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Club Comps are coming up!

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The New Plymouth Aero Club Pilot's committee are holding club competitions this Sunday, the 3rd Oct.

Come along for a day of fun, flying and a BBQ lunch.

We still have heaps of open places in competitions so please come along!

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RNZAC Regional Rally



The 2010 Central Regional Air Rally is being hosted by the Waikato Aero Club on the weekend of the 12th November. If you're interested in representing NPAC, or simply going along to support our team, register your interest with Lee or Wayne. Discounted rates for Regional and National competitions and practice! For more info about the Rally, check out the RNZAC website <http://www.flyingnz.co.nz/>



EXPERIENCE THE GREAT ABOVE

CFI Report



Achievements

Congratulations must go to:

PPL:

Steven Price

CPL:

Sushmit Thakur

Paul Brinkley

IF Rating:

Nik Vincent

Flight Instructors' Rating:

Shane "Sky Ace" Laurenson

Goodbye, Good Luck

NPAC has recently said farewell to 2 of our flight instructors, Annika Wallin and Alex Carson-Holloway.

Annika was a flight instructor here at NPAC for a number of years, after doing all of her training with the Aero Club.

She now has started work with a company in Emerald, Australia flying Navajos and Chieftans to the outback.

Alex has been teaching night classes and working with Coastguard Air Patrol since finishing his C-Category flight instructors rating in mid 2009. He is now currently pursuing a job in aerial surveying, with a company based in Gisborne.

Good luck to both of you with your aviation careers.

Hi all,

Command Decision

This windy and wild weather conditions is really affecting our flight training programmes. This week, I had to postpone two CPL flight tests and one PPL flight test. The professional pilot flight tests are carried out by ASL and I have to book these tests a good month out. I often wonder that I should have a "crystal ball" for planning purposes.

New Members

A warm welcome to Jan and Maurice Green, and Stefanie Lina.

Waverly Beach Mast

CAA has advised us that a wind monitoring mast will be erected near the Waverly Beach Airfield. This mast will be 315ft agl.

See and Avoid Reminder

When flying in the control zone, if you advise the tower you have traffic in sight, ensure you keep them in sight. If you lose sight of traffic, advise the tower immediately!! It is YOUR responsibility to keep separation VFR to VFR!!! You will be responsible for any occurrence that may happen. No matter what instructions you have been issued!!! This includes traffic whilst in the circuit. That is the law.

Once again, if you lose sight of traffic in a control zone, advise the tower immediately.

Extra C152 Fuel Drain Reminder

There has been a modification on the 152's. A "push in" type (like the wings) fuel drainer has been placed underneath the aircraft. It is located slightly back from a line the R/H wing strut makes. This needs to be checked every Pre-flight for contaminants.

C152 ZK-NPN Comms

Recently, there was an incident regarding loss of comms with ZK-NPN.

The problem was quickly resolved. The intercom left knob "push on, push off" was inadvertently pushed off which prevented the comms to transmit or to receive.

What I am saying, if you cannot transmit or receive, push in the left knob of the intercom unit.

Happy Flying

Wayne

**"Fly Smart
Fly Safe"**

President's Report

Presidents Report

Well... big changes of the executive committee at the AGM this year, with a big turnout of members at the meeting.

We have had our first meeting and have established the various sub-committees. They are as follows:

Finance Committee:

Craig Nairn
Ian Currill
Peter Budden

Staffing:

Ian Currill
Andrew Manuel
Dennis Banks

Young Eagles:

Kevin Turnbull
Elaine Priest
Wayne Harrison
Stu Haynes

Aircraft Ops:

Matt Conner
Francis Kuriger
Wayne Harrison
Peter Nunn

Marketing:

Stu Haynes
Francis Kuriger
Peter Budden

Constitution

Rewrite:

Owen Williams
Dave Drummond
Dennis Banks
Francis Kuriger

Many of the new members are at present, getting to grips with their roles and up to speed as quickly as possible. We are very lucky to have Peter Budden in the General Managers role whom is spending a lot of his time at the Club at present. He is working very hard in several areas to ensure the smooth running of the club.

The Pilots Committee have hit the ground running, having already produced a document with social activities and events that will be promoting the enjoyment of flying. Note we also have the Club Competitions coming up so pop into the Club and put your name on the entry forms posted in the foyer. We would love to see you there on competition days.

I'm pleased to say the new executive is extremely positive and working as a team to promote a strong and vibrant club for all members. The members of the executive are very open and approachable so suggestions on any subject relating to the Club will be welcomed.

I look forward to working with you all over the next year, and hope to see you all at the club competitions this coming Sunday, the 3rd of October!

Craig Nairn



General Manager's report

THE WORLD'S GREATEST
GENERAL
MANAGER



A reminder to all members:

With the availability and convenience of E-mail nowadays, we would like to update our contact details database.

If your details have changed please let us know.

It's been an interesting introduction to the 'coal face' of the club following the AGM and I've been pleasantly surprised with the amount of goodwill extended to me by our staff. Our club, like many other organizations is feeling the effects of the Global recession. Our flight training business, the only part of our operation that actually pays the bills has been adversely affected as a result. International students, who formed the greatest proportion of our flight training school, has slowed down to a trickle, although there are indicators that this should improve in the next 6 to 12 months. Unfortunately we can't wait for this to happen. Thankfully we still have an allocation of NMIT students and locals in Flight training, but in the short term, we need more club members to come out and knock off a few circuits or cross-wind landings once or twice a month, or head for Raglan for a latte (on a fine day).

To help balance our books we need to keep the fleet flying, our staff are keen to see this happen with 'fun flying' events, competitions and, of course new students.. the weather over the last month or two has been diabolical and has kept much of our fleet on the pickets.

We have great staff and an executive keen to move forward so we will be promoting to Core orates and organizations use of the club for charter work, promoting "Flight Training" and "Scenic Flight" gift vouchers and planning "open days" to show case all aspects of the club's activities in Flight Training, Search and Rescue and Air Ambulance.. I'm open to any ideas that you may have to keep our aircraft flying, so give me a call if you think that there's something we could be doing better...

My vision is to grow our membership, upgrade our fleet and facilities and introduce as many people as we can to the fabulous experience of flying, they are the clubs future. I believe we can turn the fortunes of our club around, but it will only happen with a sustained, combined effort of members and staff plus a decent run of weather! An integral part of our recovery will be a more aggressive approach to debt recovery and tighter controls on our day to day costs.

That's it from me for now
See you out here soon,
Safe flying,
Peter Budden





Coastguard Taranaki Air Patrol Wayne Harrison

Coastguard searches are greatly enhanced by the ability to have several pairs of eyes in the air and cover large distances in a short space of time. This is certainly the case in Taranaki with the Coastguard Taranaki Air Patrol.

The Air patrol unit continues to have a good relationship with the New Plymouth Aero club and in fact it is due to the aero club's aircraft that Coastguard is able to fly. The aero club provides the unit with two twin and one single engine aircraft for search. The twin engine Partenavia is ideally suited to marine searches because of its high wing and the space available to accommodate the pilot, in-flight coordinator and 4 observers with equipment they have also have a close relationship with the other Coastguard wet units in the area so that both sea and air searches can be coordinated.

The Taranaki coast is a wild part of the country and this brings with it significant challenges in terms of training exercises, etc. However the commitment to training is paramount to ensure the ability of the units (both wet and air) to respond to New Zealanders in trouble.

One of the most encouraging trends is the increased awareness of safe boating practices in the area. This in turn leads to less callouts. This is great, but, it does mean that training exercise become even more important so that the crews are well trained for when the real thing goes down.

Coastguard hosted its annual Air Patrol weekend at Paraparaumu in March and five members of the Taranaki Air Patrol unit were able to attend. It was a great opportunity for like minded volunteers to rub shoulders and talk the talk and walk the walk. Again, the focus here is on training and networking.

Looking to the future the unit has aspirations to purchase its own aircraft. All of the volunteers in the unit are committed to continual improvement and providing the best possible service to the Taranaki marine community.

Josh's Joke Junction

The world's smartest man?

A pilot, Michael Jordon, Bill Gates, the Pope, and a pizza delivery man were all in a plane together travelling through stormy conditions.

Suddenly, the pilot came running back to the passengers and announced that lightning had hit the plane, and they were going to crash in a matter of minutes. "There are only enough parachutes for four of the five of us," he announced. "Since I'm the pilot, I get one!" After saying this, the pilot grabbed a parachute and jumped out of the plane.

"I'm the world's greatest athlete," proclaimed Michael Jordon. "This world needs great athletes, so I must live." Michael Jordon then grabbed a parachute and leaped out of the plane.

"I'm the smartest man in the world," bragged Bill Gates. "The world needs smart men, so I must also live!" Bill Gates grabbed a parachute and jumped out of the plane.

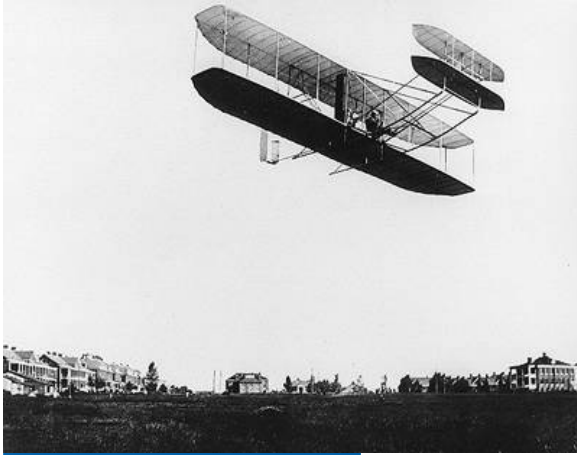
At this point, the Pope began to speak. "I have lived a long life compared to you, and you may take the last parachute. I will go down with the plane."

"You don't have to stay here! The world's smartest man jumped out of the plane with my backpack."

Aviation facts

September 23rd

- Peruvian Georges Chavez, who flies over the Simplon Pass between Italy and Switzerland, makes the 1st airplane flight over the Alps. (OTM) (1910)
- Earl Ovington carries the 1st airmail in the United States in a Blériot monoplane from Nassau Boulevard Aerodrome, Long Island to Mineola, Long Island. (OTM) (1911)



- French pilot, Roland Garros, becomes the 1st person to fly across the Mediterranean, a distance of 470 miles. He lands in Tunisia 7 hours and 53 minutes after taking off from France, which is of particular note because he only had enough fuel for 8 hours of flight. (AYY) (1913)

September 24th

- French engineer, Henri Giffard, flies the 1st powered, manned airship. Powered by a steam engine and propeller, the airship flies at about 5-mph and covers 17 miles from Paris to Trappes, France. The craft marks the beginning of the practical airship. (OTM) (1852)

September 25th

- The Wright brothers arrive at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to begin tests of their 1st powered aircraft. (AYY) (1903)

September 26th

- The governments of France, West Germany, and Britain sign a memorandum that calls for the development of the Airbus A300 wide-bodied jet airliner. (AYY) (1967)

September 27th

- The 1st piloted airplane to exceed Mach 3 (three times the speed of sound) is the rocket-powered Bell X-2. (OTM) (1956)
- Katherine Stinson becomes the 1st woman in the United States to make an official airmail flight. (AYY) (1913)
- Dr. Albert Taylor and Leo Young, scientists at the US Naval Aircraft Radio Laboratory, make the 1st successful detections of objects by "radio observation". They use wireless waves to detect objects not visible due to weather or darkness. This insight leads to the advent of radar. (AYY) (1922)

September 28th

- American pilot Howard Rinehart, flying a Dayton-Wright R.B Racer, becomes the 1st person to fly an airplane fitted with retractable landing gear. (AYY) (1920)
- Lufthansa, Germany's national airline flies its millionth customer. (AYY) (1934)

September 29th

- The 1st take-off and landing of the XC-142A vertical take-off transport is made in Dallas, Texas. The aircraft has four 2,850-hp General Electric turboprops mounted on the wings that can pivot 90 degrees to allow for a vertical take-off. (AYY) (1964)

September 30th

The 1st round-the-world flight in a helicopter is completed as the Bell Long Ranger II, flown by Americans H. Ross Perot Jr. and Jay Coburn, lands safely. (OTM) (1982)

Club Competitions

Hi everyone.

It's Club competition time again! This is your chance to snap up the silverware!

The Competitions are as follows:

- Junior Bombing
- Senior Bombing
- Junior landing
- Senior Landing
- Ladies Circuit
- Junior Aerobatics
- Senior Aerobatics
- Open landing
- Open FLWOP
- Non-Instrument Circuit
- Instrument flying
- Photographic Competition



Comps will begin Sunday 3rd Oct. 10am. If you haven't already put your name down to enter, come out to the club and jot your name down on the entry forms in the foyer. Alternatively, you can give me a call at the Aero Club. Solo rates apply to all Club comps.

The bar will be open with a BBQ provided! Hope to see you there!

-Lee

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Book A Plane

The Aero Club offers a range of scenic flights around the New Plymouth area. Aircraft are also available for charter to any New Zealand location.

Aero Club Members

The New Plymouth Aero Club aims to promote aviation while providing a safe and affordable environment for aviation training with modern aircraft.

Login Members & Students

Click here to login to your members or students account. If you don't have an account, click here to create one.

Check us out on the web!
www.AirNewPlymouth.co.nz

The website is now operational.

The site has a new look, and plenty of useful information for members as well as the public.

All members will have a log-in and password so please email us with your request and we will add you to our member list.

At some time in the near future, we would like to have an online booking sheet. This will allow members to view aircraft availability and book online. We will keep you up to date with development of this facility.

Check out the website and if you have any feedback, feel free to let us know!