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From the Editor's Desk...

I'm back! Apparently I didn't stand back far enough when positions were being appointed - I'll know better next time! Seems despite the season, we are still getting plenty of flying in, most notably our latest glider competition. Usually our gliding days seem to be on the days with the worst weather - but this month's event was the exception. The wind & rain held off, and a great day was had by all. We had a great turnout at the event, with 13 people (I think...) in total turning up

to give it a go - myself included.

Having never flown a glider before, only really my little electric plane, I can safely say that I really enjoyed it, and look forward to the next event -



"Stand back! We're trained professionals!"

hopefully the weather hold off for that one as well!

Things to look forward too over the coming months include the Thermal Thaw with Auckland Soar, more gliding competitions, as well as our annual mid-year Christmas lunch. I see in the calendar that there is also a "pancake breakfast/lunch" at the flying field - I have no idea what that is, but it sounds delicious...

Until next time...



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From the Presidential Suite

Well judging by the response at the AGM looks like you are stuck with me for another year!

Some good points were raised at the meeting and some ideas were laid to rest, it appears the club trainer may get a reprieve and even a 2.4ghz set up so watch this space. I understand the reasons for both selling it and saving it (how's that for fence sitting?!)

We have many new members to our club which is good to see. I think we have our very impressive website to thank for attracting interest, although some interest has left me amused and bewildered !

A couple of weeks ago the phone rang and a man of eastern decent wanted to speak to the president of the Hibiscus Fliers and I said I am he, he then went on how we could maximize our potential and increase our cash flow by employing his services???

I emphasized that we were a social club and did not really need the services of a business analyst. He then said what about attracting more customers? I said we don't have customers! He then said "but who will fly the planes?" I then twigged that he thought we were a full size aircraft flying school!! I let him down as gently as I could whilst laughing, he replied "TOY PLANES?!", well scale flying models, I prompted - he then said "Just toy planes" *click*.

I recently received an email from a guy in China who had seen my address on our website and he gave me a link to his company website selling r/c RTF models and offered me free shipping if I buy wholesale, it looked to be a Hobby King type outfit offering the same sort of models.

Wayne Drinkwater

MID YEAR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Sunday 24 June
12 noon
Valentines Wairau Road

Adults \$26.90 per head
Children 2-13 years \$1.50 per year of age

Contact Social Secretary Ngaire Ladd (09) 4260840




Hibiscus Coast Radio Flyers

present

The 2012 Thermal Thaw

10th June 2012

- **Thermal A (Open Class)**

- **Sportsman Class**

Fly what you have:

2 metre gliders

Electric Soarers

Vintage models

No Entry Fee

11:00 a.m. Start

Lunchtime sausage sizzle

Tea & Coffee turned on

Directions to the field :

Exactly 9km down Wainui Rd from Silverdale.

Threat Levels

A thoughts from the mind of John Cleese...

The **English** are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

The **Scots** have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 400 years.

The **French** government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

Italy has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

The **Germans** have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbor" and "Lose."

Belgians, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

The **Spanish** are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

Australia, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Three more escalation levels remain: "Crikey!" and "I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend" and "The barbie is cancelled." So far no situation has ever warranted use of the final escalation level.

Crikey!

Good on 'ya!



McKenzie Carter receiving his Raffle Prize of a Ready to Fly Parkzone T-28 Trojan.

Sponsored by HobbyCity Albany, Wayne Drinkwater, Ross McDonnell and Ngaire Ladd

The Hibiscus Coast Radio Fliers 2012 Open Day raffle prize was presented to him by Social Secretary Ngaire Ladd.

It is great to see another family join our club as Dad Tim, Mum Susan and sister Caitlin are all showing an interest in flying models.

McKenzie is now fast becoming an accomplished "Bee" flier and ~~may soon be~~ is showing us all how it is supposed to be done!

President's Award Winners 2012

"Most Improved Flier"

Jim Hall receiving the "Most Improved Flier" award.

Jim has gone from flying glider only to glider, power, instructing and public displays since he joined the club.



"Most Work Done for the Good of the Club"

Nigel Grace receiving the "Presidents Award for most work done for the good of the club."

Nigel has worked quietly behind the scenes doing all those 101 jobs that everyone takes for granted (*not to forget our resident chef as well! Ed*).



"Best Crash"

Best crash was awarded to **Bryan Leeves** for his crash while flying his Voltimer.

The conversation went something like this.

Bryan "Look out Dave, your plane is heading vertically into the ground!!!"

CRASH

Dave "No - that's your plane"

(Sadly there is no picture of Brian picking up this prestigious award - there's always next year!... Ed)

Your New Committee for 2012-2013



The following people did not step back fast enough and therefore got elected for the following year.

From left to right

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Boeing Fun Facts

1. The Boeing 747 (all versions) have travelled an estimated 35 billion miles, that is the equivalent of 75,000 trips to the moon and back.

2. The Boeing 767 sucks in enough air during take-off in both of its engines to fill the Goodyear Blimp in 7 seconds.

3. It took 75,000 engineering drawings to build the first Boeing 747-100.

4. The Boeing 737 is the most popular twin aisle - twin engine jetliner in the world, more than 3,000 have been sold from Boeing, and it has carried the entire world population of 6 billion people and it has travelled more than 25 billion miles.

5. You can fit 45 mid size automobiles on only one wing of a Boeing 747-400.

6. There are approximately 200,000 flights every day around the world.

7. There are 24,000 Boeing 777 flights each month.

8. There are 800 Boeing 777 flights each day.

9. You can fit 6 million golf balls inside of a Boeing 757 freighter.

10. One wind shield or window frame of the Boeing 747-400's cockpit, cost as much as a BMW.

Disclaimer: These facts are from the internet - I haven't actually tried to see how many golf balls fit inside a 757!



Boom-Boom!

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. So, this was his first time approaching a field during the night-time. Instead of making any official requests to the tower, he said: "Guess who?"

The controller switched the field lights off and replied: "Guess where?"

"Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation, and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with you with our compliments."

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

This from a pilot during his welcome message: "Delta airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort, and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing the stewardess said, "There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out off this airplane."

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child travelling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are travelling with more than one small child, pick your favourite."

And this one just for Wayne...

A pilot landed a plane with a rather bumpy landing. As part of his job he was required to stand by the terminal door and say goodbye to the passengers as they exited the airplane. He was afraid that someone might say something about his rather less than perfect landing, but everyone left without saying a word except for one passenger, an elderly lady, she slowly approached the pilot after most passengers had exited the plane and asked, "Did we land? Or were we shot down?"

Aviation Dictionary

Airspeed: Speed of an airplane. Deduct 25% when listening to a Navy pilot.

Bank: The folks who hold the lien on most pilots' cars.

Dead Reckoning: You reckon correctly, or you are.

Engine Failure: A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks mysteriously become filled with air.

Firewall: Section of the aircraft specially designed to let heat and smoke enter the cockpit.

Glide Distance: Half the distance from the airplane to the nearest emergency landing field.

Hydroplane: An airplane designed to land on a 20,000 foot long wet runway.

IFR: A method of flying by needle and ripcord.

Lean Mixture: Non-alcoholic beer

Nanosecond: Time delay built into the stall warning system.

Parasitic Drag: A pilot who bums a ride and complains about the service.

Range: Usually about 30 miles beyond the point where all fuel tanks fill with air.

Rich Mixture: What you order at the other guy's promotion party.

Roger: Used when you're not sure what else to say.

Service Ceiling: Altitude at which cabin crews can serve drinks.

Spoilers: The Federal Aviation Administration.

Stall: Technique used to explain to the bank why your car payment is late.



My English are Very Goodness!

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

A farm can produce produce.

The dump was so full it had to refuse refuse.

The soldier decided to desert in the desert.

The present is a good time to present the present.

At the Army base, a bass was painted on the head of a bass drum.

The dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance for the invalid was invalid.

The bandage was wound around the wound.

There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.

They were too close to the door to close it.

The buck does funny things when the does are present.

They sent a sewer down to stitch the tear in the sewer line.

To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

After a number of Novocain injections, my jaw got number.

I shed a tear when I saw the tear in my clothes.

I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

I spent last evening evening out a pile of dirt.

We polish the Polish furniture.

And Finally:

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.

Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

Quicksand can work slowly.

Boxing rings are square and

if vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?????

Once a Mum, Always a Mum...



Club Calendar

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Day	Month	Day of Week	What?	Where?
4 th	June	Monday	Clubnight	Whangaparaoa Guide Hall
10 th	June	Sunday	Thermal Thaw	Wainui
24 th	June	Sunday	Midwinter Christmas Dinner	Valentines
30 ^h	June	Saturday	Gliding Competition	Wainui
28 th	July	Saturday	Pancake Breakfast/Lunch	Wainui
28 ^h	July	Saturday	Gliding Competition	Wainui