

Manawatu Microlight Club Newsletter for June 2011

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Hi folks,

At the AGM, we welcomed some new people onto the committee whilst several long serving members decided to 'have a rest.' these included Bill Steel, Peter Donald and Neil Colliver. Our sincere thanks to these members who gave so much of their spare time in helping us run the club. Details of the new committee appear later in this newsletter.

Welcome.

After a long and worrying period of a static membership roll, it seems as though things are improving. Last month we welcomed two new members, Deirdre Sutton and Tim Johnson and it's a pleasing to be able to extend another welcome to Grant Hadfield, Tim Jepson, Tony Cameron and Bruce Grey to our ranks. At the time of printing, we also have another application for membership which will be considered at the next committee meeting. Let's hope the new members enjoy their MMC experiences and that the membership roll continues to increase.

How to Pay By Frank Vanderhulst

As the newly elected treasurer, I now have Internet access to the club bank account. That makes it much easier for me to check off payments against flights for people who pay directly to the bank account. In fact, I'd very much prefer it if people would pay directly to the account, rather than via cheque or cash.

For those who wish to use Internet banking, our bank account is **03-0626-0071863-00** (at WestPac, Feilding).

With each direct deposit payment, please record:

1. The date of the flight in the first field
2. Aircraft registration (SKO, MMC, or XPA) in the second field,
3. Any other details (e.g. landing fees) in the third field.

There is no need to put your name in these fields.... it is automatically included in the deposit record. I'd prefer it if you could pay one deposit per flight... if you do combine multiple flights in a single payment, please send an email to me at drifter.frank@gmail.com with the details.

If you pay by cheque via the red cash box, just write the details of the flight(s) on the back of the cheque... ***there's no need to put the cheque in an envelope.***

I very much prefer that people do NOT pay by cash via the red box. If you feel you must launder your drug sales profits in this way, then SEAL (sellotape or staple) the money in an envelope, and write the details on the envelope. I hate having to match up random banknotes with flight payments.

Please pay promptly, preferably the day of your flight. Late payments, especially if in the next month, create extra work.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Frank

Do you have a hangar key?

Once again, we are trying to update our hangar key holder records. If you have one could you please email me and let me have the number which is stamped on the head of the key?

Barry

MDAC's Proposal.

As mentioned in earlier newsletters, Middle Districts Aero Club has made a formal approach to our club to share our Taonui site and club facilities. The committee has discussed the concerns and implications surrounding their approach and appointed a sub-committee to examine the proposal and recommend a response. Watch this space!

What do you want?

It would be interesting and helpful if members let the committee know what sort of social activities they would like to see us arrange. We've done several of these surveys over the years with very limited input from members, so if you do have any thoughts on this topic, please let us know.

Fond memories

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my oldboyfriend ... I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And then the fight started ...

The new committee.

After the elections at last month's AGM, the following people were appointed to run the club on your behalf.

Patron	Rex Thompson
President	Ed Evenby
Vice President	Colin Mc Millan
Secretary	Barry Nolan
Treasurer	Frank Vanderhulst
Club Captain	Pete Kernohan
CFI	Bill Penman
Safety Officer	Phil

Committee Members: Pete Gene, Phil Budding, Roger Dixon

What are they talking about? Topics discussed at the June committee meeting.

- Metflight to charge for weather data
- Helipro relocated to PN so there's likely to be an increase in helicopter activity in our area

- Our Dawn Raid was a success
 - We should revive the Come & Get it Cup
 - What social activities do members want?
 - Considerable debate about MDAC proposal for shared facilities.
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Just checking!

It seems the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has a unique device for testing the strength of windshields on airplanes. The device is a gun that launches a dead chicken at a plane's windshield at approximately the speed the plane flies.

The theory is that if the windshield doesn't crack from the carcass impact, it'll survive a real collision with a bird during flight. It seems the British were very interested in this and wanted to test a windshield on a brand new, speedy locomotive they're developing.

They borrowed the FAA's chicken launcher, loaded the chicken and fired. The ballistic chicken shattered the windshield, went through the engineer's chair, broke an instrument panel and embedded itself in the back wall of the engine cab. The British were stunned and asked the FAA to recheck the test to see if everything was done correctly.

The FAA reviewed the test thoroughly and had one recommendation: "Use a thawed chicken!"

Events Calendar

Items For Sale and Wanted

No items listed this month.
