

# Whangarei Flying Club



## NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 27th September 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.



**Providing Safe and  
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## President's Report:

It's so close to daylight saving now, I'm counting down the days, so let's hope this inconsistent weather we have been having can be behind us and we can get out flying more often.

We were supposed to have a fly away to Parakai last weekend but the weather was doing what it could to annoy us. Let's hope this weekend is better.

With the weather getting warmer more flies and insects are about, so please give the leading edges a wipe with a wet towel. If we do it straight after a flight they come off a lot easier and it means the next pilot flying doesn't have to worry about it.

2 websites this month

As most of you know the last Air New Zealand Boeing 747 was retired.  
[http://m.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=3&objectid=11320640](http://m.nzherald.co.nz/business/news/article.cfm?c_id=3&objectid=11320640)

Here is a fun site to see where the good or not so good seats are on commercial flights.

<http://www.seatguru.com>

Cheers

Linden Scott.

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### CFI's Report

Hi guys

Well as Linden says, it's getting lighter in the mornings which means we can get some early morning flying in before work on some week days. Typically my only day available to train students is on a Saturday as I work during the week and I try and make Sunday my family day. Some weeks the weather can be perfect during the week only to close in and pour with rain on the weekend and we need to cancel our flights. Very frustrating!!!

For students just starting out it is advisable to select the first flight of the morning and before the wind gets up and it gets too turbulent. When you are just learning the basic skills to pilot an aircraft you don't need to be battling the wind and weather as well. An early morning flight is the way to go but don't rely on Saturday being fine. I and some of the other instructors are available from 7am on some weekdays, subject to work and family commitments. Just give one of us a buzz and we can let you know our availability. (*See also my notes below. Drew.*)

Flying has been pretty quiet these last couple of months and this is largely due to variable weather conditions. We do need you to come out though and have a fly. Not only is it great fun and keeps you current but it also helps support your club.

As Linden has mentioned, last week's trip to Parakai was postponed due to weather; however we are going to try again this Sunday. So far I have the following people booked to go:

- Bob Foster and Mike Smith in WTF
- Myself and Tony Savage in WCF
- John and Roseanne Shaw (and their two kids) and Linden and Joanne in the Cherokee six.

Please can we all meet on Sunday at 9am for pre-flight and briefing and then we will get underway at around 10am.

These trips are great fun, so please see the events section of the web site and let me know if you would like to register for any of these. Our next event is on 19 October and we are calling this the Great Northern Aerial Rally. It involves a social flight from Whangarei to Dargaville to Kaikohe to Kerikeri and then back to Whangarei. There will be landings at all destinations and Drew is coming up with some tasks to complete along the way, such as taking pictures of various landmarks etc. It should be a lot of fun.

On the operational front there is nothing of any significance to report this month.

I would like to welcome Greg Morris to the club. Greg is an ATPL pilot working for Cathay Pacific and he recently completed his type rating and micro light certificate with me. Welcome Greg – It's good to have you on board with us.

Anyway guys that's it from me this month. Have a great month and hope to see you out at the club soon.

Cheers

Shaun

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### Editor's Notes

**Student training** – Following on from what Shaun has written above, I just wanted to say that, as an instructor, I am generally not available for early morning training – largely because we run a Bed and Breakfast business and I am usually on breakfast duty if Susie is working! Having said that, I am available during the week at most times of the day after 10.00am and in the evenings (when winds are often calmer again).

**Great Northern Aerial Rally** – Originally scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> October, we are now opening this up so that pilots can take part at any time during the month of October. This is so more people will have the opportunity to book one of the two club aircraft, and also to hopefully take the weather out of the equation as an excuse for not taking part! Details will be published shortly, but as Shaun said, it will involve landings at Dargaville, Kaikohe and Kerikeri so is also a great way for a student to experience some cross country flying and navigation, perhaps with an instructor. For now I will just say that you will need a camera and some flying and navigation skills!

*Grab yourself a stick of gum, grit your teeth, and take a ride inside the cockpit with the Blue Angels!!! If you wonder how close they get in formation, just remember that this is taken with a wide angle lens . . .*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u4D0yx4DvBk&feature=youtu.be>

*That's all for this month  
Drew*

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### Coming Events... with thanks to Brian Millett and the NMC Newsletter

- **Te Kowhai** September 27<sup>th</sup> Te Kowhai Airfield (NZTE) Limmer Rd, Hamilton. Starts 10am  
[http://www.saa.org.nz/public\\_pages/events.php](http://www.saa.org.nz/public_pages/events.php)
- **10<sup>th</sup> Blacksands fly-in.** Raglan 7,8,9th November. (See above link)
- **Wings Over Wairarapa.** Hood Aerodrome, Masterton. 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015  
<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/wings-over-wairarapa/masterton>
- **Classic Fighters Omaka Airshow 2015.** 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10:00am – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 4:00pm  
<http://www.eventfinder.co.nz/2015/classic-fighters-omaka-airshow/blenheim>

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

**T-33 (RCAF 21261)**

**The legendary Ormand Haydon Ballie checks wheat production at a farm outside of Duxford in 1974 in his T-33 (RCAF 21261) The Black Knight.**



HAPPY FLYING  
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26<sup>th</sup> September 2014