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THE WIND UNDER OUR WINGS.

1. 5-6 November. SAA Black Sands Fly-in, 2016.

The Sports Aircraft Association held their annual Black Sands Rally in Raglan. The strong winds made for some breath taking landings onto runway 23. At 1130 hrs on Saturday there were sixty three aircraft of all shapes and sizes in the line-up with more turning up as if out of nowhere. After lunch the CAA representative talked about the new airspace changes around the country and the next airspace environment with ADSB.





It seems likely that glass cockpits and iPads would soon be leading to paperless cockpits. Raglan is a two hour trip each way from KK and well within the reach of our club pilots flying NOL and MBN. A 10 min walk to town across the estuary bridge leads to many touristy shops, restaurants and accommodation.

This time we made it a same day return trip having had a most enjoyable time catching up with friends and chewing the fat - lies.

Willie VAW

2. Games night. 11 November.

Seven members attended the games night. As well as snooker and pool, darts was added to the programme. It quickly transpired that our CFI was no stranger to the game and launched off with a double with the first dart and completed his 301 with the correct total and the required double. It was good to see two of our junior members participating. Further Games Nights are planned for next year.



A game of snooker in progress.

3. Thursday, 24 November. First Solo.

Congratulations to **Liam Gahegan** on achieving his first solo.

Liam is the the Club's first scholarship holder. After a faltering start due to NOL being off-line for several weeks, he has made steady progress. He has passed his Radio and Law exams and is looking forward to progressing through his continuing training.



Instructor, Alan Murgatroyd, congratulates Liam after his First Solo flight.

4. Sunday, 20th November.

Dave Lennan flew to Whitianga to try out the new Cafe - which met with his approval. He is pictured here with the club president, Warren Sly, who is five years into building his Titan T51 Mustang. Warren is an engineer who has incorporated several improvements including sequencing undercarriage doors.



5. Saturday 26th November. RAANZ AGM.

John Nicholls and Steve Wynne flew to Stratford to attend the AGM

Steve held the club proxy vote at the RAANZ meeting. RAANZ issue the microlight pilot certificate and aircraft permits to fly.

RAANZ are the buffer between microlighters and the Civil Aviation Authority. They said we can make their job easier by flying safely and obeying the rules. They are hoping to negotiate a larger allowance for microlight flying towards a Private Pilot Licence.

At this AGM John was elected onto the Executive Committee. **Congratulations John.**



Delegates hard at work at the AGM.

6. The Taylor family pulling their weight.



While Heath was mowing the club lawn, his father, Myles was cleaning out the hangar.

Thank you Myles and Heath.



XMAS BBQ

7. Sunday 11th December. Christmas Barbecue.

The Christmas BBQ will be held on the above date starting at 2pm. Take the opportunity to try out the pool table, the dart board and the club simulator. If you enjoy the games come to the Games Nights next year. Drinks are BYO with a \$10 per head charge for food. The club will cater. Friends welcome.

N.B. Coming Events.

Kaipara Flats Fly-in. Saturday, 10th December. About 45 mins each way.

Club Competitions. Sunday, 29th January. This is open to qualified and unqualified pilots. More details will be provided nearer the time.