenes farm tours. This is on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

If at the field on that day, you will see a group in the morning and afternoon, in 4x4 vehicles, come through the paddocks next to where we fly.

If they follow the same route as last year, they will go up the hill opposite the club house.

Last year they stopped at the top to take in the view, so just be aware that we aren't being invaded by 4x4 clubs, and if flying at the time, stay well above them.

I'll remind again closer to the time.

And that's all from me.

Steve

### **Club Captains communique**

Yes well not a lot from me, except spending about an hour on the phone after last month's club night. Just as well I had charged my phone before going out. Steve has covered most of what happened. Even though I had misdialled Wayne's number it's still a bit of a concern that the security company could not contact anyone of use either. Just as well we have some members still driving a Holden, which means a tool box is never far away. Thanks to the able-bodied "mechanics" that got us out. My wife was next on the list to bring down my battery angle grinder, failing that the Fire dept was next.

### **Club Night February**

Club nights have started again for 2019.

**Bob McGrath** gave us a very enlightening overview of how to do vacuum bagging. Looking at some of the samples that Bob brought along, he is an expert in this field. I think it's a bit like listening to Roger Federer telling you that playing tennis is quite easy, then you go out and try hit a tennis ball only to find it looks and sounds easier than it is. If you are interested, give Bob a call, I'm sure he will give you a hand. Nothing like trying the real thing to learn.

Bob also showed us some slides about Glider towing, another interesting aspect to our wonderful hobby. Thanks for your time Bob, much appreciated.

**Warner Summerton** had an interesting "contraption" aka Gyro-copter on show. Will be great to see this in operation, still has that self destruct look about it that the rotary wing aircraft seem to have. This one looks like it's going fast even when it's on the table.

**John Von** had a Great Planes Ultimate for sale (.46 size I think), not sure if it's still available, but if you are keen and looking for a great little bi-plane give John a call.



Warner's Gyrocopter



John Von's Ultimate - For sale

And as always there was a cup of tea and coffee afterwards, served up by the ever bubbly John Von and the "how the f... are you " Colin.  
Thanks guys, much appreciated.



## **Club Rally**

**By now you should be fully aware that our Rally is this coming weekend!!  
9th and 10th March !!**

Come along and support the club. Meet other members that you haven't seen since the last Rally, purchase one ( or two or three ) of the "World famous in Paraparaumu" burgers, and just enjoy the day. Look forward to see you there ... and if you just want to come around for a meal afterwards ( Sat evening) , let Steve know on the day.

And that's all I have for you this month.

Remember, if you want any photos in the newsletter, then send me some!!

Till next time.

Fly hard... land soft.

Cheers  
Don