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CLUB NIGHTS
ARE NOW
ON A
TUESDAY –
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WEDNESDAY**

AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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SEPTEMBER 2007

NEW CLUB NIGHT: 1930 hours TUESDAY 11th September 2007

Preceded by Committee meeting 1830 hours

Visitors are most welcome – dinner & refreshments available at the venue

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PREZ SEZ:

Hello All

This month is a call to order; lets try and inspire some new pilots from amongst our acquaintances or other interested friends. All you have to do is give someone a copy of our club newsletter and see if they make the phone call to get a trial flight, or information pack.

Kevin Potter

Microlight Flying And Microlight Aircraft

Blow Away The Travel Blues - FLY A MICROLIGHT!



Are you tired of traffic jams and all the other hold ups and hassles of modern travel? Then think about flying a microlight. While it may not ease your commuting problems microlight flying will give you a totally different view of the world and present an exciting challenge, to fly as a pilot in command of your own aeroplane.

Microlights make affordable aviation available to all, from age 17 to 70; and disabled people fly microlights on equal terms with all other pilots. Today's microlight aircraft are faster, quieter, safer, more comfortable and easier to fly than ever before and cost between \$2000 and \$150,000, with perfectly serviceable units for as little as \$10,000. In 2000 Colin Bodill became the first person to fly a microlight solo around the world in less than eighty flying days.



There are different types of microlight from powered hang-glider types or flexwings, to those that look and perform just like conventional light aircraft, in fact some are better and have newer technology. Reliable and economical purpose built four-stroke and two-stroke engines now make water crossings almost a routine occurrence. You don't need a large airfield, a farmer's field will do, and many microlights can be packed up, placed on a trailer and taken home to your garage. With relatively slow flying speeds and low inertia the microlight is one of the safest forms of recreational flying, and one of the largest growing.

The Auckland Regional Microlight Aircraft Club website has all the information you need about the sport, what training is required, how to get a trial lesson and links to other microlight related sites. Visit it at: www.armac.info/ or contact anyone on the front page for a free information pack.

PATUMAHOE STRIP & HANGER VISIT

A few club members travelled to the Patumahoe strip on Saturday 25th August, where Jon Farmer and Brian Thomson are building a hanger.

It was the first decent flying weather for some time (other than having to dodge a couple of showers on the way over). Patumahoe is only about a twenty minute flight from Mercer – even at Bantam speed, so is easily accessible.

Jon & Brian laid on tea & bikkies and showed us how construction is progressing on the hanger. It is a very impressive structure and quite near completion. The shipping containers that form two of the walls will make a lovely warm den / lounge.

Brian & Jon extended an open invitation to stop in for a cuppa and a chat if anyone is flying past in future. Many thanks to them for hosting us on the day!!



EVENTS

Club Night – Tuesday 11th September

CFI Chris Todd will be giving a presentation on airstrip assessments and landing at new airstrips, including sloping strips. As we try to arrange more flying activities to other locations and farm strips, this presentation will be a good introduction for some and refresher for others.

ARMAC Fly Ins *Regular ARMAC flying events are being planned for the rest of the year and into 2008. Come along to the Club Night for details and see whether there are any suggestions you can make for additions or improvements.*

Coromandel Airfield *Every second Sunday
Club Day & BBQ lunch from 1230 hours
Contact Lisa: (07) 8662055, clubrooms (07) 8668638, aviatrix@wave.co.nz*

Waikato Microlight Club *4th 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
8-9th March 2008
Further details to follow*

2007

*Sept 28 - 30 Nelson AeroClub 75th Anniversary
Contact: Kevin Allport (03) 548 5387*

*Nov 10 Blacksands Raglan - Proposed date
Contact: bmcooke@waikato.ac.nz*

2008

*Feb 15 - 17 SportAvex Tauranga
Contact: Bill Sisley Ph (07) 549 1855
www.taurangaairshow.co.nz*

*Mar 7 - 9 Hamilton - Airshow NZ
www.airshow.co.nz*

*Mar 14 - 16 Ohakea - RNZAF Open day
Details: Flt. Sgt. Paul Stein (06) 351 5490*

*Mar 21 -23 Warbirds over Wanaka
Email: gavin@warbirdsoverwanaka.co.nz
www.warbirdtickets.com*

HANGER SPACE FOR RENT – PARAKAI

George Richards has a new hanger at Parakai with some space available to rent out. He intends limiting the hanger to microlights and sport aircraft / home built to avoid owners having to push any 747's out of the way to get to their planes!

If you would like more information, contact George via george@falco.co.nz

WEATHER STATIONS ON THE INTERNET

The website http://homepages.paradise.net.nz/tmcgavin/current_nzweather.html has links to a number of automated private weather stations around New Zealand. Although these don't contain forecasts, they do show the current weather conditions in a large number of locations and could be handy for a final check before heading off anywhere.

Most Microlight destinations (but not Mercer) seem to have a weather station either at the location or very nearby.

A WORD ABOUT AIRCRAFT WEIGHT & BALANCE...

Two Irish hunters get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose. They bag six.

As Paddy and Mick start loading the plane for the return trip, the Pilot says "The plane can only take four of those."

The two lads object strongly. "Last year we shot six, and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same type of plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and all six are loaded. However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage, Paddy asks Mick, "Any idea where we are?"

"I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Mick.
