

# 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.



*Providing Safe and  
Affordable Flying*

**January 2015**

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## President's Report:

Well welcome to 2015 to all.

Already it's over a month since Christmas, where does the time go?

So the instructors had their monthly meeting last week, and one of the matters raised was serious safety concerns with Rusty and the use of his Gyrocopter. So the committee was asked to vote on Rusty needing to vacate our hanger.

The committee voted and resulted in Rusty needing to vacate our hanger by the end of January. Rusty has agreed to this.

This confirms the continued commitment to safety.

The weather has been quite settled recently, allowing some good flying hours.

I will be in Perth for the next meeting so Drew will be chairing this month's meeting.

I see the driveway to our hanger is in the process of being repaired, which is good to see.

Keep Safe

Linden Scott

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### CFI's Report

Hi guys

Hasn't the weather been fantastic? Flying conditions have been almost perfect for weeks with wonderful hot days.

Of course this brings a number of things to consider especially when operating off limited length strips. The hotter the day the warmer the air, and the warmer the air the less dense it is and hence less lift available. A 27 degree day with zero wind and on a grass strip can extend your take off roll by as much as 70%. If you are faced with this situation STOP, THINK and ASSESS your risk. Get the flight manual out and have a look at section 4.6 (Take off performance). You can download a copy of the flight manual for our Tecnam aircraft by clicking this link <http://www.whangareiflyingclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/P92-Eaglet-LSA-flight-manual.pdf>

This is an excellent resource and if you haven't read it from cover to cover already then I would encourage you to do so. The more you know about the aircraft you fly the safer you will be in the air.

Always make sure you have a decision point for every take-off. If you haven't achieved flying speed then it's time to get on the brakes and stop before you have reached the point of no return. Rather deal with the problem on the ground than be forced to deal with it in the air.

Excellent weather can lure the recreational pilot into a false sense of security but, as you know, every weather condition can change very quickly especially here in New Zealand. Check and double check your weather and NOTAMS and ensure you have all the information required for a safe and legal flight. If you need any help interpreting the performance graphs in the flight manual or have any other questions please contact one of the instructor team who will be only too happy to assist you.

We have sold a number of new 10 hour trial packs recently and I would like to welcome Oscar Drummond and Marcel Van Mellaerts to the club. We look forward to flying with you guys.

Operationally things are going well at the club with no major safety incidents or concerns to report. The instructors have started the 2015 instructor meetings, and we meet once monthly to discuss operational and training issues. Grant Robinson, our safety officer, also attends these meetings and safety is always on the agenda.

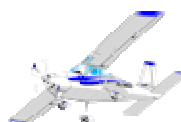
That's it from me this month. Come on out for a fly and don't forget to check out our upcoming events at <http://www.whangareiflyingclub.com/events/>

Our next event is a fly away to Tauranga on 15 Feb. To register please email [info@whangareiflyingclub.com](mailto:info@whangareiflyingclub.com)

Fly safe, fly high and take care guys.

Cheers  
Shaun

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## Drew's News

29<sup>th</sup> September 2014. 10.05am. Five Airbus A350-900s took to the skies for a formation flight. If you love aviation this is just beautiful to watch.

<http://www.chonday.com/Videos/fivebujawe2>

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... and for 2015 I propose to include one local flying photo each month. Any contributions welcome!

The theme will be: ***“Why do we fly?”*** The photos help provide the answer...

Drew

### **Sun on the water pointing to The Poor Knights.**



## Coming Events...

with thanks to Brian Millett and the NMC Newsletter.

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

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

- **MATA FLYIN.** **Date Change.** Now Feb 28th. Leo John's airstrip. BBQ lunch. Donation towards expenses appreciated. Early arrivals may get tea/coffee and scones. Runway 06 & 24. Length 700 metres.

- **SPRINGHILL** Feb 28th. **Cancelled**

- **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. Contact through NMC. Book early to get a seat on the DC3 flight from Chicago to Oshkosh.

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.

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*... and finally ... welcome to 2015 !*



HAPPY FLYING !



30<sup>th</sup> January 2015