



AUCKLAND REGIONAL MICROLIGHT AIRCRAFT CLUB

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CLUB NIGHT: **1930 hours TUESDAY 12th AUGUST 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,

The weather continues to prevent much flying – but at least there is no excuse for not having all our maintenance in hand by the time the conditions improve.

Kevin has done a great job taking ownership of the upcoming Oratia Scouts visit and has included a Club barbecue as part of the activities as well – check out the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more details. I understand that not too many people have replied to Kevin's e-mail notice sent out earlier – it would be helpful for planning purposes if we could do the courtesy of replying either in the positive or negative.

There are a couple of aircraft for sale in this issue. If you have any aircraft, accessories or other items you would like listed, feel free to call or e-mail me.

A foundation member of ARMAC passed away this month after a long illness. A condolence card has been sent to his next of kin on behalf of the club.

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

FOUNDATION MEMBER'S DEATH

Andy Lawrence died this month after a long illness, bravely fought. Andy was one of the original members of ARMAC and helped build the original club aircraft; a Snoop II. He also built a Kolb, which he still owned at the time of his death.

Andy held a number of offices within the club over the years, including Safety Officer, Committee Member and Honorary Treasurer & Auditor.

He has been described as a DIY Personality who was into his motorcycles (and knocked around with the likes of Burt Munroe) and diving (where he made a lot of dives with Kelly Tarlton).

He was an engineer who started his apprenticeship with NAC and continued with TEAL and on to Air New Zealand.

Andy spent the last 2-1/2 years in hospital before succumbing to his illness. He is survived by his wife Dawn. A sympathy card has been sent on behalf of the club.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Oratia Scouts are visiting Mercer Airfield and ARMAC this Saturday (16th August) and will camp on the field overnight. We are looking for pilots with an aircraft and a passenger rating to take them for a short familiarisation flight. The Scouts wanting a flight will be joining as casual members for the weekend, with the fees going to meet the running costs of the aircraft used.

If we are going to be getting together as a club it would be a pity not to make the most of it and to this end we will also be having a barbecue in the afternoon / evening.

Any members from other clubs are more than welcome to come along as well, so if you know anyone who might be keen please pass the invitation along – the more the merrier.

To help with catering, please contact either Steve Williamson or Kevin Potter to let us know whether or not you intend coming. Contact details are listed on the cover of this newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENT

18-19th October 2008

Tiger Moth Club annual spring fly-in to Taumarunui.

Details available from Jim Lawson PH (09) 2688587 / e: 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*

Waikato Microlight Club 4th Sunday of every month
BBQ from 1100 hours onwards, visitors welcome

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

FOR SALE

Rans Coyote. Rotax 912, Ivoprop in flight adjustable, 91.6 hrs, 105 mph cruise, radio, headsets, life belts, well appointed A/C. \$ 75,000

Also 1/3 share of hangar at Paraki airfield \$ 30,000
All enquiries to Vern Booth, Ph. 09 416 0244



What Would You Do If You Have a Heart Attack While Flying?

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m., and you're driving home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

What can you do? You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course didn't tell you what to do if it happened to yourself. In the air this could get you to the nearest airfield, saving the life of your passenger. Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article is to be studied. Without help, the person whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain natural rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

Source: 'Pacific Flyer' March 2008 p.25

During the barnstorming era, a pilot is giving rides at the county fair in his open-cockpit airplane. A farmer and his wife stroll up to ask how much he charges. "That's outrageous!" exclaims the farmer, "Do you have any idea how much feed I can buy for five dollars?" When the farmer rants on about government regulation, taxes, bad weather, cost of repairs, and low crop yields, the pilot finally says, "I'll tell you what. I'll take you and your wife both for a ride if you can sit through the entire flight without saying a word. But if I hear even one sound from you, you'll pay double." The farmer agrees.

So the pilot stuffs them both into the rear seat and takes off.

After a couple of barrel rolls and loops, the pilot doesn't hear anything, so he starts into some serious aerobatics. But even after a few snap rolls, hammerheads, split S manoeuvres, and sustained inverted flight, the farmer doesn't talk, yell or cry out. When they returned to the field and landed, the pilot turned around to the farmer and said, "Well, I've got to hand it to you. I didn't think you could do it, but you got your free flight." The farmer replied, "I know, but for a minute I thought you had me there when my wife fell out."