

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 31st January 2015 – 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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Affordable Flying*

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President's Report:

Merry Christmas to all,

Well 2014 is nearly over, I hope you had a good year.

A big thank you to everyone who has attended monthly meetings, breakfasts, or events.

A big thank you to the instructor team for their input, skill and dedication.

Thank you Shaun for your tireless dedication to the club, your leadership, your skills with the website and commitment to safety.

We had our Christmas dinner only a few weeks ago; I'm sorry I couldn't be there myself, but I do hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

I have had 3 enquires about WTF for sale. I will keep you posted with any updates.

Well that wraps up 2014, have a great Christmas and a safe New Years. See you all in 2015.

Linden

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CFI's Report

Hi everyone

Well Christmas is here with a vengeance and Whangarei seems to be so busy at the moment as everyone gets ready for the holidays. Talking about holidays I have 3 weeks leave so I am available to fly during the week over this period. Just give me a call if you need an instructor and I can make a booking for you. Bob, Neil and Drew are also available; however not all of them are on holiday so just give them a buzz for availability.

I've got a number of students at present who are progressing very well. As the weather gets better I expect that flying hours will steadily increase. Now is the time to make hay whilst the sun shines and get up there and continue your training. If you haven't been up for a while why not dust off the cobwebs and go for a fly?

There are no events this month as everyone is busy but check out the events page on the web site for upcoming events. The next one is the Quiz night at the RSA on the 24th of January. There is also a display of model aircraft that will prove very interesting. Put that in your diary and please RSVP to info@whangareiflyingclub.com so we can get an idea of numbers.

Thanks to all of you who support these events. We have got some great ones coming up next year so please check out the events page and get in early. Now that John Shaw has sold his Cherokee six we don't have access to those seats anymore, but we do have three additional seats in the Archer KCC so all is not lost.

Other than that have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and a safe holiday.

Cheers
Shaun

Shaun Sutherland
Chief Flying Instructor 0272-201-343



Drew's News



“Out of West Africa”.

A great friend of our family, Peter Jordan, was working with my father in Nigeria in 1955 when he went on leave to England.

To cut a long story short (which I hope to serialise in our newsletter when he writes the book!) he bought an old damaged Tiger Moth; got it airworthy; then got the local aero club to teach him to fly; then flew it back to Nigeria!! No radio or GPS. Solo. He was 25.

For some reason my parents thought it was too dangerous to let Peter take me for a flight... I was 8...

... wasn't too dangerous for my Mum, though!!

Here she is after a flight around the Jos Plateau with Peter.

G-ANZI later became the first aircraft in the Lagos Flying Club, and after a cross country 'incident' ended its days with the tail plane forming the sign to the club. Happy days!! Drew.

Thank you to all those who came to the Christmas Dinner at the Flying Club. I hope you all enjoyed the meal and the conviviality! I didn't take my camera on this occasion, but thankfully Shaun and others did, and you can see some of the photographs on the web site 'Images' page.

Thank you also to all those who took part in the Air Rally I set up, and congratulations to the winners, Greg and Megan Morris, and Bruce MacKenzie with Warwick Thompson. I hope you enjoy the canvas prints you won, while others who took part received a printed fridge magnet of photos taken at the NZ International Air Show. Of course anyone is still welcome to fly the route and answer the questions and photograph the challenges set in the rally. It's about a 3 hour round trip, with stops, and I'm happy to mark your results – you'd also still qualify for a fridge magnet as well! Go on, have a go, it's a fun trip!

Drew

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My research has come up with two possible solutions to the AUV / Drone problem !!
Trained eagles ...



(Used with permission)

... OR – we need to hire kangaroos !!

<http://nypost.com/2014/12/24/annoyed-kangaroo-downs-drone-with-leaping-punch/>

Coming Events...

with thanks to Brian Millett and the NMC Newsletter.

- **WINGS OVER WOODVILLE** 10th Annual New Year's Day fly in The Worlds first New Years aviation event

<http://www.saa.org.nz/promoter/promoter/events/view/new-zealand/woodville/athbey-farm/wings-over-woodville>

- **PAUANUI NEW YEAR FLY-IN**. January 3rd & 4th. For further information contact Trevor Barrett. 07 825 2896 or 029 8478478. email: trevor@allseasonsair.co.nz

- **Wings Over Wairarapa**. Hood Aerodrome, Masterton. 16th – 18th Jan 2015

<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/wings-over-wairarapa/masterton>

- **MATA FLYIN**. Feb 14th. Leo & Helen's airstrip. More info to follow.

- **SPRINGHILL OPEN DAY FLYIN** Feb 28th. Not confirmed yet but discussion is under way with owner Tony Lentino. There may be possible interaction with Tony's 'Super Black Racing'.

- **Classic Fighters Omaka Airshow**. 3rd April 10:00am – 5th April, 4:00pm

<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/classic-fighters-omaka-airshow/blenheim>

- **SUN 'N FUN** Lakeland, Florida, USA 21 – 26th April

<http://www.sun-n-fun.org/FlyIn.aspx>

- **OSHKOSH 2015**. July 20th – 26th. Start planning your visit now.

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.

... and finally ...

It's taken me all week, but I finally got the tree up ...



HAPPY CHRISTMAS !
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