



## AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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JULY 2007

**CLUB NIGHT:** 1930 hours Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 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*

*Another month of rubbish weather passes us by hopefully the weather has changed to include Saturday/Sunday clear - Monday through Friday Windy or rain or both.*

*I am putting together a brief history of Pikes Point but unfortunately have run out of time to have it ready for this meeting- Don't forget Meals can be provided at the CT Club at very nominal prices.*

*I note that Thames Airfield is now charging \$15 landing Fees. They have a camera and are all set up to make sure you pay. Its worthwhile to note that If you pay by honesty box its \$15, if they send an account its \$15 + \$20 admin charge. Now I'm no accountant but I can see the benefit in a) finding another airstrip in the vicinity or paying the honesty box-!!*

*Here's some piccys of the trip to Waihi in February Just so's you remember what summer is like!*

*Kevin Potter*



*Arriving Waihi Beach*



*Instructor & Student*



*Competition Bombing Run*



*Aircraft Parked at Waihi Beach*

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## ***WORKING BEE***

*The working bee at Mercer went ahead on 30<sup>th</sup> June, despite **atrocious** weather conditions at the beginning. The weather cleared once we got started and in a couple of hours Kevin, Chris, Ray, Brian, Jon & Steve had the shed cleared and the Airboard's tractor and mower safely inside and out of the elements (with about 6" of room to spare).*

*The inclement weather and question marks over whether or not to postpone the working bee highlighted a shortcoming in our communications plan (ie – we didn't **have** a communications plan!). This is something we'll have squared away for future fly ins, working bees and get togethers.*

## **ARDMORE FLY IN**

*The Shortest Day Fly In to Ardmore on 23<sup>rd</sup> June unfortunately became a "drive in" due to the extremely high winds, with only one hardy pilot electing to fly.*

*This didn't detract from the event itself though, and everyone spent an enjoyable day being given a tour around some of the aircraft under construction and restoration, as well as being able to drool over the warbirds collection, T-51 Microlight Mustang (under construction), a restored Tiger Moth, Tecnam aircraft range and the Thunder Mustang.*

*It was a chance to see aircraft up close that most of us would have only seen pictures of previously, including a Spitfire, P-40 Tomahawk, Mosquito, P-51 Mustang and F-86 Sabre.*

*A number of people made themselves available to open their hangers and explain their operations to us. Many thanks to all of them and especially to Brian Millett, who organised and coordinated the whole event.*



*Thunder Mustang cockpit  
"Dear Santa...."*



*The group with the P-51D in the Warbirds hanger*

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## **ARMAC 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

*As you may know, ARMAC came into being 25 years ago this year. Such an auspicious occasion deserves to be marked in some way – perhaps by a group dinner or a fly in (once conditions improve later in the year).*

*Turn your minds to it and hopefully we can discuss it and get a consensus at the Club Night on 11<sup>th</sup> July.*

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## **EVENTS**

*Coromandel Airfield      Every second Sunday  
Club Day & BBQ lunch from 1230 hours*

Contact Lisa: (07) 8662055, clubrooms (07) 8668638, [aviatrix@wave.co.nz](mailto:aviatrix@wave.co.nz)

*Waikato Microlight Club 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month  
BBQ from 1100 hours onwards, visitors welcome  
Inside Hamilton CTR, use Hospital NORDO transit lane,  
not above 700' QNH. Enter between Templeview and city,  
or call Hamilton Tower 122.9*

*RAANZ Fly In Waipukurau Airfield  
8-9<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Further details to follow*

*July 18-21  
Aviation Industry Association conference, Auckland*

*August 19  
New Zealand Precision and Rally flying Association AGM at Murray Smith's, Ohaupo. Meeting  
begins at 1.30pm*

**AVEX.** *The NZ National Aviation Expo is a new event planned for 11 - 13 October 2007 at  
the Mystery Creek Events Centre near Hamilton.  
More information at: <http://www.avex.co.nz/> COULD BE WORTH A FLYIN!!*

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**FROM THE "YEAH, I'VE HAD SOME DODGY LANDINGS, BUT..." FILE**

