

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 26th July 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.



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President's Report:

Well it's that time again for a president's report.

The weather has been a real mixed bag recently. I was commenting on the weekend of the last meeting with the weather not very suitable for flying on the Saturday, but then on Sunday it was brilliant. 7 flights in total with both planes enjoying some airtime.

It was encouraging to see a good mix of both pilots and students taking advantage of the weather. Since then the weather has been less than desirable. My thoughts are with all those affected by the flooding.

We had our brainstorm meeting regarding some events planned for the next 10 or so months. It was a very productive time. We all shared some great ideas, so emails were sent out regarding these, and I ask you all to get behind these events. There is a good mix of flying and non-flying events that we can all participate in. Contact any of the subcommittee if you have further ideas or any more information.

Thanks Shaun, Drew and John Shaw for their input.

So my choice of websites for the month:

Well the first is quite a simple one with aviation acronyms, so if you didn't know what PAPI, NOTAM, EFIS, SIGMET or TCAS stood for, now you can.

http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_aviation,_aerospace_and_aeronautical_abbreviations

Another simple one, if you see an aircraft and don't know what type it is and you're too scared to ask someone. Just put in the 3 letter registration and instantly you have become more knowledgeable.

http://www.caa.govt.nz/Script/Air_Reg_Query.asp

This one is just where all the airports are in NZ.

<http://map.xinqu.net/airfields.html>

As they say, That's all folks.

Keep warm.
Linden Scott.

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CFI's Report

Hi everyone. Wow what a lot of rain we have had! Flying conditions this last month have not been ideal, and we have had to cancel a lot of flights due to weather recently. Let's hope we have a better August.

As you know the events subcommittee met recently to plan our schedule of events and I really hope you like what we have planned for you. We would love to see you attend as many events as possible and really get behind your club. This is what we have so far:

- 23rd August 2014:** Mid-winter dinner at Red Pizzeria.
- 21st September 2014:** Trip to Parakai hot pools.
- 6th & 7th September 2014:** Father's day weekend event.
- 19th October 2014:** Great Northern Aerial Rally. WR-DA-KO-KK-WR.
- 22nd & 23rd November 2014:** Great Barrier overnight trip.
- 6th December 2014:** Christmas dinner at club rooms, preceded by day time Social flying.
- 24th Jan 2015:** Quiz night and model plane visit at RSA (to be confirmed).
- 15th February 2015:** Tauranga fly away via Waihi Beach.
- 1st March 2015:** Breakfast in Raglan.
- 29th March 2015:** Club annual landing competition.
- 19th April 2015:** Pauanui Beach Fly away.

These events are all on our web site. Simply go to www.whangareiflyingclub.com and click on the events tab. To register for any of these events just email me and I will put your name down.

Another exciting event coming soon is a trip to the Northland Emergency Services Trust Helicopter simulator. We will have about 20 places available where you can get a hands on fly of the simulator under the guidance of Grant Robinson who is one of the Helicopter simulator instructors. Cost will be on a donation basis and the expectation is that everyone will chip in \$25.00 which will be donated to the trust for their fantastic work in our community. These guys fly in the worst conditions and I often hear them clattering over my house in the dead of night when it is pouring with rain outside. Further details coming soon, so watch this space.

Operationally things are going well with both aircraft back in service. There are no safety or operational issues to report; however I would ask that run ups are not done outside our hangars on the hard standing. Also if using Runway 06 please do not do your run up at the holding point. There is still a lot of loose stone in that area that could damage our new props if we use high power settings in this area. The preferred areas are at the main apron, or down on the grass south of hangar 10 when it's firm enough.

I will be overseas between 1 August and 17 August but the other instructors are all on board over this time so please contact Neil, Bob or Drew if you would like to go flying.

That's it from me this month guys. Have fun and be safe out there.

Cheers

Shaun

Shaun Sutherland

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Editor's Notes

Funny how sometimes just two little words can make your day.

What came first though was a view of others' disaster.

Last week, Wednesday, there was a little break in all the rain we've been having and June and I went for a fly. The sky was clear with just a gentle breeze, and we decided to go and have a look at all the flooding over Hikurangi. Look at the photos and try and spot the river!

No matter how much so see it on the news, there's no substitute for actually seeing it for yourself. Sheltered as we were from the reality at 1700 ft, we could peer down onto the flooded paddocks and maybe get some idea of how lives have been affected down there.



You can see why people are saying this is the worst flooding they've ever known. When you fly over an area for 5 minutes at 100 kts and you still haven't reached the other end, you know it's big. Sure, we've had flooding before, but this is a different story. If you've ever had a flooded lawn you'll know how it effects the grass, and how long it takes to recover.

We could see where the bank had been opened to let flood waters through, with hundreds of acres above and below the break. Little relief for those above the break, and none for those below.

I also wanted to get a view of the Wilsonville Quarry were I do some of my survey work. Looks more like a recreational boating lake right now! That's going to take more than a little pumping out!

Re-joining the circuit soon after, we were late downwind when the Air New Zealand Dash 8 Q300 started up on the apron. As we turned final the Dash 8 moved to the holding point. June knew that her landing was going to be watched by a critical professional and she whispered in to a perfect touchdown. We called clear of the active and there was a little two word response from the Dash 8.



"Nice one!", he said, and it made June's day!

Drew.

June Billings update – 25th July.

June had a successful knee replacement operation yesterday and I visited her in the hospital today. She's in good spirits and keen to get back on her feet, as you'd expect. I told the other two ladies in her ward that she was a pilot, so that should get the conversation going! Then just as I was leaving, Bob arrived partly hidden behind a huge hamper full of goodies for her. I think the others were impressed too! Drew.

Coming Events...

Well, let's concentrate on our own coming events now! These are listed in Shaun's report, and will also be presented in more detail to the next meeting on Saturday 26th for your comments and any other ideas you may have. Please come along!

- **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.

HOW LOW CAN YOU GO? (A series of photos to appear each month. Ed.)

Blenheim IV



An RAF Blenheim IV light bomber flies low to lay a smokescreen during a demonstration of air power in front of a gathering of Regular and Home Guard officers and NCOs in East Anglia, 29 March 1942.

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...Here's a bonus page following a link sent to me by a friend. Article and photos by Jon Spriggs. Ed.

Farnborough Airshow - 14th to 20th July 2014

The past week has seen Farnborough play host to the biannual Airshow, and as with past years the show did not disappoint. Having watched most of the week from my office which is just a few hundred yards from the runway, it was great to get inside the airshow on Sunday, and up close to the aircraft.

One impressive display from Sunday were the Breitling Wingwalkers. This featured four bi-planes, each with a female wingwalker strapped to the top wing! As the planes passed by, they took up various poses, even unstrapping themselves at one point to climb between the wing and the cockpit. Hitting speeds of 140mph, that seriously takes some doing. A great (if a little smoky) display.



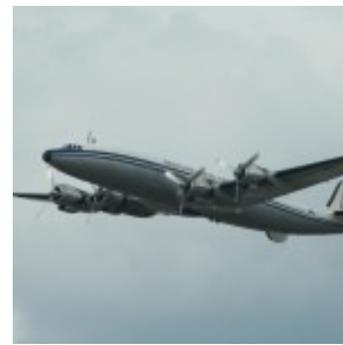
Another great addition to this year's airshow was the Constellation. Arguably one of the best looking large passenger airliners from the last Century of flight, the 'Connie' put on a great show with its quad props thumming out a lovely noise in amongst a plethora of high-pitched passenger jets eager to depart from Farnborough. The plane seen here, HB-RSC, has had an eventful life, and in 1984 looked to be destined for scrap. It was being flown to Camarillo (California), having been sat in Chino, and it arrived with one engine ablaze, and another with a feathered prop blade. The Connie was pushed into a corner of the airfield where it sat until it was rescued in 1991. Now flown and maintained by the Super Constellation Flyers Association in Switzerland, I'm grateful to them for bringing it to Farnborough.



Constellation static display



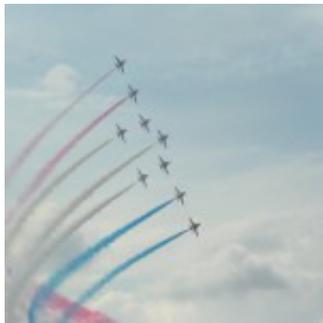
Being refuelled, ready for flight



Constellation Fly By

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The Red Arrows need no introduction, being a favourite at displays across the country for many years. This year's display at Farnborough was similar to previous years, but even still it's one of those displays you could watch time and time again. Their ability to fly in such close proximity is incredible! During one manoeuvre they drop down from 20ft apart to just 6ft – unbelievable when they're travelling at 400mph! I'll let the photos do the talking on this one.... enjoy!



Thank you Jon for your permission to publish these. You'll have to come fly with us!! Ed.

HAPPY FLYING
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25th July 2014