



Hi All

What a month at the club! Not so busy on the flying side of things as one would expect during winter (With that being said we are still going better than this time last year!) but we have hit the renovations with full force (We meaning Murray, Barbra, Ernie and Paul) massive thankyou to all those involved.

Had one of the best whale flights as well last Saturday 3 sperm whales, 3 humpbacks and a ton of dolphins



Also a big welcome to our young eagles (Both young eagles and parents alike). Apologies for the delay in arranging activities for us. However we just had a trip last Sunday raided the Omaka Aviation heritage Center. Massive thankyou to Graham Orphan, Dave Simms and Barbra Woods for helping us out with this.



See you in the air

Shannon

PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

Well what a busy year and how the time has flown since we jumped in the deep end, bought and paid for the Cherokee Six, decided to invest in an affordable training craft and rearranged the house and garden. The inspiration and energy of our talented instructing team has seen amazing results and a most attractive clubhouse and expanding flying fleet. So cheers to the team and contributing members for making it a beautiful reality and may we now take advantage of our situation and look forward to the best season so far with high standards, happy customers and great club flying in the new Eurofox. We are hopeful that ZK-DOP will be back in the air with a new motor by next month

Remember the AGM will happen here in the Clubhouse on July 30 2016 at 4pm. Meanwhile Be great to see you all that afternoon- members bring a plate please - so we can have a chat and drink after the meeting and cast our eyes over the fleet and maybe organize a trial flight in the Eurofox. I am pretty sure you will be suitably impressed with its capability and the price.

So here's to calm air and good flying – We are mindful that 'Safety in the sky' is our top priority
Cheers
Barb

CHIEF PILOT REPORT

Last week I attended the RNZAC (Royal New Zealand Aero Club) AGM and the Flying NZ (trade name) conference in Hamilton. This occurs each year in a different part of the country and attended by a number of member clubs who are affiliated to the RNZAC which is a parent body. Largely it is presidents and CFI's but a number of club delegates were present and the number was 50 to 60 plus various guests eg CAA. The AGM part is all normal business and you can read the annual report on the web site, Flyingnz. Accounts are passed and it is usual for them to break even, ie what comes in goes out to the service of clubs and the activities we enjoy.

The conference is a series of speakers on various topics which will be of interest to the member clubs. This year's theme was "Growing the Pie" ie create more members and flying, which is what we all want. After a welcome from Rob George, the president we had an address from Wendy McPhail who runs a consulting business. She addressed the use of technology in gaining members and that we probably need to speak the modern language to entice people in. Full use of phone apps, tablets, Facebook and lots of things I know nothing about but I do know it is all out there. On line bookings, which some clubs do have and it works very well. It is capturing the moment and customers can do it NOW. Otherwise it may be they think they will phone later but never get around to it. All true at some time. Wendy also had an experience when she rang and booked a trial flight, she knew nothing of flying before talking to our exec. Great story of how not to but the points to remember are CUSTOMER SERVICE. Everything we do and the way we do it must invite and enhance the experience. Little things do matter and we must make sure we explain fully all the things we take for granted. Your own committee will be looking in to this.

A piece on LSA's and microlights. Pertinent to us as we near the time of getting our own LSA (Light Sport Aircraft) which can be flown in either category. Look out for the fanfare when our own arrives. The Flying NZ Instructor council, which also had its AGM and I attended, has put together an Instructor Guide which is designed to give any instructor an insight into what is required in that position. Good work. Another practical tool the club can use.

Liability Insurance- just something we all need in this day and age and make sure it is sufficient. These days \$1,000,000 minimum, up to \$5,000,000 for a club like us.

Gateway Program- We have 2 school students participating in this which is basically funding provided to help us show what is involved in aviation to keen young people and usually includes some flying and exam study. Kaikoura was specifically mentioned as a keen active example so well done to our staff for that. Financial Stability- This is helped by tracking a transaction thru all its requirements, ie it is recorded everywhere it should be to ensure the information that is presented at the end is true and meaningful. Do this from time to time and it is a check that all is good.

Diesel powered aircraft- Hawker Pacific made a presentation on what they have to offer in both planes and support services and programmes. There is some great stuff and Shannon has a computer stick which will tell you more, or go on line.

The Aviator as a Professional- presented by CAA this is reinforcing the fact that instructors are professionals every bit as much as an airline pilot, and do not forget it. So we need to make sure that this is reflected at all times in what we say and do. Marc Brogan was the main presenter here and having come from the aero club scene, do call if you need advice.

Kapiti Aero Club Revival- This is a good story of what can be achieved by hard work and doing the right thing. Kapiti is now a busy viable aero club doing 3000 hours a year. A good social scene with plenty of participation and activity. The feel and look of the place gives you that sense. I have been there. Find out what they are doing and copy them! There is probably nothing new but it is the way it is done. Success breeds success.

Health and Safety- All clubs are liable and it is important that committee's understand and comply with the law. It is just a matter of working thru and making sure the club is doing the right thing. If not then the CEO/President can be prosecuted along with the club itself. Combine H & S with the new SMS (Safety Management System) which must be in place over the next few years. Do not be overwhelmed and do not overspend but make sure you are covered.

Accidents and Investigations- An explanation of how it is done and the process followed. An interesting presentation. Make sure you organisation has an emergency plan and the staff know how to put it into action. We will be running a mock up ourselves sometime soon.

As always these gatherings are a time to catch up with others and see where they are at and what is going well and what we can do to help each other.

Until next year.

Alistair Matthews

SENIOR PILOT REPORT

Hello Everyone,

We are continuing with a very good winter, the weather conditions have been very good for flying. Again all aspects of our flying have been increasing. As many of you will know we have had some major problems with our aircraft ZK-DOP through no fault of ours. This has resulted in us now getting a new engine from the States. DOP should be back in the air at the end of August all going well.

Our new training aircraft ZK-TUG is now entering into the final stages of being certified as a Light sports aircraft. We are hoping it will be here next weekend. ZK-TUG will give people the options of either completing a full PPL/CPL or to complete a micro light license.

Our AGM is next Saturday the 30th at 4pm. It would be great if everyone could make an effort and attend as we have a great little club and without your interest, we would not be here.

Please come down and check out our new renovations. I would like to thank all those people that have helped with this, we will be continuing with more over the next few months, getting ready for our summer season.

Kind regards

Murray

REPORTS FROM CLUB MEMBERS

Hi Everyone

If you have not been to the club house for a while, come down & have a look, things have been happening. It was decided some time ago that the club house & outside surroundings needed a bit of a spruce up, & the best time to do it is now while things are a little slower, so last week Murray & his team dug out the muddy grass path areas & laid boxing in preparation to lay 4 m of concrete, the dirt was put into the garden which will be landscaped with tussocks & boulders. On the morning of the day we wanted the concrete we only had to postpone the concrete truck for a few hours to wait for a front to pass through. When the truck eventually arrived it was all hands to the pump, 2 guys on wheel barrows being filled with concrete direct from the truck & placing it between the boxing for Murray to screed it off to give it the professional finish. After a few hours of hard yakka & anxious moments about the weather it was all done & dusted around 6pm. A good day's effort!

The renovations have also started in the club house the counter has been shifted to a better position for greeting customers & the back wall has been repainted in a fresh modern colour. The little centre wall where the propeller was on has gone to level off the ceiling which is going to be lined with new lighting, fresh painted walls, new carpet & new upholstery. Murray also has great plans for further renovations moving forward which are exciting & will certainly lift the profile of the club, however you will need to come down to the office & Murray will show you the plan.

Not long to go as our new acquisition TUG the EURO FOX will be arriving, she is sleek, shapely, sexy & very modern with a digital & analogue instrument panel that once you would only see in a Jumbo. For those members who previously found flying expensive or have lost your class 2 medical, TUG is for you, the flying cost will very affordable for members & you can also fly on a RPL. Call into the office & have a chat to Murray, Matt & Shannon about how to get an RPL; it's cheap, & your medical is with your own GP. With TUG we will be able to visit some of those outback strips around Kaikoura or Molesworth, if you want to advertise your business; we can tow a banner with your details on it, certainly get your name noticed & not expensive. TUG is registered as LSA so ideal for pilot training, pilot a plane, or doing a pleasant cross country trip at 15 Lt per hour. TUG is for Aero Club pilots, new budding pilots- come & view her come & fly her...it's yours!

As mentioned in previous newsletters Air Kaikoura has been very busy with whale watching & the trend is continuing even now. We are expecting very busy summer months ahead with more & more overseas visitors stopping in Kaikoura to view the whales, dolphins etc. & we are fortunate that Air Kaikoura enjoys a major share of those visitor \$\$\$, however with the increasing punters it does put a strain on our pilots, DOP & DUQ in the way of maintenance, quicker 50 / 100 checks & damage to upholstery, DUQ will be having it's upholstery spruced up next month & recently had the step on the RHS wing repaired due to wear & tear from many more PAX than previous years & also people are getting heavier.

Remember if you haven't been to the club house for a while, call in to have a tea or coffee, have a chat with the team, see & hear what's happening now & future.

Blue Skies

Paul Faulkner



Saturday 18th June 2016

MEL'S MISSION MUSINGS

Study study study...

As I write you all today, I am enjoying yet another lovely and sunny day in the tropical far north of Australia. I have been based in Mareeba, Queensland (about an hour inland from Cairns) for the last 3 weeks, getting to grips with flying the Cessna 206, and learning the standard operating procedures of MAF.

Here's a photo from our field trip to Mount Garnet:



We flew there and, after creating a "runway" with cone markers and demolishing many an anthill to make a safe surface, we spent the day practising aborted take-offs from various distances, and a few other emergency procedures besides. A great way to end the week!

The course ends next week with a flight test on Tuesday, and clean-up day on Wednesday, before I fly to England on Thursday. It is difficult to believe we are at the end already, the last few weeks have just rushed by! Once in England, I have a Security course to attend for a few days, then a short break before Orientation begins on the 4th July.

Stay tuned for the next instalment... 😊

"We exist to see isolated people physically & spiritually transformed by God's love through the use of aviation and technology."

Get involved

If you are excited as I am about what MAF is doing, and are keen to partner with me in this journey in prayer and/or financially, please contact Mandy at MAF NZ: mclayton@maf.org or call the number below.

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aflyinghand.wordpress.com



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Gratitude & Requests

- Thankful for all the prayer and financial support received
- Thankful for the great staff here in Mareeba, for working planes, and for negotiable weather throughout the course
- Thankful to be the recipient of the Richard West Memorial Fund to cover the costs of my Standardisation training here in Australia
- Pray for continued provision and prayer support, and health, as I finish exams and travel to the program in South Sudan

EVENTS

Aeroclub AGM – 30th of July 2016 4pm

Shall be followed by a light supper and time to organize your flight in TUG

Kaikoura Young Eagles 2016 Calendar

Kaikoura Young eagles meet on the first Sunday of each month, Each date is only tentative and will be confirmed closer to the time and is weather dependant. There will be a small cost in trips away however this will be announced closer to the time.

Sunday 7th of August 2016 – Visit to Auster aircraft rebuild rebuild in Kaikoura

Sunday 4th of September 2016 – Visit Christchurch Young Eagles and Christchurch international Airport

Sunday 2nd of October 2016 – Model plane competition & General Mucking about at Kaikoura Airport

Sunday 6th of November 2016 – Visit to RNZAF Woodbourne and Woodbourne control tower

Sunday 4th of December 2016 – Search and Rescue exercise at Kaikoura airport

Date TBC - Young eagles end of year dinner

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MEDIA LIBRARY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmQp4fZMKrM> – One reason to join the airforce/navy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ho1Xl5cljSk> - NASA having a bit of fun

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GCFWKBov7E> – Something you don't want to stuff up

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7mxmFCw-Dig> – Approach into Queenstown