

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 22nd February 2014 – 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.



*Providing Safe and
Affordable Flying*

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President's Report:

It has been a very good month so far and we managed to get in a good fly-away to Raglan for a breakfast event. We took both Club planes and the Cherokee Six – it's a very good plane to utilise for such a fly-away. I usually travel down the west coast and come back via the east coast – this makes it an interesting trip. (Photos at <http://www.whangareiflyingclub.com/images/> on our website. Ed.)

We have picked up a couple of new members this month. I am converting Dick Stear from a South African PPL to a NZ microlight licence. Dick comes from Cape Town and is Project Manager on the building of the new Countdown supermarket at the Regent.

As you are all most likely aware, Bruce has just done a feasibility study on the running cost of our Club and he has found our outgoings are more than our income, something I've also been aware of for some time. So in the near future the committee and the members will have to look at putting up flying rates and maybe hangar rates. We should have been looking at this every year and (say) just put the flying rates up \$5 instead of the predicted \$20-\$25 in order to play catch-up. Even at \$20-\$25 per hour more we are most likely fairly cheap when set against what other clubs charge. Since we also do about 500 hours a year, every 4 years or so we have to buy a new motor which is about \$25,000 – one of our biggest costs.

It's good to see Lou back flying again after an 18 month break. Another lesson or two and Lou will have his licence back – WTF fits him like a glove.

On Sunday, Bill Maugham took one of his camper van mates up the east coast for a ride in WTF. There were about six people at the Club that day and Bill's mate's wife stayed at the Club while they went for their one hour flight. Penny Russell was also there, she has a wonderfully bubbly personality and made the visitors feel very welcome with cups of tea etc. So much so that I had a ring from Bill that night to let me know that his friends from Te Puke had commented on what a great Club we have and how friendly the members were. As a member of the Whangarei Flying Club, it does feel really good when we get comments from outsiders like that. It would certainly be good if we could have more members come to the Club on the weekend, even if it's just to have a chit chat and a cup of coffee.

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Something that has also just come to my attention – we got a bill from Northern Aviation for a new transponder aerial for \$500. When someone was washing WCF they knocked the other one off with the broom, so just remember when you make a mistake around our aircraft it can cost the Club a lot of money – most likely about 10 hours of the next lot of flying income. Little things like this go towards increased flying rates for all our members.

Bruce will be chairing the next meeting as I will be working.

Happy and safe flying meanwhile.

Bob Foster

CFI's Report:

Well another month has flown by and we have done some excellent summer flying. We have had two new members purchase 10 hour training packs.

The first is Jardynne Lammers who is a local dairy farmer who wants to go commercial eventually. He is showing excellent promise and has a really nice touch on the controls. The second is Nina Christian. Nina hails from Australia and will have her first flight with us shortly. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them both to the club and I really hope they enjoy flying with us.

Talking about people from abroad we also had Jacqui Tamboer visit us in December. Jacqui is from Canada and has a newly acquired commercial licence. We completed a couple of flights together as she wanted to see the local area and I think she really enjoyed it. Hopefully we will see her again next year when she visits her family again.

It is fantastic to meet and fly with so many people from all over the world and also our local area. What I love about flying is that it is a great leveller. It doesn't matter how much money you have, if you are male or female, young or old or what your job is. We are all here purely for the love of flying and that binds us together and makes us aviators.

As you may have seen we had an excellent turnout for the firefighting and defibrillator demonstration the other night. This was hosted by Mike Chubb who did a great job with his presentation. Pizzas and beers were served after and I think we all learnt a lot. Many thanks to Grant Robinson, our safety officer, for arranging this with Mike. *(If you missed it – or even if you were there - see the video link below. Ed.)*

Our trip to Raglan was great and we had a perfect days flying. Pilots should be aware however that locals walk on the airfield despite the signs telling them not to. They seem to think they have a god given right to walk their dogs on the airfield and when challenged, pilots can be expected to be met with abuse. We almost conflicted on landing the other day with a really stupid lady and her dog who didn't seem to be at all concerned that our 3400 lb aircraft was hurtling towards her at over 100km/hr. When challenged by Shane Mist, one of our members on board the Cherokee Six, she gave us the fingers. It never ceases to amaze me how incredibly dumb some people can be. These people possess no situational awareness and blindly walk on the runway without evening bothering to see if an aircraft is landing. They are locals and must know this is an airfield, however they still insist on this dangerous practise. On this particular day three of our planes landed one after another, closely followed by another two, so it's not like there was no traffic. Raglan is a popular destination and this airfield is an accident waiting to happen. I have reported this problem to CAA who have assured me they will look into it. Let's see ay? In the interim please be aware of this when flying in and out of this field.

The Carb heat collar has been installed in WTF, and WCF will be done shortly. This will really help with possible carb icing but it is not a guarantee. Please be aware that carb icing can occur at any time and

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when you least expect it. If it happens to you whilst airborne descend immediately to a lower and warmer altitude and find a place to land.

Both WCF and WTF are in service now and available for hire so why not make a booking and go for a fly. If you need an instructor just give once of us a buzz.

Fly safe everyone.

See you soon

Cheers

Shaun

Shaun Sutherland

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Editor's Notes:

Putting out a fire with a fire extinguisher proved to be not as easy as it looks! Two of us failed to put out what looked like a small petrol fire in a tray on the ground! Oxygen starvation by pushing the spray powder or foam over the flames was the first part, but then keeping the area covered until you're sure it's completely out was the key.

The demonstration of the defibrillator (that it kept on the wall behind the check-in counter in the terminal building for quick access by anybody) was interesting. Seems silly, but I hadn't realised that this is NOT a heart starter, only a means of shocking the heart back into a steady rhythm if it is fibrillating! Turn the machine ON and it tells you what to do by spoken voice commands – easy!

But what do you do if the heart has stopped? The defibrillator will not shock, but tell you to commence CPR. Likewise if you don't think you have time to get to the defibrillator, CPR may be the only option. The professional opinions on CPR and mouth to mouth seem to change with the years, but I urge you to watch this video – it is up-to-date and it could save a life!

(A doctor staying with us recently told of how he saved someone this way after seeing others standing around not knowing what to do...)

New CPR - A MUST WATCH !

One never knows when we'll see someone collapse suddenly.

This is an easier and better method of CPR. This is the best demonstration and explanation I have seen. It is done by the doctors who invented the procedure at the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Centre.

- in case I need you. I've watched it - in case you need me. Please watch - and then share.

<http://ahsc.arizona.edu/node/730> <<http://ahsc.arizona.edu/node/730>>

Drew Barlow

Coming Events...

...With thanks to Brian Millett and the NORTHLAND MICROLIGHT CLUB Newsletter

Flying NZ National Competitions hosted by Tauranga Aero Club Inc at the Tauranga Airport. 20 - 21st February
For more Information visit www.flyingnz.co.nz

Napier Art Deco: Sat & Sun, 22 – 23 Feb. 10:00am – 4:00pm
<http://events.nzherald.co.nz/2014/tremains-art-deco-weekend-2014-flying-down-to-deco/napier/hawkes-bay-gisborne>

The Vintage Aviator Ltd WWI Evening Air Show, Masterton, 22nd February.
<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2014/the-vintage-aviator-ltd-wwi-evening-air-show/masterton#none>

RAANZ National Fly In. Manawatu Microlight Club. 1 - 2nd March.
Celebrating Manawatu Microlight 30th Anniversary
(Colin MacMillan 0274 515 817) Manawatu Districts Aero Club (Matt McCarty 021 257 3480)
Middle Districts Sport Flying Club (Stan Hyde 021 045 3801)

SportAvex. 50th Anniversary Fly-in. Bridge Pa. March 6th - 9th
http://www.saa.org.nz/public_pages/events.php
Contact Adrienne Fillery. admin@saa.org.nz www.saa.org.nz

VINTAGE DAY FLYIN. North Shore Aerodrome. 16th March. Everyone most welcome, old or modern. No landing fee for visitors. BBQ lunch for a donation towards costs. Hangar tour between 11.15 and 12.15. Flights will be available in Stan & Gilly's historic collection. Awaiting confirmation from the aero club.

WARBIRDS OVER WANAKA. 1st - 4th April. www.warbirdsoverwanaka.com

Coastal Air Race/Rally. Early notice. A brand new event to start from Dargaville Airfield. Saturday April 6th. Start at 1.30pm.
Course length approx 40 miles. A fun event with some basic navigation and observation skills required. Mark your calendar now.
Results by afternoon tea time with prizes awarded by Bob Syron.

Flying club turns the flight into an art form

The Sarasota Silent Fliers in Florida hold regular gatherings to launch remote-control stealth bomber-like airplanes, which they slam into each other in competition. But after dark, the competition turns into an art. The planes are equipped with colored LED lights that created beautiful patterns as the aircraft perform. Club member Rick Davies says it's easy to get disoriented flying at night, so the aircraft have different colored lights on the top and the bottom, which are beautiful and practical. [The Herald-Tribune \(Batesville, Ind.\)](#)

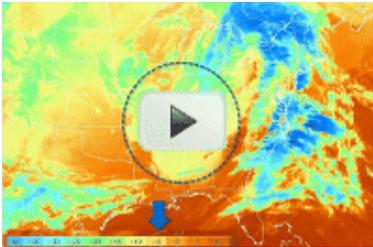
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Following on from Shaun's caution on icing, I'm including this workshop video I received this month. Winter will soon be creeping up on us, and if you're thinking of a South Island trip...

Although the video is aimed at IFR pilots, it's still interesting to know the weather signs to look out for. Ed.



Icing is one of the most serious threats instrument pilots face. In light airplanes, the key is to know where ice is hiding and avoid it altogether. Sounds simple, but pilots regularly fly into icing conditions that can take down their airplane in minutes.



Watch this 10 minute video where Scott Dennstaedt walks you through several weather tools that will help you avoid icing conditions.

Access the free video here...

<http://pilotworkshop.com/wx/video>

This video is a sample from our "Aviation Weather Series" program which is on sale until Tuesday.

I think you will find this short video very helpful.

Fly safely,

Mark Robidoux
PilotWorkshops

P.S. The weather tools in the video are available online and in leading iPad apps such as ForeFlight.

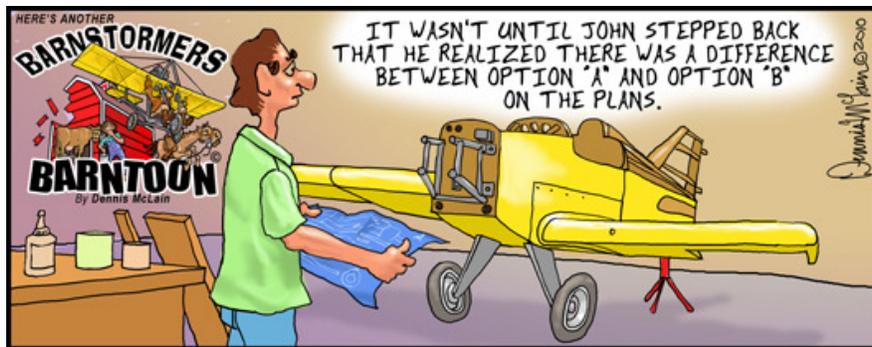
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Spot the Strip ...



No prizes for this one. If you don't know where this is, ask an Instructor and GO there !!

... and for the home build crews ...



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HAPPY FLYING
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