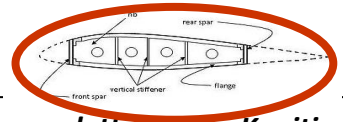


The Spare Rib News

KAPITI AEROMODELLERS' CLUB



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The Presidential Scribe



It was a great summer if we forget the wind.

It was a great summer if we forget rain in the early times.

It was a great summer if we put the distractions of Covid behind us.

And now....

we have been blessed with some great flying weather.

It's been great to see so many out there 'doing it'. Even Uncle Phil Patterson came out of hibernation. (hadn't flown since September) Not once,... but 2 days in a row!

Must be something in the Whibty water!

We have had a number of new membership applications lately. Whilst some of these have been older personnel changing clubs or getting back into flying or just starting out, it has been very encouraging to see the number of younger members coming along, headed by 12-year-old Caleb. Over Easter I counted 4 under the age of 25 on the flight line.

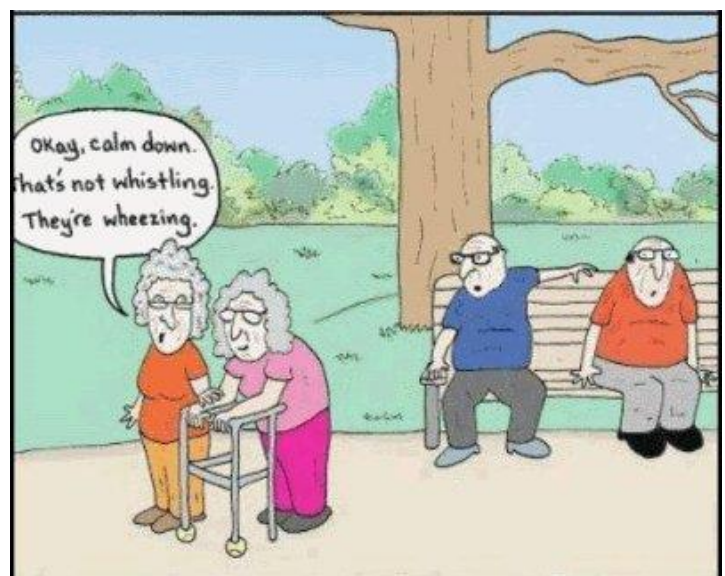
That certainly puts the club in good heart.

With the drop in Covid numbers and the relaxation of rules with the move to 'orange' status, we are getting back to more normal activities.

It was great this last month to hold the monthly Silver Fox squadron BBQ and club nights will resume this month with the AGM.

Enjoy the month ahead.

Steve



Tram crossing and stopping

Stopping at the Tram crossing is a safety requirement, and even though we can think it a nuisance, this time of year, sunstrike plays a role and stopping may prevent another type of accident.

Crozy writes.



When leaving the strip after a day's flying, we stop at the tram tracks and look both ways. The sun is low in the west, and it is hard to see if anything is coming. I got a fright with a person on a bike, dressed in black.

Take care.

Ian

We must also remember that Whareroa Rd through the park is a public road. You can be ticketed for speeding. The tramway is a public tramway that operates under the Railways Act and all such regulations need to be observed.

Norsewood Aerobatic masters

Held over Anzac weekend

Frazer Briggs writes:

Norsewood Aerobatic Masters !!! Done.

An awesome weekend on the Galloway Farm.

*Lots of flying. Lots of fun. Great time on the farm
15 pilots. A mixture of IMAC and Pattern. Got a bit
windy on Sunday afternoon but the brave boxed
on.*



Ian Hill enjoying the weekend.

Ian achieved a 3rd placing in Sportsman IMAC.



Group photo of contestants. Andrew 4th from left wrapped up against the elements.

Andrew gives us the good oil.

James and I spent the weekend flying aerobatics at Norsewood. Ewan and Hamish Galloway maintain a superb strip in a big paddock on their farm. 15 pilots flying IMAC and Pattern disciplines. Most stayed overnight in one of the farms' houses most generously offered by the Galloways. Weather was cool but not cold. The wind certainly made its presence felt, often a gusty crosswind.

When it was my turn to fly, I used James' Extra 260. Such was the nature of the wind at that time I was intrigued by this big model bouncing around the sky without any ability to affect a smooth flight path. They say aerobatics teaches one to use the rudder. Attempting to keep the model somewhere in the vicinity of the flying line I was surprised how hard I was leaning on the rudder stick. Pushing in the right direction about 50% of the time too, so a definite improvement for me there. Spins and stall turns are decidedly tricky in those conditions as the model just does its own thing as one needs to slow the model to a near standstill for these manoeuvres. A couple of my landings were quite good though and I didn't break James' model so at least that's a thing.

Ultimately both James and I came away with decent results. In my case probably a measure of the qualities of the big 3meter Extra 260. I got an unlikely first and a second in the basic introductory levels of Pattern and IMAC, earning myself a Chocolate fish. Flying his Extra 260 and his electric BiSide and revelling in the windy conditions James was flapping the rudder about like a madman to hold a steady line. As his caller I do not hesitate to claim all credit for his winning both the Pattern and IMAC classes in the more advanced levels he campaigns. So he too won a chocolate fish....Hadock I think.



Andrew Farrow.

We've had some great flying lately.



Best days flying for a long time.
Good Friday.



Lunch on the deck.

Colin and Keri view the skies from the
'grumpy old men's corner.'



Busy skies. Observing the action



James is all concentration as he practices his routines with Andrew calling

We have enjoyed many visitors of late. The opening of Transmission Gully has brought a fair few. Many took the drive of the gully and came into the park for a look. Some of these went on a tram ride and then walked down to us. Others drove in. I know the Trams have had their busiest weekend.

Phil Eldridge from the Wellington Club drove the gully and snuck in for a visit but failed to bring a model!

We've had a lot of families visit. One never knows when a seed is sown.

One lad, to the amusement of his parents, commented to Don. "We'll be back and next time we'll bring planes".



A view down through the pits.

It's school holidays and young Caleb (12) shows us how its done. All gyros now off. He's learning pretty fast.





It's been good to see new members, Neil Schrader and Rod Ford at the field of late. These guys have come from Wellington Radio Flyers who no longer have a strip.

Watching Rod put this Pattern Ship through it's paces, I think James will have some serious competition.

For Sale

Neil Schrader has the following for sale:

1x OS .35FP
1x OS Max .40-H
1x OS .90FSR (very little running)

All have mufflers and have been used but are in good condition. The 35 FP and 40-H include engine mounts.

Any reasonable offers considered.

Contact Neil directly

adbiz@nowmail.co.nz

027 2324221

Club AGM

The postponed Club AGM will be held this month, May 7th.

7.30 pm

Kotare Room QEP Park

AGM documents will be sent out in the next while.

Steve

Membership Cards

For those that live locally, I have your membership cards.

I notice that Ive forgotten to give a few out when I've seen you at the strip.

So if you haven't got it and see me, ask me.

Steve

Gliding Omarama.

The glider guiders and associated tow pilots have a tow meeting at Omarama every year.

The last 2 years haven't happened because of Covid.

I heard a whisper or saw a post and found out it was on, and that Colin Taylor would be attending, so sent him a txt for photos. As my txts to Colin are usually ignored, I was pleasantly surprised when some duly arrived.



Colin headed South with Ross Brinsley and Graeme Rose, two old friends of the club who always support our rally.

Also heading South from the club was Gordon McArthur who travelled South with his partner. Peter Randerson, also a newish member to our club, headed South so we were well represented.

There were some 30 glider guiders and 9 tow planes which made getting into the air really easy.

The 3 musketeers of Rose, Brinsley and

Taylor took 2 gliders each but also transported 3 others on behalf that had been sold to South Island folk.



Another old friend of the club who now resides in the South Island, Alan Knox, also flew.

I believe an ex-Kiwi from Australia showed up as did a glider guider from Waiheke Island.

Catching the ferry Wednesday morning, the night was spent in Christchurch and the drive to Omarama was completed Thursday.

3 ½ days of perfect conditions according to Colin. The first time he can recall having to charge his batteries each night.

The return trip nearly wasn't as when they arrived at the ferry,

their tickets were for the next day! Parting with the required fee of \$30 each, they were allowed to sail early (cheaper than a night's accommodation).

When I interviewed Colin for this piece, he was about to head to Briscoes to replace the pillows left at the motel as well as his favourite Thermos flask which is also in the deep South. (On the windowsill in the kitchen)

The best glider-tow meeting according to Colin and well worth the trek South.

Some rules reminders

A couple of things have been mentioned to me lately that perhaps need a gentle reminder.

Communication of intentions.

Its been commented that a few have been failing to inform the flight line of going on the strip, taking off etc.

Out of bounds.

The out of bounds areas are well defined in the Club Rules. If you cant find your copy, they're on the club website. They are very clear and shown diagrammatically.

Dogs.

All members know this one. No dogs in the pits. If a member of the public turns up with one and they have a vehicle, ask them to leave in the vehicle.

Next Levin Vintage Event - Members from all clubs welcome

With the current Covid settings now in Orange, there is no reason why we shouldn't proceed as planned with the next Levin Vintage Event in early May. The only departures from the norm are that we ask that you BYO lunch (we won't BBQ this time) and bring a pen in your pocket so we're not all handling the same pen writing down scores. Note this is a one-day event on a Saturday. Details are:

Bob Burling Memorial Vintage Event - Saturday 14 May 2022 (Saturday 21 May wind/rain postponement date)

Levin MAC flying site, Tararua Road.

9.30am start. Any RC Vintage or Classical Classes may be flown. Sport flying of Vintage models also welcome.

No entry fees or prizes. This is a low-key fun get together of like-minded Vintage fliers.

For any further details please contact joint organisers Stew Cox— 027 548 1894, Flierstew@gmail.com or Bryan Treloar 0204 147 6917, bryan_treloar@hotmail.com

He's a TV star

If you were watching 7 Sharp on Thursday 28th April, you will have seen a piece on workplace jargon. Shown was some old workplace film that Ian Crosland featured in, many years ago. Apparently, the original film was an article about Kiwis could do anything. If you want to view this 7 Sharp episode, it's still available on TVNZ on demand.



Silver Fox BBQ

It was great to hold our monthly BBQ in April. First since Xmas.

I wasn't holding out for a great turnout as a number of regulars were away, but a great turnout we had. Roy Hoare and Keith Bellworthy came from Wainui as did their mate, Phil Fairbrass who has applied to join the club. We got Pierre and his wheelchair into the club rooms and he enjoyed the day.



Crozy had to raid the grandkids money box to afford his \$5

Even Roger White out in an appearance.



Pierre Daigneault,, Phil Fairbrass, Colin Nankivill, Roy Hoare and Keith Bellworthy.



It's great to be back

And that's it from me for another month. As Don would say, fly hard, land soft.

Steve