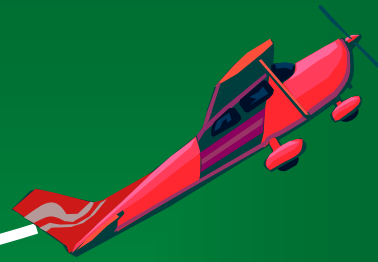


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From the editor's desk...

I've done it again! "Done what?!" I hear you say, well I've stuck my hand up and volunteered to help out my school. This time it is the 'All American Soap Box Derby', which is on the 9th & 10th of April up by the Leisure Centre. We will be competing against other schools and clubs in the area, with a chance to take part in national and international competitions.

I managed to get 23 kids

to sign up, and now we take over the workshop at lunchtime as they assembled the big kit. They



*"Just like a big Meccano set"
The soapbox derby kitset.*

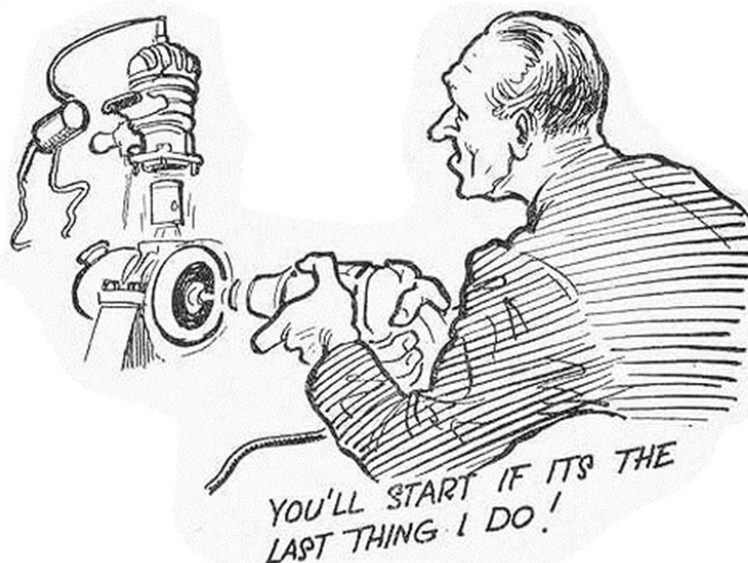
then have to do some time trials to find out who is the fastest - and then race day!

If you or your workplace would like to sponsor our car, and have a sticker on the side of the body, you can make a small donation to our tech department...

Until next time...

Hayden Purdy

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**"You'll start if it's
the last thing I do!"**

From B. Terry Aspin's
cartoon:

**"That Obstinate
Starter"**

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Secretary's Report

Due to the fact our parent body have increased the cost of affiliation to all our members we found it necessary to look at the possibility of increasing our membership fees.

Due to our constitution we cannot just raise the fees but rather have to put a notice of motion to discuss this at our AGM. This was done at our club night on Monday March 7.

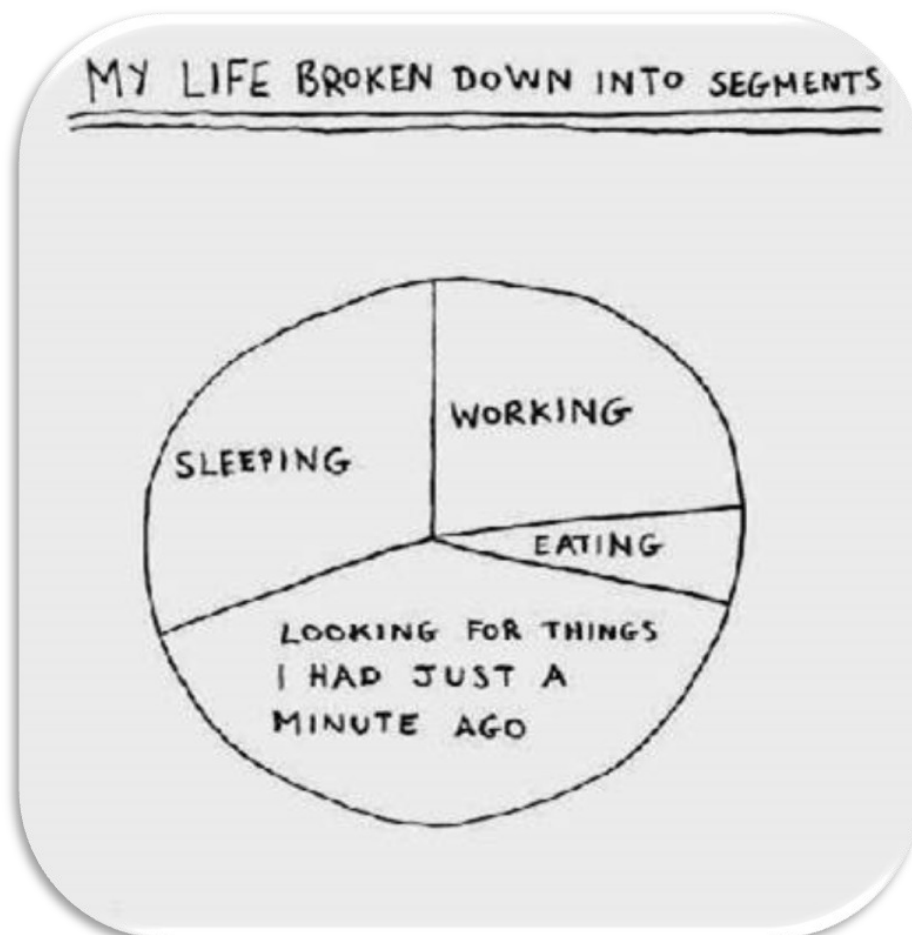
A motion was put that we increase the fees to \$100 for a senior, \$95 for a superannuitant and \$105 for a family, the junior fee will remain unchanged. This was seconded.

There was some discussion on this motion about the fact that the club has absorbed the last couple of increases and that we may need a new mower in the too far distant future and it was unanimously agreed that we should increase the fees to the above amounts.

You will of course be aware that more than 60% you fee goes to our parent body to cover our flight insurance and running the whole thing including Flyers World magazine.

Neale

Secretary



Guess That Plane...

Well last month's engines sorted the men from the boys, with only one response - so congratulations to **Bryan Leeves** - they are indeed a Rolls-Royce Merlin, and an Packard copy of the Merlin. Here's some more about the Rolls....

The Rolls-Royce Merlin is a British liquid-cooled, V-12, piston aero engine, of 27-litre (1,650 cu in) capacity. Rolls-Royce Limited designed and built the engine which was initially known as the PV-12: the PV-12 became known as the *Merlin* following the company convention of naming its piston aero engines after birds of prey.



The PV-12 first ran in 1933 and, after several modifications, the first production variants were built in 1936. The first operational aircraft to enter service using the Merlin were the Fairey Battle, Hawker Hurricane and Supermarine Spitfire. More Merlins were made for the four-engined Avro Lancaster heavy bomber than for any other aircraft; however, the engine is most closely associated with the Spitfire, starting with the Spitfire's maiden flight in 1936. A series of rapidly applied developments, brought about by wartime needs, markedly improved the engine's performance and durability.



Considered a British icon, the Merlin was one of the most successful aircraft engines of the World War II era, and many variants were built by Rolls-Royce in Derby, Crewe and Glasgow, as well as by Ford of Britain in Trafford Park, near Manchester. The Packard V-1650 was a version of the Merlin built in the United States. Production ceased in 1950 after a total of almost 150,000 engines had been delivered, the later variants being used for airliners and military transport aircraft.

In military use the Merlin was superseded by its larger capacity stablemate, the Rolls-Royce Griffon. Merlin engines remain in Royal Air Force service today with the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, and power many restored aircraft in private ownership worldwide.

Now for this month's plane - I can tell you I have seen two flying examples of these in New Zealand, and that they were made in Aussie.



The first person to respond with the *correct answer* to my email (editor.aerobot@gmail.com) will get their name forever immortalised in print - as I have no actual prizes! Good luck!

Ed'

Why is contest attendance down ?

(One man's opinion...)

Answer: sailplane pilots are born not made. It takes a certain kind of individual to be attracted to this sport. There are a limited number of us, and the distractions available have multiplied exponentially. 50 years ago there were no in-line skates, mountain bikes, skate-boards, windsurfers, jetskis, personal computers, MTV, 100 channels of television, video games, video game arcades, wake boards, snow boards, chat rooms, AOL, and news lists like this one. 50 years ago aviation was romantic and exciting. Now we have ValuJet, and air travel is looked on by the young as just a quick way to get to a good bungee jumping site.

To attract new, young blood, we have to settle for a limited number of young nerds or else provide something with a serious adrenalin rush. The trouble is that the great majority of current pilots are beyond the age where adrenalin is necessary or desired except to jump start a stopped heart. (I have no license to prescribe, don't try this without a doctor's advice)

To get the new kids we want, we have to be LOUD, colorful, outrageous, sexy, and sort of like MTV. Here's the suggested format: Each sailplane is loaded with a charge of plastic explosive, and a timer set for 10 minutes. Contestants must ride dirt bikes over an obstacle course to pickup the chutes, race back to the 50 hp turbo winches which are manned by scantily clad wenches, launch, do a speed run thru a flaming ring of fire, thermal for 7 minutes, land within a ten foot circle surrounded by an electric field that will set off the explosive if touched by the model, race with the dirt bike and model to the scoring table where the explosive can be defused by a bikini clad babe. Too late, and BOOM! All the while Ace of Base and Queen Latifa play at 120 db in the background. Is that what YOU want?

I don't have the answer. Sometimes things just die. In the mean time, don't think that a new 100" 3 channel class is going to revitalize the sport, not unless it explodes, uses one channel to play rap music, and has a bikini Barbie for a pilot.

Plagiarised from Frank Weston, who used to be Mr Waco Inc



Some Pic's...



“A group of Lazy Bee’s, and their planes...”

Wayne's Electric powered flappy Delta



Wayne's Ecox powered Playboy

Wings over Wairarapa

My daughter bought me tickets for the "Wings over Wairarapa" airshow at Hood aerodrome. This display was not only aircraft, there were displays of old agricultural machinery, military equipment from the Waiouru museum, an airforce display and things for the whole family - including tents with woman's clothing!

The highlight for me was the amazing array of World-War-One aircraft, mostly thanks to Peter Jackson who has a hanger of these planes at Hood Aerodrome. Some of the aircraft had original rotary engines in them, and it was great to hear them blipping their throttles as they flew around. There were 3 SE5A replicas, a Sopwith Camel and a Sopwith triplane.

There was also a restored Avro 504K with a rotary engine in it .This was beautifully restored and was of special interest to me as one of my relatives once worked in the Avro factory. There were two BE2cs one a replica and one a restoration, both flew. A nice Phalz biplane did a spirited display, 3 Fokker triplanes flew and I am pretty sure they were modern replicas with standard radial engines. Also on display but not flown was a World-War-One pusher biplane (name escapes me...) and an aircraft made for the King Kong movie.

In comparison there were only three World-War-two aircraft, two Kittyhawks and a very impressive Corsair. It was great to hear that throaty rumble is it did a mock airfield attack. Unfortunately Sunday was cancelled due to bad weather so I went on the right day. This airshow was well worth a effort, perhaps we can muster a group to go down to the next one! There was a huge RV park right on the airfield!

Steve Noyes



Just a bit naughty...

Police in London have found a bomb outside a mosque..
They've told the public not to panic as they've managed to push it inside.

Two Asian heroin addicts have injected themselves with curry powder by mistake - both are in intensive care....
One has a dodgy tikka and the other one is in a korma..

During last night's high winds an African family were killed by a falling tree.
A spokesman for the Birmingham City council said "We didn't even know they were living up there"..

Jamaican minorities in the UK have complained that there are not enough television shows with minorities in mind, so Crimewatch is being shown 5 times a week now.

I just saw my first Harry Potter film.
A bit unrealistic if you ask me. I mean, a ginger haired kid, with two friends?

I had a mate who was suicidal. He was really depressed, so I pushed him in front of a steam train.
He was chuffed to bits.

I was reading in the paper today about this dwarf that got pick pocketed.
How could anyone stoop so low.

I was walking down the road when I saw an Afghan bloke standing on a fifth floor balcony shaking a carpet. I shouted up to him, "what's up Abdul, won't it start?"

Blonde joke...

An old, blind cowboy wanders into an all-girl biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a shot of Jack Daniels After sitting there for a while, he yells to the bartender, 'Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?'

The bar immediately falls absolutely silent.

In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, Cowboy, I think it is only fair, Given that you are blind, that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat.
2. The bouncer is a blonde girl.
3. I'm a 6-foot tall, 175-pound blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
4. The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weight lifter.

5. The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler.

Now, think about it seriously, Cowboy. Do you still wanna' tell that blonde joke?"

The blind cowboy thinks for a second, shakes his head and mutters, "No...not if I'm gonna' have to explain it five times."

Questions & Answers

Q: Where can men over the age of 60 find younger, sexy women who are interested in them?

A: In a bookstore under "Fiction'.

Q: How can you increase the heart rate of your 60-plus year old husband?

A: Tell him you're pregnant.

Q: How can you avoid that terrible curse of the elderly wrinkles?

A: Take off your glasses.

Q: Seriously! What can I do for these Crow's feet and all those wrinkles on my face?

A: Go without a bra. It will usually pull them out.

Q: Why should 60-plus year old people use valet parking

A: Valets don't forget where they park your car.

Q: Is it common for 60-plus year olds to have problems with short term memory storage?

A: Storing memory is not a problem, retrieving it is the problem.

Q: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

A: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Q: Where should 60-plus year olds look for eye glasses?

A: On their foreheads.

Q: What is the most common remark made by 60-plus year olds when they enter antique stores?

A: "Gosh, I remember these!"



Club Calendar

April

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Schedule of Events:

April 2011

- 2nd & 3rd - Springhill MANZ Rally**
- 17th - Highbrook Open Day**
- 23rd & 24th - Blackfeet Vintage Meet**
- 30th - HCRF Gliding Competition**

May

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Schedule of Events:

May 2011

- 21st & 22nd - Cleavedon MANZ Rally**
- 28th - HCRF Gliding Competition**

27	March	H.C.R.F. Public Open Day
31	March	HCRF Last Twilight
2+3	April	Springhill MANZ Rally
17	April	Highbrook Open Day
23+24	April	Blackfeet Vintage Meet
30	April	HCRF Gliding Competition
21+22	May	Cleavedon MANZ Rally
28	May	HCRF Gliding Competition
19	June	Tauranga Model Auction
25	June	HCRF Gliding Competition