

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 31st May 2014 – Annual General Meeting at 10.00am; Committee Meeting at 11.00am; followed by \$5 Lunch about noon.

→ **Please check the Flying Club website for all upcoming events as this is constantly updated.**

{The Club Breakfast defaults to the **second** Saturday of the month, and the Committee Meeting / Lunch to the **last** Saturday of the month (unless circumstances force an alteration)}. All members are welcome to attend the Committee Meetings and Lunch.



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President's Report:

Well, it's getting near the end of my term as President. It looks like we will have a younger person doing the next two year term – which is good; a younger person brings new ideas.

I have been getting all the fuel for the Club's aircraft since the Club started up in Whangarei. I am going to step down from that job – it entails carting about 8,000 litres of gas per year from BP Riverside to the Club. It is timely that I give up this job as it looks like I need a hip replacement on my right side, and so I don't want to be lifting too much weight.

We have a new Bolly 3 Blade propeller on WCF and now it looks 'hot' – though perhaps it does not perform as well as I thought it would. On the other hand, I think it might be a bit coarse so at this stage Mark and I thought we would leave it like that, let everyone fly it for a while, and then see what they think. If need be, Mark can fine the pitch a bit for a better climb rate. The day Mark set the propeller up the conditions were not good, with a 13 knot cross-wind and very humid conditions.

We had a good working bee to clean our taxi-ways of stone. We got three trailer loads of chip, it looks good now but I think we will have to do this once a year. The experts tell me it was not put down very well and that they did not put a locking coat on, whatever that is.

Mark and I, while setting up the new propellers, got an SOS call from Dennis Booth who was in Christchurch at the time... to do an air search for his launch which had broken away from its moorings in that bad storm. We found it settled in some mangroves way up in the Portland estuary so it looks like Dennis has a big salvage job on hand.

Most people I take up for a ride these days want to fly out and see Lou and Jan, building their new house or the upstairs part thereof. Trouble is, Lou is waving to everyone instead of hammering nails in!

WTF has been doing a lot of flying lately, what with WCF grounded. To my mind, it flies a lot more stable than WCF so in the long term if we can afford it, it would be good if the Club could keep WTF.

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June has been very busy trying to get rid of ants in our kitchen; they are eating all our sugar. If we have anyone in our Club who knows how to get rid of ants, give June a ring.

Bruce and I are still planning a trip around East Cape, weather permitting in May – so anyone interested in coming along please let us know.

Lance has sold his CT microlight. He left 23rd April bound for Paraparaumu where he will overnight, then on to Taieri Dunedin to its new home.

Mark has put the newer prop onto WTF, which he has balanced. June and I took WTF to Dargaville for a trip and the prop runs pretty smoothly.

Happy and safe flying.
Bob Foster

CFI's Report:

Hi everyone

Well as you already know WCF has been out of the air for some time due to the prop problems but is finally back and in service again. Thanks to Mark Norgate for all his work getting the prop installed. It takes a long time to install and if the pitch is not quite right then the prop needs to be readjusted and then test run to ensure it is pulling the correct RPM on take-off. These pitch adjustments are also very time consuming and Mark spent a lot of time getting it right. The feeling is that it is still a little coarse however Bob and Mark have decided to release it to service and if pilots report that it needs fining up a little then they will look into that. Thanks also to Bob for completing the test flying with Mark. The new prop looks fantastic and is beautifully made. Let's hope we can keep it that way.

Don't forget the AvKiwi Seminar coming up on May 22 at 7pm at the club rooms. If you haven't been to one before I would really encourage you to attend. These seminars are put on by the Civil Aviation Authority and Rose Wood, along with Carlton Campbell, travel the length and breadth of the country presenting safety focussed seminars to aero clubs. The presentations take about an hour, and afterwards there is usually time to socialise, swap stories, and chat with the presenter and others.

This year's topic is called 'Personal Preflight.' The safety of every flight hinges on the competency of the pilot. If you're off your game, whether it be a cold, new medication, you're tired, got a hangover or worse, then your ability to make important decisions is compromised. Come along and get the truth about what you are putting into your body, and how you can get yourself as sharp as possible before flight. At the seminar, you will have access to supporting material such as online tools to check your readiness for flight. I hope to see you there.

On the training front we have had a few new students start flying on 10 hour packages. We have been held up a little with maintenance problems, weather and Easter holidays but hopefully that's behind us now and we can concentrate on getting these students progressed. Other than that there are no major issues.

Well that about it from me this month. Fly safe and see you around the club soon.

Cheers
Shaun

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Editor's Notes:

This just in from Les Allen. Great flying sequences. Many thanks. Enjoy.

Red Bull P38 & Corsair Display , La Ferte Alais , 19 May 2013

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6McV4L_K7xA

... and this photo he sent earlier.



How is this for a size comparison? Somewhat startling.

This shows an Airbus A380 and a Boeing B737 flying parallel approaches into LAX (Los Angeles, California)

What a great photo, I didn't even see the 737 at first glance.

And the Airbus is farther away!!

AvKiwi Safety Seminar - Personal Preflight.

The CAA annual AV Kiwi seminar will be hosted at our club on 22nd of May 2014.

It promises to be a goodie so please put this in your calendars and see details below.

Date: Thursday 22 May 2014

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm (followed by supper and refreshments)

Venue: Hangar 10, Whangarei Flying Club

Also advertised in the Mar/Apr issue of *Vector* magazine.

Every year we bring you an incredibly important seminar that will improve your flying skills – this coming year will be no different. I am really excited about this topic; we have never done this subject before.

Are you ready to fly?

You have completed your planning, the aircraft is ready; but have you completed your Personal Preflight?

You would never fly an unsafe aircraft, are you in top condition?

The safety of every flight hinges on the competency of the pilot, if you are off your game, whether it be a cold, new medication, tired, a hangover or worse; then your ability to make those important decisions is compromised. Your next flight could be the time you need to be your sharpest.

Learn the truth about what you are putting into your body, and how you can get yourself as sharp as possible before flight.

At the seminar the participants will gain immediate access to our new our on-line course to help check their readiness for flight. This is a great seminar for students; we will touch on the topic of drugs, alcohol and much, much more.

Rose Wood

AIP Editor and Safety Promotion Team Leader / Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand

Coming Events...

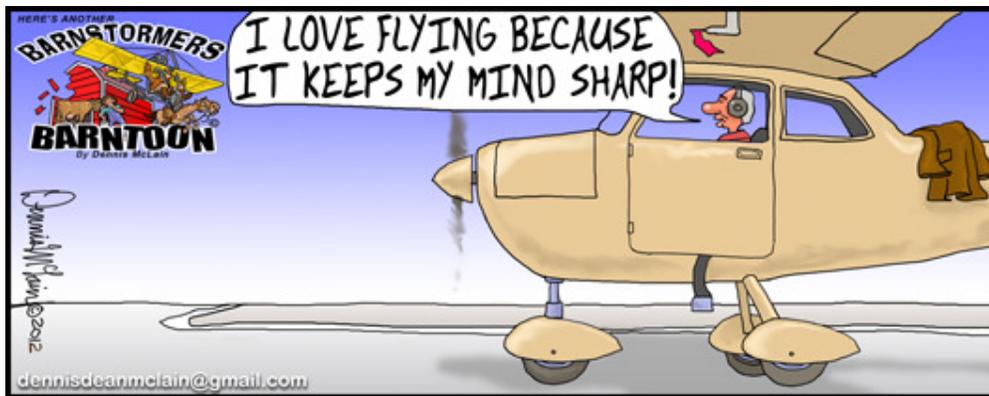
(Thanks to Northland Microlight Club Inc. – Brian Millett).

ROTORUA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB. 17th May. Stunt Control Line Model Event
<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2014/rotorua-model-aircraft-club-stunt-control-line-model-event/bay-of-plenty>

EAA AirVenture 2014. Oshkosh, Wisconsin. 8th July to 3rd August. www.airventure.org.

If anybody hears of any up coming events on the aviation calendar that you think would be of interest to our members, please let me know, or contact Shaun to put on our web site. Ed.

Short Final



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29th April 2014