

WARM AIR 18 Apr 20

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday

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Sunday

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MEMBERS NEWS

WHAT ARE OUR MEMBERS DURING LOCKDOWN

WARM AIR HIMSELF reports the highlight of his day is a trip to the letter box. The old Dragon.....I mean my darling wife has a list and I have made a small start to painting out the Laundry. As I am newly retired and Carol is working from home, I get to do the housework, taking care not to make too much noise. Otherwise I get into trouble....again.

I cannot fly but I can, and did, go back to an old hobby, making model planes. I have finished a Vampire T11 and almost finished a Dakota.



THE DICKSON FAMILY - what is happening for us during this lockdown.

A silver lining, due to Terry's being deemed health vulnerable, for Joseph was given leave to stay home during the lockdown.

I thought this is a great opportunity for him to finish the trailer for LX. Not so, however, as a friend of his

who knew he has a 3D printer, asked if he could help with making face-shields for ShieldsUp NZ. Volunteers make them, and supply them to health/frontline people who request them e.g. some hospital departments, Medical Centres, and other medical workers. Donations can be given on-line, but the shields are supplied free. Joseph set out to make 40, but there was a shortage of elastic across the country to finish them, even ordering on-line. The week before the volunteers had supplied 1,000 across NZ and there is still a big demand. Remembering 'Allo! Allo!' where the Resistance asked the Villagers to donate their silk bloomers so they could make a hot air balloon for the British Airmen to escape in, I put out a call via the Kumeu Seniors club for elastic donations. Fortunately no bloomers were sacrificed as a number of donations of spare elastic were offered, even two brand new reels of 25 metres by a Gentleman who makes horse covers. The donors wouldn't take any money for the elastic. Collecting them, then helping co-ordinate deliveries I found myself involved also. Travel was permitted for this purpose. By Saturday Joseph was finishing the cleaning and I helped with packaging, then we set off to deliver them all around Auckland to midwives, community nurses, and together with another volunteer's donation, a sizeable amount to the City Mission GPs and health team.

As a bonus Joseph also printed head bands that the elastic on face-masks can be hooked onto, to save wear and tear on the ears, and he put them in with the face-shield orders. If anyone wants one of those bands, let us know.

So LX trailer is still sitting partially done on our driveway, but we figure the current health needs are more important by far.

We hope you all are keeping well and safe, and looking forward to flying again one day.
Cheers from Clare & the Dickson family

HI FROM WINDY WELLINGTON *Club member Phil Scarborough gives news of his new life.....*

I hope this finds you all well and keeping safe and not too frustrated at not being able to fly in the lovely weather we have been having! As some of you might be aware that I moved to Wellington to take up the post of National AIT Manager for the NZDF. It has been lovely to be still getting warm air to keep me up to date with the club and the goings on. With Ray's lock down idea it has motivated me to drop you a line. So once settled in after all the unpacking, the first order of business was to find the local gliding club and get gliding! The good news is there is no shortage of glider fields that cover the lower north island area, the not so good news is they are a bit of a drive to get too! From Hood Aerodrome at Masterton(96km) to the Wairarapa Soaring centre at Papawai airfield near Greytown (76km) and the closest being Upper Valley Gliding Club based at Kaitoke airfield (41km).



The Papawai soaring centre is an impressive operation with a brand-new twin drum sky launch winch and a couple of DG1000's and I intend to fly there in the near future. The Upper valley gliding club is really small compared with ASC, but it has the same club atmosphere it also offers an extremely interesting place to fly so I have started gliding there. Aerotow is courtesy of a 150hp Cub (BRP) and it boasts two twin seat trainers,

an ASK7 (GCT) and an ASK13(GIJ), the latter the type I first solo'd on at Hobsonville (GFC) my logbook tells me 35 years ago! It's been a real joy to fly K13's solo once again. They also have an assortment of KA6's and the only two Pirat singles in the country but they are not flying at this time, but we hope to get them going again.

Kaitoke is an "interesting" airfield to fly from, not for the faint hearted! It's shown above by a red loop. It sits up the side of a hill, is 1100 ft ASL and is 400 feet above the surrounding valley floor, so the circuit feels strangely high which is a visual illusion. The strip itself is 630m long and due to the surrounding terrain (valley to the south causes huge sink) the landing is opposite to the take off run. The latter being to the northly 03 vector and landing on 21, sometimes with a slight tail wind depending on the generally prevailing northerly or nor'wester. Too much wind and flying is cancelled. It's a great field to ridge soar from with Mt Climie (2822FT) further on up the same ridge as the



airfield and Mt Kakariki and May morn to the north of the field.

Looking up the Rimutaka Range road(SH2) toward Wairarapa.

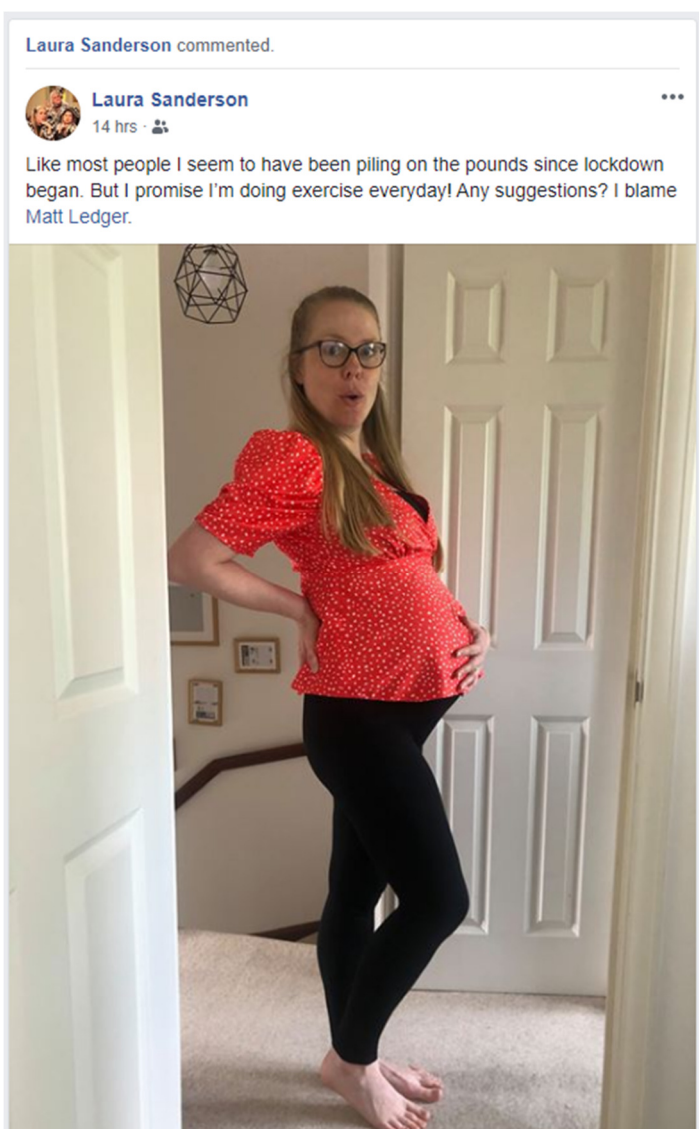
We also have as does any club, young fliers and Henry Hope-Cross who solo'd at 13yo will be know to some of you as I hear he has flown with his CFI-ness Ray Burns and knows Izzy from some of the ATC gliding camps. What a small world! Here he is in his part share KA6.

All the very best to all of you at ASC and I hope that we will be out of lockdown soon so we can all get out to the airfield, where ever they might be! Cheers Phil Scarborough.



MATT LEDGER AND LAURA SANDERSON - GOOD NEWS

Many members will remember Matt Ledger and Laura Sanderson, an English couple to came out to NZ and flew with us for a while before they returned to the UK. They have news..... Congratulations to you both.





ROSTER APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2020

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Towpilot	Notes
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	