



## AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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JULY 2008

**CLUB NIGHT:** **1930 hours TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008**

Preceded by Committee meeting 1830 hours

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

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

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### **PREZ SEZ:**

*Hi all,*

*Well, the shortest day may have been and gone but it looks like the rainy season is here in force. There has not been too much flying of late due to the wind and rain, but this at least provides a good opportunity to keep abreast of the aircraft maintenance.*

*It had been mooted that we change venue for the club night to the Steam Modeller's club rooms in Panmure. There are pros and cons to this idea and I have canvassed as many of the regular club night attendees as possible as to their preference.*

*The preferences for each of the two venues (CT Club & Steam Modellers) were pretty evenly matched, with many of us (like myself) having no firm preference either way. However, the vote came down slightly in favour of remaining at the CT Club, so for the moment we will stick with the status quo.*

*The big decision for the club at the moment is whether or not to keep ZK-FVG as a club / training aircraft. The issue is that the number of hours that it has been used each year do not justify the cost of maintaining it. Rest assured that whatever decision we come to as a committee will be made with the best interests of the club at heart.*

*Fingers crossed that in the next while the flying weather will improve and we can start getting a few flying events organised.*

*Happy flying & hope to see you at the Club night,  
Steve Williamson*

## **CLUB NIGHT**

*This month's club night will include a presentation by Jon Farmer on building microlight aircraft.*

*We will also be showing a DVD on the Spitfire.*

*Don't forget that dinner is available from the kitchen at the venue; a good feed can be had for \$5 - \$8.*

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## **PERSONAL LOCATOR BEACONS**

*Now that we are into July there is a requirement for all microlights travelling more than 10 Nm from their base to carry a 406MHz Personal Locator beacon or EPIRB.*

*If you haven't been able to get one yet, or are still waiting on back orders, I would recommend borrowing one from a mate on a flight by flight basis in the short term. If it is activated the first person the RCC will call is the person to whom the beacon is registered, and they will be able to provide your phone details and flight intentions.*

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## **TE KOWHAI CIRCUIT PROCEDURES**

*As of 5<sup>th</sup> June the circuit direction for Runway 05 at Te Kowhai has officially been designated as RIGHT HAND. This means that aircraft will always circuit to the south of the field.*

*Be aware that the AIP has not yet been updated, so keep your eyes peeled on right base 05 and watch out for conflicting aircraft that might be on a left base as you both try to turn onto the same final!*

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## **LONG RANGE PLANNING – FOXPINE FLIGHT**

*Martyn and Peter have started planning for a flight to Foxpine, probably around February. This is a warm up for their circumnavigation of New Zealand in the next couple of years.*

*If anyone else has any aerial safaris or adventures in mind, let us know – the more the merrier!*

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## **FOR SALE**

*Single seat Pelican. Easily rigged. Airframe: \$5,000  
Engine: Rotax 508, 43Hp 4 stroke, approx 150 hours: \$5,000  
Covered, weather tight, aluminium trailer (for Pelican): \$2,000  
Full Lotus inflatable floats for Pelican: \$2,000*

*Contact Jon Farmer, Ph (09) 5200641 / (027) 3490053*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

18-19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Tiger Moth Club annual spring fly-in to Taumarunui.

Details available from Jim Lawson PH (09) 2688587 / e: [jimlaw@value.net.nz](mailto:jimlaw@value.net.nz)

## **REGULAR EVENTS**

Coromandel Airfield    *Every second Sunday*  
*Club Day & BBQ lunch from 1230 hours*  
*Contact Lisa: (07) 8662055,*  
*Clubrooms (07) 8668638,*  
*Email: [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*

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A pilot has engine trouble and lands in a field.

As he walks around the plane to check out the problem, he hears a voice behind him say, "You have a clogged fuel line."

Looking around, he sees no one, except a cow.

Startled out of his wits, he runs across the field to the farmer's house and pounds on the door.

When the farmer appears at the door, the out-of-breath pilot stammers that his cow has just talked--and even tried to explain what was wrong with the airplane.

The farmer drawled, "Was it a brown cow?"

"Yes."

"Did it have a white patch on its forehead?"

"Yes, yes, that's the one."

"OK, that's Flossie. Don't pay no attention to her. She doesn't know nothin' about aeroplanes."