

# Whangarei Flying Club



## NEXT WFC MEETINGS –

→ Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – 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:

Anyone else looking forward to summer?! I think we've now got three trial flights backing up and waiting for some decent weather to fly. At least WCF has got into the air occasionally, and thank you to those still flying.

You might have noticed that WCF has still been sitting one wing down after fitting the new undercarriage bolts. We've now received the new u/c leg which will be fitted shortly. Giovanni kindly postponed an order from Australia to ensure we got the leg first; many thanks again!

Some of you may have heard the murmurings that I might be moving. This is now a certainty as we are (hopefully today) going unconditional on the sale of Kauri Villas. Not to worry in the short term as we're not moving too far, and not until December. We're moving 90 minutes up the road to Kerikeri where I certainly hope to keep up my flying.

Initially I will continue to support the WFC as president, and as an instructor. I will also continue to edit the newsletter. Inevitably, however, my contact will become less, and we should start to look for a vice-president to support me from December, with a view to taking over next year.

With all the recent planning and negotiating I've not yet set up the "FlyBook" booking system we'd planned. Now the deals are done I will hopefully have the time to set this up shortly. The two systems will have to run side by side until we are happy with the changeover. I will contact all pilots once this is set up.

Mike Silvester is away at present, so there will be no financial report presented to the meeting tomorrow. Last month's minutes will be sent out today. Don't forget the meeting this Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, Hangar 10 at 11.00am followed by our \$5 lunch. Bringing a plate would greatly help!

Drew Barlow  
President

# Pilot's Tip of the Week

## Crosswind Landing Errors

Featuring Wally Moran

**Subscriber question:**

"What are the most common mistakes pilots make with crosswind landings?" - Kate K.

**Wally:**

"The only way to get good at crosswind landings is to get out there and practice. Get an instructor who is proficient and go out and challenge yourself. If you only fly on calm days, you won't be ready on that day when the wind exceeds the forecast.



A common problem I see is poor airspeed control, usually too fast. Sure it's good to have a little extra airspeed on turbulent days but too much is as bad as too little. Extra airspeed means you will be hovering over the runway longer waiting for that airspeed to bleed off and that means a longer fight with the wind close to the ground. Often pilots will try to force the airplane on the ground in this situation and that never works. Use the speed your POH recommends.

Another problem is to stop flying after the airplane touches down. Remember to hold that aileron into the wind after touch down and increase it as the airplane slows down. If you neutralize the ailerons after touchdown, the upwind wing will come up and the airplane will start to weather vane providing a whole new adventure for you and your passengers.

As I was once told by an old pilot, these crosswind landings are easy once you get the drift of them.

So watch the speed and fly the airplane all the way to the tie down."

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*We're looking at setting up some flying challenges to get you out there with an instructor. Once we've gathered some ideas we'll be in touch! Ed.*

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### Coming Events...

with thanks to Brian Millett and the NMC Newsletter.

(Brian added this to his email, Ed) :- "Hi to you all. I don't wish to make anyone feel envious but the weather here in Perth has been absolutely fantastic. More like early summer and it is still only the beginning of Spring. Little rain and light winds for most of the time..."

**Tail Dragger Fly-in - 12 September 2015** - Bridge Pa Aerodrome. Contact CFI Helen Ross  
helenr@hbecac.co.nz

**Tiger Moth Club Spring fly-in - 16 October to 18 October** - Taumarunui. Annual return to club roots 46 years ago at magnificent grass aerodrome, some flying competitions. Contact secretary Graeme Wood Ph: 09 418 3044, 027 293 2318 E: woodsy@clear.net.nz

**70 Years of the Pitts Special - 13 November to 15 November** - Omaka. Featuring an aerobatic competition, a separate freestyle event, the Marlborough Aero Club is hosting the BBQ/dinner over the two nights. All welcome. Registration forms will be out in August, register by contacting me via email/phone. Andrew Lov

**Classic Fighters Airshow. April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017** Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre, Blenheim.  
<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/classic-fighters-omaka-airshow/blenheim>

### HERE & THERE

Keep early December in mind for the NMC annual pre-Christmas flyin, and of course the early January flyins, the first in the world at Athol & Betty Sowry's Athbey Farm at Woodville, with Pauanui to follow shortly afterwards. Hopefully more details will be available as soon as possible after I return from Perth in mid October.

**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. Ed.**



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## HAPPY FLYING!

