



AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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CLUB NIGHT: **1930 hours Wednesday 11th April 2007**
Preceded by Committee meeting 1830 hours
Visitors are most welcome - refreshments available

NEW VENUE: **Commercial Traveller's Club, 27-33 Ohinerau Street, Remuera**

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PREZ SEZ:

Hi All

Thanks to those who voted for me, this is my first foray into Presidency - However an even bigger thanks goes to those to those who didn't vote for me!!

A new club venue is to be trialed for this next meeting - fortunately the Ascot is just across the way for those who may have a nasty turn.

I note that certain pilots of our club bantam have obviously been a bit tired of the traditional negative camber of the main undercarriage and took some quite severe steps to give a more positive camber look to the aircraft - however despite many attempts could not get both wheels the same so Chris and I spent some time removing and "rotating" tires discs and a new stub axle (shiny part) was installed, and now probably and new tyre as well. I'm looking forward to having another fly of FVG soon... as my new Bantam still has not arrived yet.

I would like to organize a club outing with perhaps a beach landing and picnic style lunch (Bring your own!!) say perhaps Raglan or surrounds if appropriate and BBQ back at Mercer. It would be nice to see all two place aircraft with 2 occupants and all depart around the same time (great for some photos) with perhaps some sort of prize for the tidiest landing and something for the worst - any suggestions?? - please phone or e-mail me if you are interested. - Object of the game to get as many out flying as possible and just have some fun.

Kevin Potter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Balloons Over Waikato

11th – 15th April 2007

Refer www.balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz

Most of the activity is centred around Innes Common at the Hamilton Lake but on 12th April from 1530 hours there is ballooning around Huntly, Cambridge, Tokoroa and Taupo.

They should be easy enough to spot but will not do much for your aerodynamics if you happen to drape one over your wing!

REGULAR EVENTS

Every Saturday

Lunch at the Dargaville Aero Club

2nd Sunday of the month from 1230 hours

Coromandel Flying Club's club day



Coromandel Airfield

OLDIES BUT GOODIES

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft.

The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the complaint sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident.

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on backorder.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet-per-minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

HAIR RAISING RUNWAYS (Part II)

