

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2010

June, and the official start of winter. About 150mm of rain in the last week. There has been water lying on the southern end of the runway which is obvious from the air but not from the ground.

Congratulations to Oscar Cohen who recently passed his flight test for his Microlite Certificate. He now can take passengers and can go within 50nm of base. As soon as he does a last cross country, he can then go anywhere in the country. Well done Oscar.

The new runway is looking very green and from the ground it looks usable. From the air the truth shows up that the strike of grass is still very thin. This doesn't seem to prevent thickos from landing on it. In spite of the fact that there are white crosses at each end which indicates closed runway. At the recent Dawn Raid, a couple of visitors landed on it and last week some microlites from Fielding called in and one of the group landed on it and took off on it. If I'd noticed earlier I would have called him up on the radio and told him to come back with a rake and repair his damage. The fact that the runway is closed is no longer notammed because for longer term items like this, the notice goes in the SUPS. The what? The SUPS, the supplement section at the front of the AIP Volume 4. Some interesting stuff in there. Of course if you don't subscribe to the updating service you will never know.

The Dawn Raid previously mentioned was very successful with over 50 aircraft on the field and over 110 people fed for breakfast. Many thanks to those who helped with food and time. The Hastings Aero Club brought the Frogley Cup with them and it was competed for by us, them and Dannevirke. I'm embarrassed to say that we came third again. Congratulations to Hastings who will hold it again until the Dawn Raid at Dannevirke on June 20th. Let's try and have a good turn out to support their day and maybe do a little practice in the spot landing department.

The committee has been looking at alternative heating for the clubhouse. Graeme Rees has done lots of work coming up with details of different methods. None of them were going to be cheap and it was decided that for the amount of time that heating would be needed, we would continue to use the gas "After Burner" heater that we have used for the last 20 odd years. Maybe up grading the curtains to some thing that would have greater insulation properties than the present ones that you can spit peas through.

The annual club dinner is planned for Friday evening the 30th of July. A guest speaker yet to be named is planned. It will be held at the club house. Numbers will be called for at a later date.

Several members attended an evening at the Hastings Aero Club a couple of weeks ago on mountain flying, put on by the CAA. I thought that it was very worthwhile and a good introduction to the syllabus changes mooted next year. For most of you as PPLs, the

emphasis is on “terrain awareness” while CPLs will have to do some actual mountain flying. As well as going in to the training syllabus, it will also be included in BFRs. It will probably take the form of maneuvering in confined spaces and without an obvious horizon. Awareness of wind and effects around terrain will also be covered. We do it now to some degree as many cross country students will recall on the dual trip to Taupo. It will be just a bit more formalised.

It seems a bit like a broken record but if you find something broken, loose, flat or damaged on any of the aircraft please tell someone so that it can be fixed. Preferably John Marshall, as John is in charge of aircraft maintenance.

Some Pindone rabbit pellets have been laid around and under the Aero Club buildings. Please keep dogs or children or both from under the buildings. Cats can help themselves.

On the weekend of June 26th and 27th June, the Hastings Aero Club are having a Microlite weekend to look at, fly and evaluate Microlites. We hope to take the Bantam down and it may be interesting to look at other Microlites.

Harvey Beetham informs me that son Richard has just completed a 3 week course in Australia in preparation for his final exams for his ATPL (Airline Transport Pilot License). Richard was one of the pilots of the Hercules at the Open Day. It is great to have another of our members getting towards the top of the tree in their chosen career and an inspiration to other young people that if you set a goal and work hard then you will have success.

A little bit of history from Gerald Grocot:

**One day a long, long time ago, there was this pilot who, surprisingly, was not full of bullshit...
But it was just that one pilot, and it was a long, long time ago...
And it was just for that one day...**

The following from Chris Hart, our esteemed 747 Captain who had his photo on Dr Dave’s bulk email wearing a Bulls Flying Doctors cap in the office of his 747 over the Pacific in the wee hours on route to the US.

Four old retired guys are walking down a street in The Villages, Florida. They turned a corner and see a sign that says, ‘Old Timers Bar - All Drinks 10 cents’. They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, “Come on in and let me pour one for you! What’ll it be, Gentlemen?”

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a Martini. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced Martinis....Shaken, not stirred, and says, “That’ll be 10 cents each, please.”

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other...they can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their Martinis, and order another

round. Again, four excellent Martinis are produced with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please." They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two Martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar.

Finally one of the men says, "How can you afford to serve Martinis as good as these for a dime a piece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Boston," the bartender said, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same."

"Wow!!!! That's quite a story," says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their Martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there.

One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "Oh, they're all retired airline captains waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price."

Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop in Dingle, they walk over to the bird section and Gerry says to Paddy, "Dat's dem." The owner comes over and asks if he can help them.

"Yeah, we'll take four of dem dere little budgies in dat cage up dere," says Gerry. The owner puts the budgies in a cardboard box.

Paddy and Gerry pay for the birds, leave the shop and get into Gerry's truck to drive to the top of the Connor Pass. At the Connor Pass, Gerry looks down at the 1000 foot drop and says, "Dis looks like a grand place." He takes two birds out of the box, puts one on each shoulder and jumps off the cliff.

Paddy watches as the budgies fly off and Gerry falls all the way to the bottom, killing himself stone dead. Looking down at the remains of his best pal, Paddy shakes his head and says, "Fook dat. Dis budgie jumping is too fook'n dangerous for me!"

THERE'S MORE...

Moment's later Seamus arrives up at Connor Pass. He's been to the pet shop too and walks up to the edge of the cliff carrying another cardboard box in one hand and a shotgun in the other.

"Hi, Paddy, watch dis," Seamus says. He takes a parrot from the box and lets him fly free. He then throws himself over the edge of the cliff with the gun. Paddy watches as half way down, Seamus takes the gun and shoots the parrot.

Seamus continues to plummet down and down until he hits the bottom and breaks every bone in his body. Paddy shakes his head and says, "And I'm never trying dat parrot shooting either!"

IT IS NOT OVER YET...

Paddy is just getting over the shock of losing two friends when Sean appears. He's also been to the pet shop and is carrying a cardboard box out of which he pulls a chicken. Sean then takes the chicken by its legs and hurls himself off the cliff and disappears down and down until he hits a rock and breaks his spine.

Once more Paddy shakes his head. "Fook dat, lads. First dere was Gerry with his budgie jumping, den Seamus parrot shooting... And now Sean and his fook'n hengliding!"

That's all from me. "Take the spoon out of the sink."

Ross Macdonald

From Bob Gunson:

If there is anyone with pictures, videos or DVDs of the wonderful 75th Jubilee day held back in February could you please contact me. I am starting to put something together for the club records which can be enjoyed by all.

Contact details are Bob Gunson, P O Box 5, Onga Onga.
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From Club Captain, Lyn White:

For the Dawn Raid last month there were over 50 aircraft that turned up from Gisborne, Masterton, Kapiti Coast and so on. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and the sausages disappeared quickly. A big thank you to Shirley who spent the whole morning in the kitchen. Also thank you to the other helpers in the kitchen and on the grid and round about, and also to the person who donated the eggs. The early birds had the hangar open and the club planes out by 6.30am and the fire going. The fog came and went and only a couple of visitors couldn't have read their NOTAMs and landed on the new grass.

Congratulations to Robert Wilson for winning the early morning arrival spot landing and it was a beautifully stalled landing. Unfortunately we did not do well in the Frogley Cup involving precision landings. Maybe we should all do a bit of practice to keep our skill levels up.

Big congratulations to Oscar for his achievement in the Bantam.

Ladies, next time you are cleaning out your cupboards and you find the not quite worn out tea towels, towels, salad bowls, frypans etc that you haven't used for years, think of donating them to the Aero Club please.

I am available on 13th and 20th June for club competitions. If a specific time suits you let me know.

Dannevirke Dawn Raid – Sunday 20th June:

We are hoping to fill up the club aircraft so please could you give me an indication if you would like to go in the club aircraft.

Microlight Fans – From Hastings:

"At our next HBEC AC monthly club day on 27th June we will be holding a microlight day." More information will follow but I presume it will be in the afternoon.

CHB Aero Club Annual Dinner:

Mark your calendar – Friday 30th July in the clubhouse.

Duty Pilot Roster:

This is a very important job as it keeps the day running smoothly and visitors are made welcome. Generally speaking duties are to bring the milk and biscuits, answer the phone, welcome visitors, keep planes refueled as the instructor requests, helping students with their DI, a bit of washing of the aircraft, sweeping the hangar, washing the dishes and making sure the aircraft are away at the end of the day. Any questions contact me.

20 th June	John White
27 th June	Bobbi Orr
4 th July	Russell Greville
11 th July	Bruce McGregor
18 th July	Yaell Verheul
25 th July	Peter White
1 st August	Ben Geerston
8 th August	Phil Dooney
15 th August	Richard Bradley

Thank you all!

Lyn White

Jubilee Books For Sale:

Copies of the Jubilee books are still available for \$25.00. This is a great read! Copies are at the Aero Club or contact Robin Mackie, phone 8566871.