

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 29th November 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 let's start off with a great improvement in the weather recently. I have been using the AC in my car a lot recently, so that's always a sign the weather is getting warmer.

Just to reiterate Shaun's comments regarding keeping the planes clean after using them. Also there is no need to fill the planes up so full, it causes fuel to squirt out the vents.

I would like to thank John taking me to Taupo to show the perspective buyer of his aircraft. It was a great day out and another great aviation experience, although the breakfast at the airport was \$10, that's twice the price of the WFC's.

I took an overnight trip to Great Barrier with my partner on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of November. With a strong westerly wind and ground speeds of 120kts, we made it there in 35 minutes. A brief walk to the Waikato Aero Club Lodge and the BBQ was lit. I encourage members to make use of the Lodge, it's an easy and short flight and the reward of relaxing in Great Barrier is well worth it.

I unfortunately will not be at the Xmas dinner as I have a wedding in Australia. I do hope we can get enough people to attend this event, as it will be a good night.

Well, see you at the club soon.

Linden

While writing this report I came across some VERY interesting news on "drones", UAV's, RPAS.

Here are a couple of links which are quite important to any aviation member.

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11364730

<http://www.airtrafficmanagement.net/2014/11/new-nz-rules-proposed-for-unmanned-aircraft/>

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CFI's Report

Hi everyone

Well the weather is certainly getting much better with some spectacular days this week. Predictably flying has been brisk with heaps of trial flights going through and increased member flying. We have a couple of new students who have joined the club recently. One of them is Roman Zaytsev and the other is Cameron Cole. Both these young guys have purchased 10 hour packs and are doing very well in their training so far. Welcome to the club guys.

I had a great flight the other day with a 12 year old lad whose mum purchased a trial flight for him. His total focus is to become an airline pilot and he loves everything to do with flying. Now most 12 year olds who undertake trial flights lack a bit of focus and the instructor needs to do most of the flying for them. This young fellow however flew 90 percent of the flight himself and I just talked him through it. He listened and handled the aircraft so well I was amazed. His medium turns were close to perfect and he even managed to pull off a pretty good steep turn. But here's the kicker... we did two circuits and on the second circuit he managed to land the aircraft himself with hands off from me. It is not often you see such natural talent. His Mum is very keen to continue his lessons with us until he is at an age where he can go to a GA school and get his PPL. We really need enthusiastic young guys and girls like this in the club and I'm really looking forward to flying with him again.

The Great Barrier trip was completed last weekend, however only Linden and his partner Joanne attended. (Pics on the web site.) John Shaw has sold his Cherokee six which is a shame as it was pretty handy to get more people on our trips. We can still hire the archer KCC however, so not a complete loss.

The Great Northern Air rally has also been in progress and I'm sure Drew will update you all on how that is going in this newsletter. Thanks to Drew for arranging this and donating the prizes. Well done mate.

On the operational front I just wanted to reiterate the emails I sent this month regarding wiping down the aircraft and over fuelling the aircraft. I won't go into it again, however I would ask all members to please be especially careful about this and keep the aircraft in good condition. This is your club and your aircraft so let's keep them nice.

The Christmas party is coming up fast so if you haven't RSVP'd to Drew please do so as soon as you can as he has to let the caterers know numbers. We need a minimum amount of people to make this viable and if we can't get those numbers we will have to cancel so please, please, please come and attend and support the club and your fellow aviators.

Our next function after Christmas is the quiz night at the RSA on 24 Jan. If you are interested in this event please RSVP to info@whangareiflyingclub.com. For details on all upcoming events go to www.whangareiflyingclub.com and click on events.

Other than that all is going well at the club.

Take care and fly safe everyone.

Cheers

Shaun

Shaun Sutherland

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Coming Events... It's NOT TOO LATE !! (But soon will be...)

Whangarei Flying Club Events

WFC Great Northern Air Rally

(G-NAR) is STILL on right NOW. You still have this weekend to complete the rally. Be in to win one of these beautiful Canvas Prints (or chose from a range of others). Three of these canvas prints to be won!!

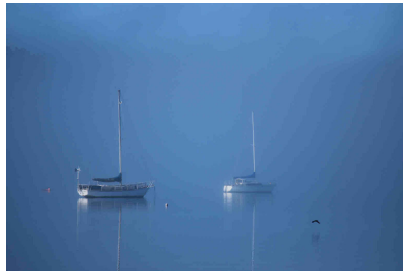
Ocean Beach



Bream Head



Parua Bay Misty Morning



Tui on Flax



Ready to hang A3 size Canvas Prints - Three to be won, with a small prize for ALL competitors!!

I think 10 people have had a go so far – and I need your results!!

Prize giving will be at the :-

WFC Christmas Dinner – Saturday 6th December at Hangar 10. **WE HAVE 26; need just 4 more!!**

This meal costs about the same as 4 beers or one bottle of wine in a fancy restaurant!! So come on!!

I've now confirmed the booking, but we could do with a few more heads. I'll be emailing a list of those I already have so you can check to see who's coming, and check to make sure I haven't missed you out! I'll also confirm the menu selection, based on choices indicated to me. BYO drinks. Should be a good night! Support your Club and have fun doing it!!

Email me or add your name to the list at the club.

Drew.

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Other Events with thanks to Brian Millett and the NMC Newsletter.

- **NMC End of Year Pre Christmas Flyin.** Springhill. December 6th. BBQ sossies and burgers. Tea and coffee all day until the last person leaves. No Santa, but no charge either as it is all free. It's our way of putting something back into aviation and saying thank you to our fellow enthusiasts.
- **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.

Drew's News

Like a 6 min. ride in an RAF Typhoon..?
<http://www.youtube.com/embed/sjvgC1cKQGA>

Highlights from the Budapest Airshow 2014 featuring planes flying through the beautiful city and taking off from and flying under the bridges of the Danube river. *(Thank you John.)*

<http://www.flixxy.com/budapest-airshow-2014-highlights.htm>

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

P-47 Thunderbolt

**A USAAF P-47
Thunderbolt at extreme
low level.**



Tail Piece

British Humour...



HAPPY FLYING

