

# Whangarei Flying Club



## NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> September; then Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 – Committee Meeting at 11.00am; followed by \$5 Lunch at 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 September 2013

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### President's Report:

It's that time of the year again when we get those strong winds from the southwest -and this can go on for a couple of months. These winds have an effect on our flying hours, and we need good hours each month because our expenses are very high. The last two months our outgoings exceeded our income.

Our two Club aircraft are looking very nice with the new cleaning roster which is in place – at this stage it seems to be working well. WCF has also been waxed and polished... if you rub the back of your hand on the airframe you can feel how slippery it is, which must translate to a couple of knots extra in the air.

There have been some break-ins to hangars in the last month or so. I feel the Club has got to upgrade its security. I will bring that up at the next monthly meeting and we will come up with some ideas.

The Father's day fly-in went very well – we got two days flying in. The instructors had to work pretty hard and though it was mostly sunny, clear days there were very tricky cross-winds making it hard to land the aircraft. We took over \$1600 for the weekend.



*Here's a photo of both Whiskey's busy.*

I will see you all at next month's meeting.

Happy and safe flying meanwhile.

Bob Foster

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### CFI's Report:

Hi everyone.

I am away this weekend so please accept my apologies for not being able to attend our committee meeting this month.

Some pretty sticky weather has meant that our total hours for the month of August dropped to 22.9 hours. That's still not too bad considering the time of year however. Both aircraft are in service after a few maintenance issues and are looking great. If you haven't flown for a while I would encourage you to come out and have a fly. If you are outside of your 30 days just give one of the instructors a ring and we can book you in for a quick check ride.

One maintenance issue that I would like to bring to your attention is the issue of trim servos going faulty. We have recently had to replace the trim servo motor on both WTF and WCF. Further investigation found that both servo motors had been water damaged. The water damage appears to come from when people are washing the aircraft and water is being directed towards the bottom of the tail assembly. It is a pretty bad design that leaves this little unit exposed and Mark Norgate has tried different methods using shrouds to protect it however there is no much that can be done to stop this happening except to not put water on this area.

In future if you are washing an aircraft please do not spray water on the tail surface with the hose. Simply sponge it gently and then rinse it off with a clean damp cloth or sponge. These units are about \$450.00 each plus Marks labour to fit, plus the lost revenue when the aircraft is not serviceable, so if you could pay particular attention to this I would appreciate it.

At our instructors meeting this week it was decided that we should have a fly away soon. Pauanui has been considered as the destination as our last trip planned for there was cancelled due to weather. Lou will be planning this trip and will let you know details as they come to hand.

Now that the Americas Cup is over we can all go flying again, so put on your headset and come on out.

See you soon

Cheers

Shaun

**Shaun Sutherland**

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*... and after all those 8.15am starts – here's some GOOD news ... (Ed.)*

### **THE FIRST TEST FLIGHT OF CYGNET ZK-CYG.**

On 23 August 2013 at 3.30 p.m. the baby swan took her maiden flight in the capable hands of Brian Taylor. He said that she behaved impeccably as he took her through the drills and circuits expected if she was to join the exclusive club of those allowed the freedom of the highways of the air.

Bought as a kitset originally owned by a 747 pilot and his friend in Kaikohe, she took 4 years to take her final form. Commencing humbly in a double garage in Raumanga, a pile of steel tubes, timber, Hapi engine parts and an already crafted prop.

Working steadily day by day and with incredible assistance firstly by Mike of Watson Engineers, Engineer extraordinaire, who did the Tig welding over the tacking done by owner Mel Jones. Then the dedicated work and overseeing of Mark Norgate who did all the wiring, electronics, paperwork and mathematical calculations: giving sound advice and encouragement and giving his time unstintingly. I am indebted to him, as he went far beyond the call of duty in enabling this aircraft to reach fruition.

Then Darren of The Engine Room make sure that the Hapi motor was as it should be.

Then Ian Zanders who spray painted her to perfection, as only he could.

To all members of the club who have shown interest and given encouragement, thank you all.

Finally a very special thank you to Alan Ward, who taught me to fly.

Mel Jones.

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### **A Pilot Father's Love...**

Most people today think it improper to discipline children, so I have tried other methods to control kids when they have had one of 'those moments.'

Since I'm a pilot, one method that I have found very effective is for me to just take the child for a short flight during which I say nothing and give the child the opportunity to reflect on his or her behaviour.

I don't know whether it's the steady vibration from the engines, or just the time away from any distractions such as TV, video games, computer, iPod, etc.

Either way, the kid usually calms down and stops misbehaving after our flight together. I believe that eye to eye contact during these sessions is an important element in achieving the desired results.

I've included a photo below of one of my sessions with a child, in case you would like to use the technique...

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Should work with grandkids also!

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My apologies for a rather thin Newsletter this month.

It's been one of those months when nothing seems to go the way it SHOULD !!

HAPPY FLYING  
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