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Pre-season safety briefing

Tomorrow Saturday 3rd October 10am at the club

In a very nice way, attendance of all flying members is expected.

Major events just past (club)

At the AGM last Sunday, Dion remained President while Diane and Ross Gaddes join / stay on the committee.

It was a good meeting and no flying weather was lost.

Of note, the club has bought Hein's DG-300 and Cobra trailer, filling the gap in the single seater fleet. One initiative flagged as a priority by Dion is a review of the fleet plan; members may be expected to be asked for their views.

More details will come on receipt of the minutes.

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Service details for Diana, Iggy Wood's wife

Those who have flown at Matamata will know Iggy. His wife Diana has passed away; details of her service are below.

Death Notice

WOOD, Diana

(née Mackley, formerly Faris):

On 28 September 2020. Loved 100% always and all ways by husband Iggy (Ian). Loving and devoted mother of William Faris, Sarah and Jose Ayala, Victoria and David Kerry, Amanda Wood, and Johnny and Renée Wood, and friend of Donna Tingley. Besotted grandmother – Grandma of Brittney and Mirabelle, Kiwi Grandma of Andrew, Abuela of Ana and Rafa, Mina of Sebastian and Zoë, and Diana to Aria and Ayla. Diana's funeral will take place at 2.00pm, on Monday 5 October 2020, at Woodlands Estate, 42 Whitikahu Road, Taupiri 3791. In lieu of flowers, a donation to Hospice Waikato or St John New Zealand would be most appreciated.

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Smeg Auckland Enterprise Competition – cancellation and alternative event

We will be cancelling the Smeg Auckland Enterprise Competition next January. I am sorry for this but it is mainly the uncertainty caused by Covid and being unable to elicit entries from overseas. Also the later date which was asked for by the GNZ SRC to avoid clashes with the Omarama-based NZ Nationals which are to be held early January.

Be sure an early January 2022 “Auckland Enterprise Competition” will be a different and exciting alternative to the normal format of racing, accompanied by all the fun and extravaganza that has made this event so popular. With some early planning we believe we can even better our previous events with invitees from the Northern Hemisphere.

Instead, however, we will run a much lower key **“AGC Smeg Task and Goal Week”** between **Jan 2nd** and **Jan 9th**. AGC members as well as pilots and supporters from any club will be more than welcome. The emphasis will be on achieving personal bests in all the forms of our sport and with special support for those newer to XC flying. We will be asking for those intending to come to make it known so that if required we will enlist extra launch services. I understand the clash with the NZ Nationals but having canvassed those who may attend the Nat’s I have found that the effect will be negligible, if any, on Nationals Competitor numbers. However the ability to provide a fun soaring alternative during the peak holiday week to locals is important, in my opinion.

Ross Gaddes



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Cockpit safety

A recent incident involving the loss of a smart phone into the control stick cavity restricting rearward elevator movement reminds us to be vigilant about the threat that loose items present.

This is not an unusual occurrence when a trial flight passenger loses control of a phone, they generally do not want to relinquish its custody. Passengers do not recognise the threat of loose items. For our part, at pre-flight, we should address specifically the security of such items (usually) a phone by:

1. Having it securely down the front of a shirt or sweater, especially while close to the ground.
2. Check with PinC before its use in any phase of flight, it can obscure vision from the back seat, if the phone is raised to see over the front panel.

Keep those Ops 10 reports coming, we can expect an upsurge in incidents during the early season as we return to currency.

Russell Thorne
CFI

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Level 2.5 operations

1. All flights shall be booked on the club booking site before arrival
2. Record your visit to the Gliding Club at the Gate with the QR Code
3. Recommended use of Masks and Compulsory use while in two seater gliders
4. Apply physical distancing, do not gather in groups while waiting to fly.
5. No more than 10 people in the bar
6. If you are unwell, then stay away from the club
7. The Club's view is that, if you have a problem with the science, please stay away.

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Major events forthcoming (comps)

Matamata Cross Country Course

-Sat 24th Oct 2020 - Wed 28th Oct 2020

Taupo Central Plateau (practice 31 Oct + 7 comp days 1 to 7 Nov)

-Sat 31st Oct 2020 - Sat 7th Nov 2020

Omarama South Island Regionals (TBC)

-Sat 14th Nov 2020 - Sat 21st Nov 2020

Matamata Northern Regionals

-(practice 28 Nov + 7 comp days 29 Nov to 5 Dec)

Springfield Soaring Championships

-Sat 28th Nov 2020 - Sat 5th Dec 2020

For further info see

<https://gliding.net.nz/events/?gnz=true&other=true&type=all&timerange=future&pageView=summary>

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Major events forthcoming (comps / events)

Matamata Air Cadet Camp

- 7th - 11th December 2020

Omarama YouthGlideNZ camp

-Thu 10th Dec 2020 - Sat 19th Dec 2020

Matamata Sailplane Grand Prix (4 comp days 27 to 30 Dec)

-Sun 27th Dec 2020 - Wed 30th Dec 2020

Omarama Nationals (practice day 01 Jan + 9 comp days 02 to 10 Jan inclusive)

-Fri 1st Jan 2021 - Sun 10th Jan 2021

Auckland Enterprise (practice day 16 Jan + 7 comp days 17 to 23 Jan inclusive)

-Sat 16th Jan 2021 - Sat 23rd Jan 2021 @ Drury

Matamata Club Class and MSC (practice day Fri 29 Jan + 9 comp days 30 Jan to 7 Feb)

-Fri 29th Jan 2021 - Sun 7th Feb 2021

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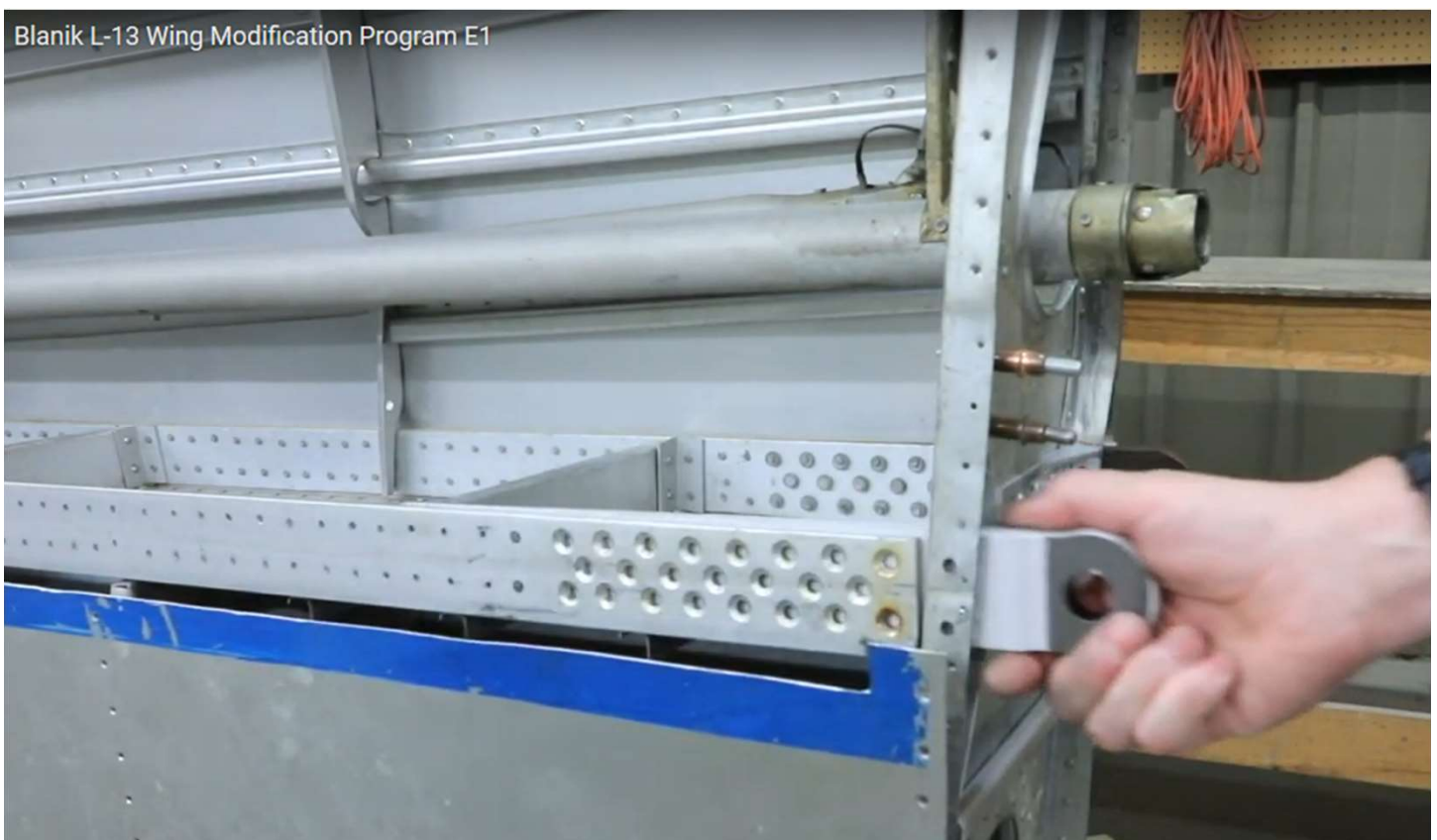
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Something to watch in spring

Blanik wing fitting modification

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFfVM - NKNI&ab_channel=AirframeComponents&t=68s



Older members will recall the AGC's Blanik, FS (one of the gliders I learnt to fly in)

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¼ Share for Sale

Finance available

ZK-GBF hangered at Drury is a self-launch Arcus M, 2 seater glider which allows you the opportunity for seven day week soaring. No rigging. No tow plane. No Paddock landings. LX Nav instruments front and rear.

Easy to fly, comfortable, handy and agile - with outstanding performance and syndicate partners:

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Sound like you? Ph. Simon 021999893