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Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

Instructing:

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Sunday

Instructing:

Towing:

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EASTER WEEKEND AND YOU FOLKS AINT GOING ANYWHERE MEMBERS NEWS

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS DURING LOCKDOWN

ANDREW FLETCHER Like most of you I am spending a lot of time at home during this lock down, I am going to work periodically to fly government charters for repatriation.

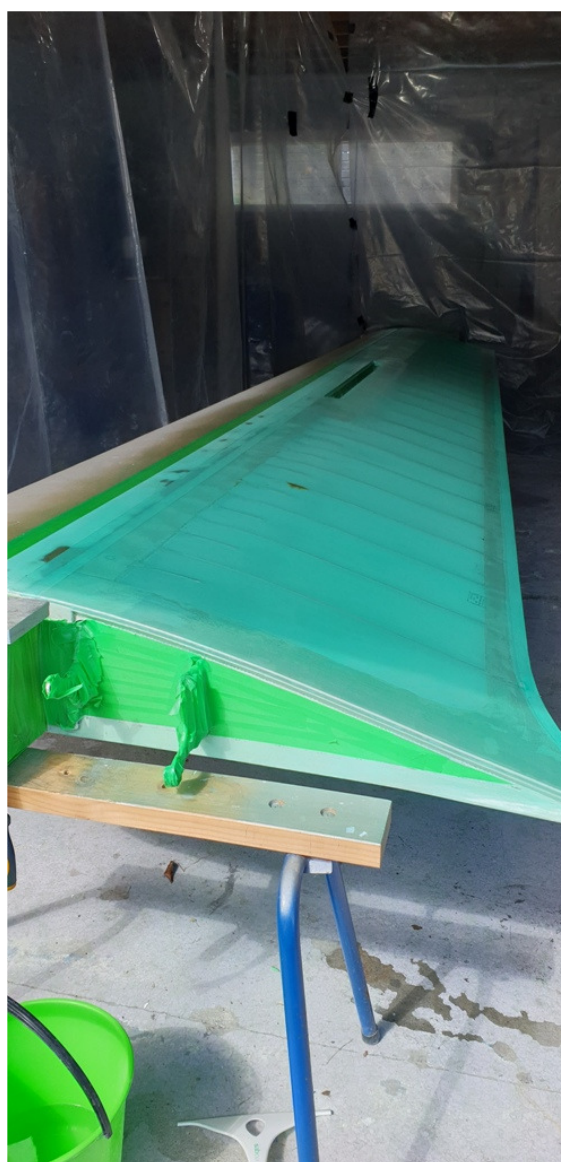
The weather through the summer has been to humid to spray dope so ZK-GBU has been in limbo for a while. However, we have had some cold air form the south this week with a much lower moisture content. So, the spray gun came out and the last coat of clear butyrate dope was applied. this was given a day to dry and then a wet sand which kept me busy for most of Tuesday. Next up will be the sun screen, yes you heard that right, sun screen but not Nivea.

The sun screen is butyrate dope with aluminium in it (looks a bit like metallic paint) it creates a layer that the sun can't penetrate and damage the fabric covering.

The other thing that has been going on is Condor, Craig Best , Kishan and myself have been flying together on Condor for a while and this week we have been joined by Ray Burns. We all flew a 115 km cross country the other night and fun was had. So, if you are keen search me out on face book and let's get together and fly.

RAY BURNS Life goes on in the Burns household. Work for me continues. We tested all our work-at-home plans prior to moving to Alert Level 3 and technically everything is working fine.

Some of our customers are using this time to progress plans that they were struggling to find to time for prior. So our work load is slightly elevated at present. How long that continues is hard to say.



Matthew was sent home from Waikato University and is doing internet lessons. Rachel is busying herself doing lots of little jobs that have been held in abeyance.

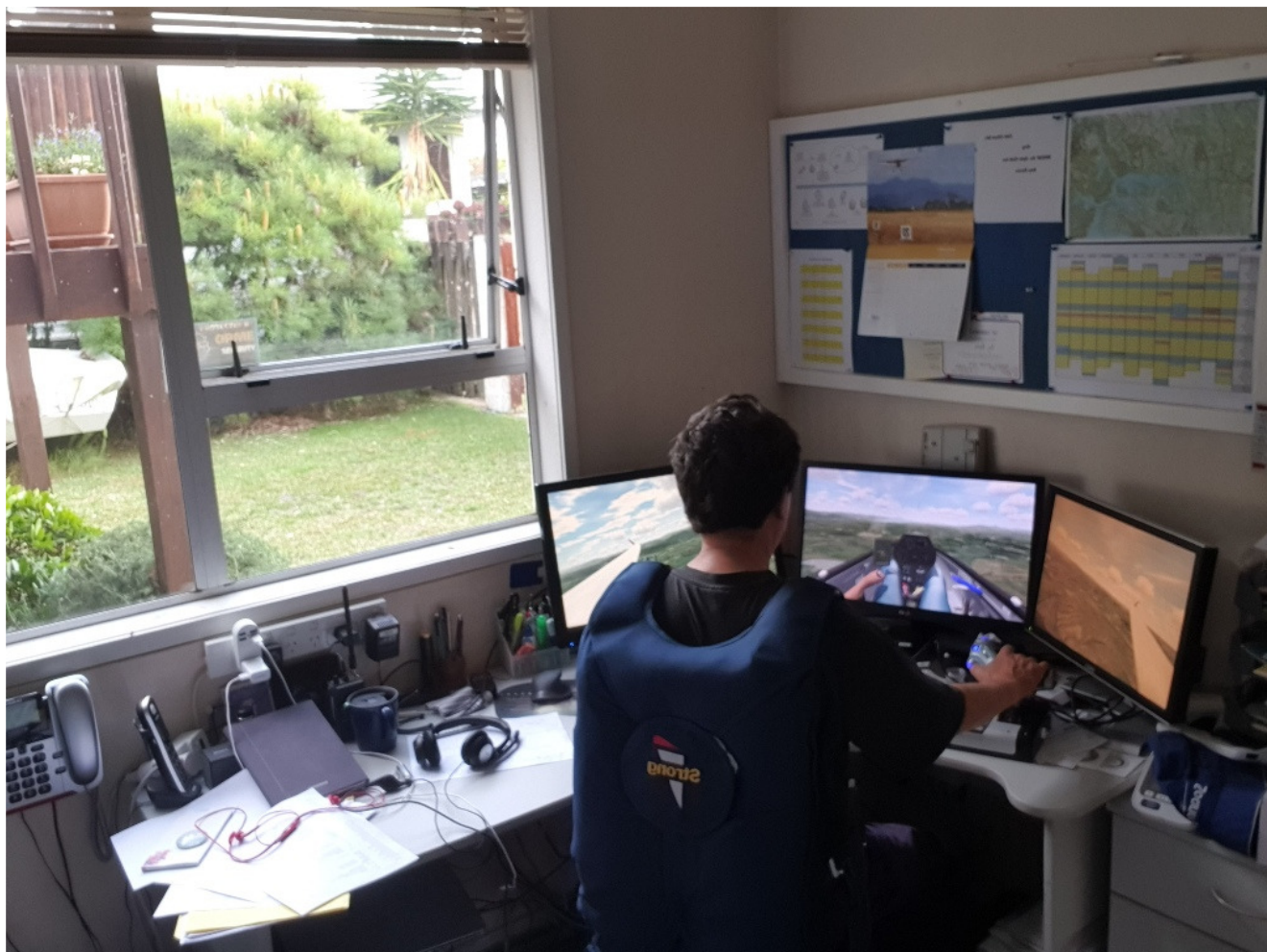
I've started at one end of the workshop and making way to the other, tidying and chucking-out. Those of you have seen my workshop will know that 4 weeks is nowhere near long enough for that job.

CF1 CORNER

Ok Ok Ok..... I know I said was working and spending time sorting out my workshop..... But:

Did you read the bit in the GNZ newsletter about getting a Condor discount?

If you are not sure what Condor is: It's a gliding simulator. And a VERY good one. It's not that expensive. With the discount, it is going to set you back about \$100.00. You will almost certainly want the NZ scenery and although that is theoretically free, in practice you will want to fork out another \$20 so it downloads sometime before Christmas 2025.



You will want a relatively recent computer. It's a bit graphics heavy but It seems to work ok for me on my laptop (yes I know there are three screens, but it is still on my laptop). A joystick is a must. If you want to get a bit more upmarket you can buy rudder pedals as well.

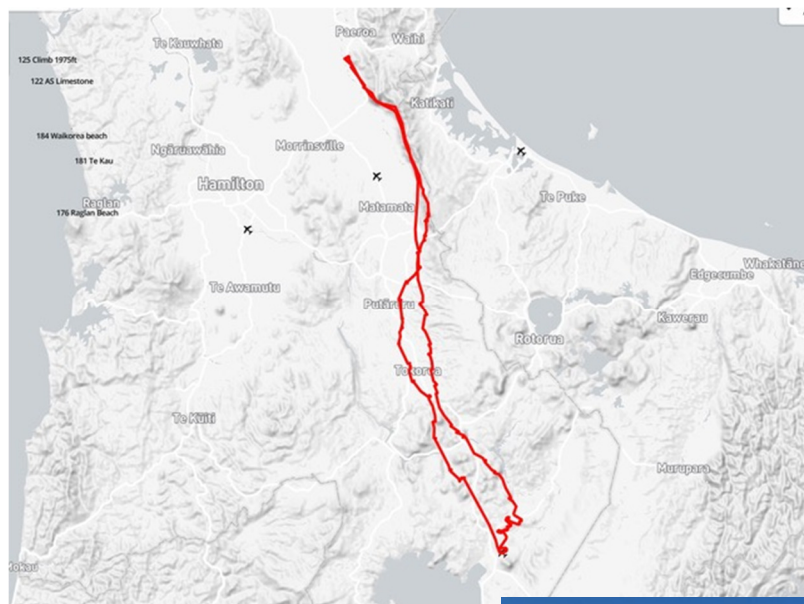
Once you have it setup it's great fun. Andrew and Craig are the experts, Kishan is the Lord High Guru. I might be able to help as well but I'm a real beginner (not sure if I can send myself solo yet - my aerotows are atrocious and so far I've ripped the wings off two gliders by exceeding VNE (they really mean NEVER).

Well worth the money if you have the kit. Email Abbey Delore: abbeydelore@gmail.com and she will send you a promotion code and you will get 20% discount.

NZ NATIONALS TAUPO 2020 Steve Foreman went, did quite well and tells us all about it.

Turned out to be a waiting game at the beginning with not such great weather, I arrived on the 31st Jan and we didn't have the first taskable day until 5th feb.

First task was a racing task Taupo - Tirohia (close to Paeroa) - Taupo



Its was a good start for myself flying 310km at 91.45kph first place was 92.62 kph and 3rd was Trace at 91.09 kph.

Trace Austin in Discus and I had an on going side wager who ever won the day the other would buy the other beer/cider, this worked out quite even in the end.

It was soon apparent that Mark Wilson in the Libelle was going to be tuff to beat. (warm air has a big smile no doubt) *I'm surprised you thought otherwise but you were always a slow learner.*

Second task another racing task to Matamata and back 230km with a 5th place and Trace taking 1st place.





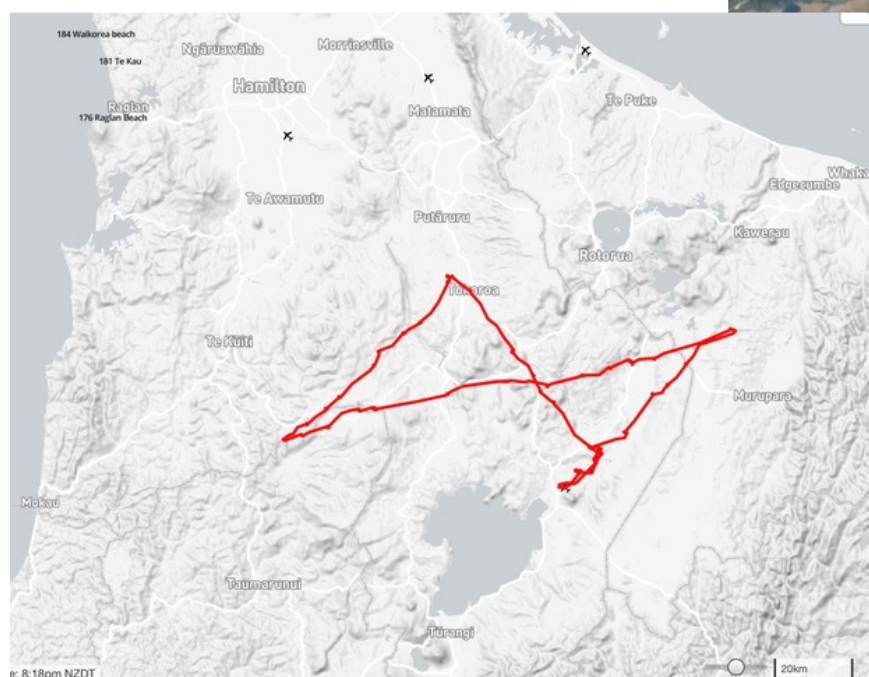
217 points overall.

Task 5 Another good performance 102kph over 256km and had beaten the Libelle and Trace for the first time only to find Derek Shipley Rocketed around the task and getting his first day win after spending a day with Peter Hartmann a visiting top class pilot and coach. Settled for 2nd place and still 3rd overall now only 212pts behind the leader.

Task 3 and after stern talking to myself the night before about 5th place the day before, I managed a 2nd place 321km at 107kph. This was one of my best flights speed wise and boosted my confidence yet the Libelle came 1st at 117kph (Warm Air fist pumps)

At this stage overall I was in 3rd place 56 points behind Trace, with Mark in 1st.

The following day I was back to my slow pace 77kph over 272km and 5th place for the day. aaarrgh, once again Trace took 1st place, Lucky for me overall I still stayed in 3rd place but Trace in 2nd stretched out



were faster and I placed 6th overall I didn't lose any places but now the gap to Trace in 2nd was 309 points with 3 days to go

Another Highlight of the day in the Open class Steve Wallace clocked 136kph over 290km to take a day win in the open class, this sets the standard for the new owners in KT.

Task 6 cancelled due to weather

Task 7 while 92kph was ok today others

Task 8, Today 7 of us landed out. This was my only landout of the comp and it does feel great actually returning to the field where one takes off from as most of you know this wasn't the case in previous seasons. Still came in 4th for the day and 2nd was only 229 away.

Dave Todd also flew in the Nationals who hadn't flown in Taupo since 2011 but managed to get around every day with decent speeds as well



Task 9 this was the second to last day and I pulled off a much needed 2nd place with good speed, yes the Libelle came 1st. I was now in 2nd place but only by 63 points



The last day and it was a day that nobody would think about flying so what did we do, we went flying, I was happy to not fly and hold on to 2nd for the comp.

We launched and I knew I had to fly well today, it was disappointing that I only clocked 56kph and 179km, The highest I got was 4600ft and mostly flew around 3600ft while Taupo elevation is 1550ft which added a few tense moments or 2. I landed back at Taupo after completing the task kicking myself at my performance only to find everybody else landed out apart from You guessed it, the bloody Libelle, so with that many landouts the day was declared a non scoring day as a certain amount of gliders must get over 80km which only 2 of us in the racing class did,

I held on to 2nd place for the Nationals and won the cup for the most meritorious flight. I look forward to flying back at Taupo with more of our club members

It really did make me think you can never give up, you just never know how the other pilots are doing

Gliding is all about ups and downs but if you keep on going and attempting you will get there, don't give up!

CHAMPIONS

<u>Racing</u>			
1	GGX	Mark Wilson	7,464
2	GKP	Steve Foreman	6,575
3	GNM	Trace Austin	6,512





ROSTER APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2020

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Towpilot	Notes
APR	4	G LEYLAND	L PAGE	P THORPE	-
	5	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	D BELCHER	-
Easter Weekend	10	M MORAN	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	-
	11	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	-
	12	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	-
	13	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL	-
ANZAC Weekend	18	R WHITBY	L PAGE	A WILLIAMS	
	19	I BURR	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
	25	C DICKSON	R CARSWELL	F MCKENZIE	
	26	K JASICA	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	27	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	A WILLIAMS	
May	2	B MOORE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL	
	3	S HAY	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE	
	9	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	10	G LEYLAND	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
	16	I O'KEEFE	R CARSWELL	D BELCHER	
	17	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	23	T O'ROURKE	A FLETCHER	A WILLIAMS	
	24	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL	
Queens Birthday Weekend	30	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE	
	31	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	D BELCHER	
	1	I BURR	R BURNS	F MCKENZIE	
Jun	6	C DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	7	K JASICA	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER	
	13	J DICKSON	R CARSWELL	A WILLIAMS	
	14	B MOORE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE	
	20	S HAY	P THORPE	R CARSWELL	
	21	K BHASHYAM	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	27	G LEYLAND	R BURNS	P THORPE	
	28	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	