

Manawatu Microlight Club Newsletter - July 2006.

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Hi Folks,

I hope you enjoy the July edition of the newsletter.

Barry

Hawke Eye.

Last week, I did my licence renewal with Bill Penman and although I've known Bill for a long time, I felt a little nervous at the prospect. He asked me some of the usual tricky questions before the flight, then we taxied to the holding point for our pre flight checks. I was proud of the way I conducted these as I lined up for take off but suddenly realised that I hadn't performed the full & free control check. Now, Bill, in common with the other Bill (Steel) normally talks a lot but his silence on this occasion led me to believe that he hadn't noticed my omission. I did a surreptitious 'full & free', then took off and headed north feeling quite pleased that I'd avoided a black mark.

During the after - flight briefing Bill quietly reminded me that the full & free check should always be performed at the holding point; not immediately prior to take off. You can't fool Bill!

To make a woman happy a man only needs to be:

a friend
a companion
a lover
a brother
a father
a chef
an electrician
a carpenter
a plumber
a mechanic
a decorator
a gynaecologist
a psychologist
a pest exterminator
a psychiatrist
a healer
a good listener
an organizer
a good father
very clean
sympathetic
athletic
warm
attentive

gallant
intelligent
funny
creative
tender
strong
understanding
tolerant
prudent
ambitious
capable
courageous
determined
true
dependable
passionate

WITHOUT FORGETTING TO:

give her compliments regularly
love shopping
be honest
be very rich
not stress her out
not look at other girls

AND AT THE SAME TIME, HE MUST ALSO:

Give her lots of attention, but expect little himself. Give her lots of personal space and never worry about where she is.

Never forget birthdays, anniversaries or any of the arrangements she makes.

HOW TO MAKE A MAN HAPPY?

1. Leave him alone!

Silence from the members

There was a very poor response to the questionnaire which appeared in the last issue. Your responses to the following questions would give the committee a guide as to the direction they should follow in the coming year, so would you mind providing these and emailing the completed document to Stan rshyde@xtra.co.nz. ? Just click the 'Forward' button on the menu then type your response against the relevant question.

Your submission will be absolutely confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

1. Approximately how long have you been a MMC member?
2. Do you hold a current microlight pilot's licence?
3. Do you own your own aircraft?
4. Do you own your own hangar at Taonui?
5. Do you lease space in a Taonui hangar?
6. How often do you come to the club?
7. Do you ever fly any of the following club machines? Drifter - Xair - Arrow.

8. If yes, please indicate how often you fly each aircraft. Drifter - Xair - Arrow.
 9. Do you think that the charges for flying club aircraft are. Fair - On the high side - Too high.
 10. When you first came to Taonui, were you made to feel welcome by our club members?
 11. If you learned to fly with the MMC, what are your views on the training you received?
 12. Do you think that the club has a strong enough focus on flight safety?
 13. What are your views on the level of professionalism in the running of the club?
 14. What do you think of the following club facilities.
 15. The Clubhouse?
 16. The Hangar?
 17. The refuelling arrangements?
 18. The immediate club environment? Lawn, toilets, etc.
 19. Do you think that the club arranges enough organised events? Fly - in, competitions, etc.
 20. If not, please give an idea of what you'd like to see happen.
 21. Do you think that the club's social calendar is satisfactory? (events held outside normal flying hours)
 22. If not, please give an idea of what you'd like to see happen.
 23. Have you ever served on the committee?
 24. If not, what would stop you from doing so?
 25. Are you satisfied with the efforts of the current committee?
 26. If not, what would you like to see them achieve?
 27. Finally, please let us have any suggestions you may have for improving your satisfaction with the club
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Who is it?

Nobody has volunteered their life story for inclusion in the newsletter. Why not let me have your profile??

Google Earth for Aviators

Submitted by Frank van der Hulst

Recently, I've been exploring the capabilities of a program called Google Earth. This is a system put together by Google, better known for their Internet search engine. It's a photographic map of the entire world. Some is in wonderful detail, but much of the Earth is still only available at low resolution.

The way it works is that you download the Google Earth program from <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html> and install it on your computer. Versions are available for PC, Mac, and Linux. Note that this is a 10MB download; if that's daunting then I'm happy to give you a copy on CDROM. You install it on your computer, and then run the program. You can now navigate round the Earth using your mouse to drag the globe round, and to zoom in and out.

Editor's Note: Frank forwarded satellite photos of Pete Kernohan and Neil Collivers' airstrips as well as images of Taonui. They're really impressive but I decided not to print these because of the load it would impose on member's computers.

The whole "Google Earth for Aviators" article is available on the MMC web site... Here's the URL http://www.manawatumicrolightclub.org.nz/newsletters/GoogleEarth/Google_Earth_for_Aviators.htm



Another Bad Day!

Yet another in the series of photos entitled, 'when you know you're having a bad day' submitted by mark Dean.

I, too, experienced a similar mishap though didn't manage to go as deep as the aircraft depicted. It's hard to imagine how this pilot managed to achieve total immersion.

Events Calendar

'Cold Duck', Dawn Raid

Sunday 16th July at Taonui. As the title suggests, some hardy souls will arrive at first light and will be treated to one of our famous barbecues. [As this is the third Sunday in the month, we will also keep the barbecue stoked up for the normal lunch time feed.](#)

Special General Meeting

At the club room at 10.00am on Sunday 23 July.

AIRCRAFT (and other things) FOR SALE & Wanted

Wanted.

Smiths Chrometric rev counter as fitted to early British motor bikes.
any condition.

Ph: Shorty 06-3545657 or 021-682-151

For Sale

Part Share

A share in the Feilding based Hovey Hawk. This is a delightful, extremely well built Bi-Plane, which is a delight to fly. It is a low hour machine, and in excellent condition.

Please contact Shorty on 021-682151

Radio

As new, Icom Navcom V H F Airband transceiver IC - A22 fitted with rechargeable nickel metal hydride batteries, together with an operation manual. I paid \$600-00 for it and will sell for \$500-00. Contact Rex Thompson. rex.thomo@inspire.net.nz

Rans S-6ES Coyote II, tricycle undercarriage, Rotax 503DI, DC electric start, 430hrs. Roomy comfortable & good visibility, 4+hr endurance, surprising performance for 52hp engine. \$37,500 Contact Peter Kernohan 021 804 733
kernohan@actrix.co.nz

CGS Hawk.

I am selling this aeroplane because I am not able to fly it as often as I would like. The aeroplane was built in 1999 and has two owners, one of them being me. It has flown 310 Hrs (airframe and engine). The tail feathers, ailerons & flaps all have been recovered and painted and the wing sails are in good condition. The fuselage is fibreglass and in good condition. The engine is a Rotax 503 with dual ignition and has just been overhauled (300 hrs). It is fitted with a ground adjustable Ivoprop. Asking \$15,000 but offers considered. For any information call Roger on 06 363 5175 021 433 477

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