

Whangarei Flying Club



NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

- Sat. 26th January 2013 – **Committee Meeting 11.00am; \$5 lunch at about noon.**
- **Please check the Flying Club website for all upcoming events as this is constantly updated.**
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{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:

The past three months have been good on the flying front. Average weather - but we have been getting good hours recorded and a lot of the credit has to go to Shaun with his trial flights and 10-hour flying package. The take-up of trial flights comes from a system where Shaun sends out 1,000 faxes which to date has brought in over \$21,000 to the Club – this shows you that the merger with NDAC has been a huge success.

Not such good news initially on the new aircraft WCF we have been waiting so long for. When we got WCF it looked good and flew well – but once back at the hangar we found a lot of small damage and design faults, apart from the LH flap that has to be repaired. The IFIS which is the glass cockpit had faults – this had been set up incorrectly in Italy when the aircraft was Tecnam's demonstration model and one of its first G5 models. One would normally expect such an aircraft to be immaculate since the 'demo' is the one that sells aircraft for the company. Tecnam NZ took the aircraft back and have now, hopefully, fixed the problems. I'm pleased to say it is now back at Hangar 10 and just waiting for the weather to improve so we can all get rated on it.

Jack went into hospital on the 19th December for his operation and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Jack is a real asset to our Club as an instructor and IA. Jack has been with the Club since it started up in Whangarei and he helped with the building of our hangar and clubrooms.

Dirk Vomsteeg and I took WTF up around the North Cape last week. Dirk got some good photos of the lighthouse – this coastline in the north must be one of the best scenic flights in the world. Dirk is off home to Germany in January – Dirk was not only a good pilot but was always available to do work on WTF so his departure will be a loss to the Club.

Shaun has just told me he has sold 59 trial flights this month so this bodes well for future Club membership.

Merry Christmas everyone, all the best for the New Year – and safe and happy flying.

Bob Foster

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CFI's Report:

Well this month has flown by if you would excuse the pun, and Christmas is upon us once again.

This month has been very busy and we have hosted three corporate flying days recently. The first one was for Portage Hire and we completed 12 flights for them, the second was for Mastercraft Kitchens where 9 flights were completed and the last for City Plumbers where 4 flights were completed. We have been getting Drew to do a lot of these flights to give him some valuable time in the seat and my thanks goes to him for all his hard work over the last couple of weekends. We really made him sweat and he looked a little exhausted towards the end of the day, however he tells me he really enjoyed it. A big thanks must also go to Bob, Bruce, Lou, Grant Robinson and all who came out to help with the BBQ, crowd control and to provide good company to the punters.

Trial flight sales have been really busy leading up to Christmas with 37 flights sold this month. Last month we sold 12 trial flights and two 10 hour pilot training packs.

The Christmas function was really enjoyable this year and the Bert Gregory Memorial Trophy was awarded to Rey Machado (see photo). Well done Rey. We are all very proud of you.

As you know the new Tecnam was collected; however a number of teething problems meant that the aircraft had to be returned to Tecnam NZ for rectification. Giovanni from Tecnam NZ has been very helpful in putting things right and the aircraft is now back with us. Bob has been rated on WCF and with improving weather, Neil and Drew should also be rated this weekend. I will let you know once the aircraft is available for booking and ratings on the glass cockpit.

Well that's it from me for the year. I will be here in Whangarei during the holidays so I am available to fly during the weeks between 27th December and 14th January. Give me a buzz if you would like to make a booking or see one of the other instructors.



Have a very Merry Christmas and fly safely everyone.

Cheers
Shaun

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Editorial:

Did you hear that a group in Dayton, Ohio is working to raise \$12 million to build a new monument to honour the Wright Brothers. They plan to build a 250-foot-tall monument to the 1905 Flyer that would stand at the intersection of two major interstate freeways and would feature a three-times-life-size model of the 1905 Flyer on top of a soaring pedestal. They also refer to a date of 17th December 1903 ...

... Um; should someone tell them about Richard Pearse and the 31st March 1903?!!

Yes, the trail flights were fun, though I was a bit worried when Shaun approached me after 5 flights with a can of deodorant in his hand! Purely precautionary, he said, and a kind thought!

Interesting to see the contrast between the eager, enthusiastic people and those who weren't necessarily so keen, but had been persuaded by others to "join in". Fortunately last weekend was one of those beautifully calm days when the plane stayed rock steady in the climb and virtually flew itself (oh, apart from some sink on finals followed by a bit of heat lift off the tarmac to keep you awake!) What I found most gratifying was the fact that even the nervous ones said they wouldn't mind going up again.

... and now we have the excitement of the new aircraft soon becoming available. This will open up the potential for great fly-aways, with two club aircraft that are almost identical. All we need now is some great summer weather!

Happy Christmas and and a great New Year to you all !!!

Drew

Coming Events

2013

Wings Over Wairarapa. Hood Aerodrome, Masterton. Fri 18th to Sun 20th January.
<http://www.wings.org.nz/>

New Zealand International Air Show. North Shore Saturday 26th January to Monday 28th (Auckland Anniversary Weekend) <http://www.nzairshow.com/>

ARDMORE SHOWDOWN Wings & Wheels. 2nd & 3rd March. <http://www.ardmoreshowdown.co.nz/>

Classic Fighters – Omaka. March 29th – 31st (Easter) <http://www.classicfighters.co.nz/>

Remembrance Day. WW1 Air Show Hood Aerodrome, Masterton, Saturday 27 April.
<http://www.wings.org.nz/>

Drew's News from around the Web:

Pilot Flies On 100th Birthday

For most of us, simply waking up on our 100th birthday might be enough for the day but Thomas Guy Reynolds, of Martinsburg, W. Va., had a tradition to uphold when he hit the centennial mark on Friday. He's taken his Evektor SportStar for a few loops (*loops? Ed.*) around the patch on his birthday for the past few years and he hopes this flight wasn't his last. "I hope to fly on my 101st birthday," Reynolds **told the Martinsburg Journal**.



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Reynolds, who always flies with another pilot, said the air was smooth for his birthday flight. Along for the ride was Bart Rogers, who said he just enjoyed the view and didn't touch the controls. "It is a thrill to fly with someone who's 100 years old," Rogers said. "He's as sharp as a tack." Reynolds has a long history of service to the local aviation community. He commanded its first Civil Air Patrol wing and served two terms as chairman of the West Virginia Aeronautics Commission. "I'm just blessed, that's all I can say," Reynolds said. "I'm lucky I can fly. I feel comfortable in the air, relaxed and I enjoy it."

(Buddy Program alive and well in the USA. Ed.)

Aerobatics feats.

Single engine piston aircraft pilots showing off their skills in Japan, featuring Svetlana Kapanina, Peter Besenyei and Klaus Schrodte.

(I remember Peter from the Red Bull Air Races. The video features great music and stunts I've seen RC planes do, but I didn't think you could survive!! Ed.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSxAAIYKPsM>

And as we head into summer weather, here's a news item to cheer you up ...from the USA

STORING YOUR AIRPLANE FOR THE WINTER

As the temperature plummets and the snow flies, the hangar door may not open until spring. Here's how to put the airplane to bed correctly.

More than ever the need for following manufacturer guidelines for aircraft and engine storage has come to the fore. This is particularly true when the aircraft is parked outside or in other than those relatively limited, dry areas of the country that also do not have industrial pollutants to deal with.

Snow?! Pollutants?! Whangarei - Love it Here !! Ed.



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Here's a little Christmas Present to you all . . . Well worth the effort of finding the link.

"Wings of Life". After it starts you can click on "View this video in HD" .

Watch out for the dramatic humming bird double roll at 34sec (I didn't know they could do that!) and the little passenger baby bat at 2:36

Beautiful! Enjoy!

<http://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/xHkq1edcbk4?rel=0>

There is a funny and a serious side (and a personal message) in my

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Hi Jack

– we are all thinking of you –

Drew

HAPPY FLYING



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