



AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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OCTOBER 2007

CLUB NIGHT: *1930 hours TUESDAY 9th October 2007*

Preceded by Committee meeting 1830 hours

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

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CLUB NIGHT

Bring your charts, flight computers, protractors, pencil & ruler for flight planning revision

PREZ SEZ:

Hello All

So far this last month since the September meeting has been busy club wise. Our second scheduled event gathered a bit of momentum see article and piccys later and the membership drive saw the club offer special membership to Te Kowhai members wanting to join in our planned events and flyins.

This month's meeting will be a symposium on Navigation delivered by the novices of the club namely Kevin Potter, Steve Williamson, and Captain Iain Blyth!! followed by some light relief by way of at least 2 movies: One is titled Wings on the Waitemata - a history of Amphibious aircraft that operated in this area, and the other a history of the WWII Typhoon kindly lent by Peter Cole for our viewing. Don't miss it!!

As usual drinks and a meal can be had at the CT Club saving time in the traffic - come straight from work.

Listed below are some of the events we have planned to make happen weather permitting.

6 October 2007

Thames for coffee (Slight change here) there is a cafe over the road and to the right as you exit the airfield.

The long range forecast at this stage is predicting 10-15 knot nor-westerlies on the ground for Saturday. Thames is only about 22 Nm from Mercer, 40 Nm from Te Kowhai, 28

Nm from Ardmore and 52 Nm from Dairy Flat.

There is Avgas available on the field with a Mobil card. Take note that there is a \$10 per day landing fee which is payable at the Aero Club or at the Fuel Pump. There is a camera on the airfield and if they have to send an invoice it is \$35, so it's probably worth your while to cough up on the day.

If aircraft aimed to leave Mercer at 1000 hours, or Te Kowhai at 0930 hours, they should arrive within koo-ee of each other and just in time to plunder the cafe.

For the more adventurous (and/or those with faster planes), once you're in Thames the Coromandel Peninsula is your playground, with strips at Coromandel, Matarangi, Whitianga and Pauanui.

The runways at Thames have had a bit of a re-arrange in the last couple of years, so if you haven't updated your AIP for a while, now may be a good time to have a look at it on the internet. Be aware of gliders operating in the area.

*20 October 2007 Flyin to Raglan with a beach landing on a West Coast Beach
Details and pilots briefing early Saturday Morning*

3 November 2007 Matamata for Coffee

17 November 2007 Hopper Airstrip For Coffee

1 December 2007 Waihi For Coffee

15 December 2007 Tauranga Airport Plus visit Tauranga Tower and Museum

26 January 2008 Ardmore and Tower/Unicom visit

9 February 2008 Pauanui and Matarangi Airstrip Visit

24-25 February 2008 ARMAC Air Race (Time Trial) A CAA sanctioned event held between Bayleys Beach and Glinks Gully on the west Coast near Dargaville.

A base camp will be set up on the beach with single aircraft timed over a set distance.

All Welcome including GA.

Coffee and BBQ Available at base camp. Details to be firmed up as we get closer.

Please Note: All activities scheduled will roll over to the Saturday following (not Sundays – these will be kept clear for training) if weather or other circumstances become unsuitable, however this will happen only once as the next scheduled event will take its place.

Just for your interest for all new GA pilots after March 2008 there will be a requirement for testing the English language proficiency and those failing will be required to undertake further tuition!!

Apparently 1100 people lost their lives worldwide as a direct result of not being able to understand the English Language!!

Last time I was listening to my radio I couldn't believe the chitter chatter seemed like every man and his dog was speaking English to me!!

TE KOWHAI & COLLINS RD STRIP FLY IN

The Te Kowhai flight on Sunday 23rd September was a fluid sort of affair – it was initially going to be simply a flight from Mercer to Te Kowhai for a coffee. That expanded to include lunch at Raglan and a drop in at Tom Krippner's strip near Pirongia.

As it turned out, word got around and the Waikato Microlight Club kindly re-scheduled their monthly club bbq so that they could host us at their Collins Road strip. After picking up Jack, a local pilot at Te Kowhai, a gaggle of four Bantams set off in line astern from TK to Collins Road

We were later joined by Peter in his Tecnam and enjoyed a barbecue lunch, a few cuppas and a good yarn with the Waikato crowd.

Time and weather were slightly against us, so we decided to postpone the Raglan leg for another time and had to content ourselves with a fly by of the Krippner strip, which looks like a good destination for another day.

It was an excellent day out (certainly beat staying in Auckland, where it was raining most of the day) and fantastic to be able to enjoy the hospitality of the Waikato Microlight Club – many thanks to you!

Might be just about time to blow the cobwebs of the ARMAC barbecue and see about hosting a day for some other clubs in the region.



Another visitor at Collins Rd



Runway 05, Collins Road



Turning crosswind out of Te Kowhai



It'd be hard to think of a better way to spend a day!

EVENTS

Club Night – Tuesday 9th September

Flight planning exercise – bring your charts, flight computer / slide rule, protractor, pencil & ruler.

See whether you can catch the three novices out with any of their “deliberate” mistakes!!

Whananaki Labour Weekend Flyin reminder/update:

The fly at Whananaki (weather permitting) will hopefully be the best yet. All are welcome fly or drive. Bring camping gear and food as needed. We usually pool the food. This year there will be a spit roast on Saturday night for \$10.00 a head.

Please bring some eating utensils and cutlery, plus \$20.00 dollars to cover a donation for each aircraft to the airfield owner and local community. This will cover your flying activities from 1 pm Friday 19th to Tues 23rd October.

Shower, toilet, and stove available on site. Bring your own liquid refreshments.

The shop 600 meters up the road has petrol, basic food, and takeaways. The adjacent camping ground has cabins and motel units for those who don't want to rough it.

Jackie Cooper runs the camping ground. PH 094338896 to book. Tell her you will be at the Labour Weekend Flyin.

The strip: GPS S35 30 736. E 174 27 503. 500 metres of flat grass beside the road on the inland side of the estuary, It runs 03/ 21

21: - FLY UP ESTUARY AND TURN LH ONTO STRIP.

03: - RH CIRCUIT PAST SOUTH SIDE BACHES BEFORE TURNING RH BASE.

(The wind sock is on the estuary side at the midpoint of the strip.)

Join overhead and keep a good lookout. PLEASE AVOID FLYING OVER THE HOUSES.

Raglan – Black Sands Fly In

10-11th November 2007

The Black Sands Fly - In returns to Raglan for 2007. As with last years successful event there will be a beach flying workshop and other aviation events. Accommodation will be available at the camping ground - details will be posted as they are confirmed. Hosted by the SAA Waikato Thames Valley Chapter, contact Bruce Cooke; bmcooke@waikato.ac.nz for details

Source: www.saa.org.nz

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

On the south of and immediately adjacent to Collins Rd about 2 miles east of VRP Templeview and 1 mile in the Control Zone. Whilst the strip is in the Control Zone, clearance is not required if at 500 ft AGL (700 ft ASML). The strip is 750 metres of grass running 05 & 23. Aircraft are to operate on 119.1

RAANZ Fly In

Waipukurau Airfield

8-9th March 2008

Further details to follow

2008

Jan 1

Manawatu Microlight Club Annual New Year Fly-in at "Athbey Farm" airstrip, Woodville.

Arrive in time for the midday \$5 lunch.

The strip is 4nm NE of Woodville approx 1nm West of SH2 on a line with Papatawa highway/rail over bridge and Whariti Peak. Strip is 620 x 34 m vectors 31/13.

By road "Athbey farm" on Valley Road via Condoit or Pinfold Roads off SH2 north of Woodville.

Feb 15 - 17 SportAvex Tauranga

Contact: Bill Sisley Ph (07) 549 1855

www.taurangaairshow.co.nz

February 23-24 Logans Fly-in.

The annual gathering northwest of Auckland for the light aircraft set. A low key event with ACE hospitality. Details from Logan McLean Ph: 09 420 5356, 027 490 1553, E: logan.mclean@xtra.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

I wonder what they'd charge to do a paintjob like this on a Bantam?

