



Pioneer Aviation Gippsland

Recreational Flying School News

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ANTHONY'S RAMBLINGS

The last 2 months have been very busy for me, October started very windy so I had lots of time to work on the Lightning which is coming along nicely (not fast enough for me though). November flying times are a record for November which kept me very busy. Richard was full time, plus the regulars and a heap of new aviators some of whom have already gone solo.

Look out in the "Aviator" magazine in January (I think) for an article by Kristy Gilligan doing a PPL to Rec licence conversion

As if I was not busy the new hangar/office is being built which was not due to start until January (I'm not complaining) needed to be supervised. As I write this it is almost to lock up stage, all I now need is and electrician, plumber and a floor. We should be in, in the New Year.

Talking of New Year we will once again be having a new year's party here, so come along with your drinks meat etc and start the New Year in style. Bring your tent/van/swag if you want to stay overnight.

Christmas shut down (what a joke), I will be closed on Christmas and boxing days and now doubt I will not feeling well on new years day, so may as well have it off also, so it will be business as usual.

NEW AVIATORS

Michelle Ballard from Cooma.
Ashley Hiscock from Hazelwood
Richard Carstairs from Glenroy
Nick Schoute from Moe
Daniel Vickers from Toongabbie
Peter Johnson from Wonthaggi
Kristy Gilligan from Sale who is also the Sub-editor of "Aviator"

FIRST SOLO



Peter Dickson in the Jabiru 10thNov



Richard Carstairs 15th Nov



Kristy Gilligan on the 16th November



Nick Schoute after 20year break from flying

PILOT CERTIFICATES

Kristy Gilligan

TAIL WHEEL ENDORSEMENT

Geoff Higgins

***TO ALL OF THE ABOVE, WELCOME TO PIONEER AVIATION GIPPSLAND
AND CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE ACHIEVERS.***

CLASSES

Now that my wife is unemployed I have asked her to do a X-country class, just when? Keep an eye on the notice board and let me know if you want to do course.

THE FLEET

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Going well, in the last 2 months it has ticked over 1,100hr with Rob Rodden doing a TIF at the helm and on the 25th November it turned over 1,200hr with Peter Weller piloting

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Carried out some AD,s and a service on the undercarriage, flap linkages but apart from that it is going well with over 200 hours in the last 12 months.

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I have done some flying in the Lightwing recently, great aircraft but a bit of a challenge due to the tail wheel and the prop going in the opposite direction from most other aircraft

NEW AIRCRAFT ON THE FIELD

Not exactly new but Graham has his Foxcon Terrier back from a rest in Swan Hill. While there Graham made a lot of changes, the biggest was fitting a gearbox to the engine instead of the belt that broke forcing Graham to do a forced landing, other changes were struts to hold the door open, electronic ignition, carby heat and an electric trim fitted to the elevator.

EVENTS

Well the annual Wings Dinner has been held and this year they did not run out of food and the quest speaker was very interesting. He is in his eighties, very spritely and told of his experiences during the war flying Mosquito's as a pathfinder.

AIRPORT NEWS



It is amazing how much trouble some people will go to get their photo in this newsletter. Above is a picture of Laurie Armstrong trying out his new Paraglider, the man on the left is there as a safety officer in case Laurie actually leaves the ground.

Happy flying
Anthony Morrison