

Manawatu Micro Light Club Newsletter - March 2007.

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Hi Folks,

After a prolonged spell in the hangar the Drifter is finally back in the air and it's good to see it back in the circuit. I've included a brief report by Bill Penman on its current state.

Sorry to say that there's not much else to report in this edition, but I live in hope that people will contribute material for next month's newsletter.

Time to renew.

It's that time of the year again so this is a reminder that your annual club subscription is due. The fees are \$40 for a Flying Member and \$20 for an Associate Member. Our Annual General Meeting will be held in May and you must be a current financial member to be able to vote at this.

You can put your subs in an envelope and pop it into the cash box in the club room (remember to put your name on the envelope) or mail it to PO Box 203 Feilding. Do it now!

Speaking of the AGM!

The AGM is the venue for voting in the committee and club officials and it's true to say that there's never a queue of people wanting to serve on this panel. Although this is disappointing, it's normal, but it means that the hard work associated with administering our club is left to a handful of dedicated people. So, if you think you'd like to have a go on the committee, please put yourself up for election. If you're unable to do this, give some thought to how you can support the committee in their endeavours. The worst possible thing you can do is sit back and criticise the decisions that the committee make on your behalf.

Whilst on this subject - I've been the newsletter editor for a couple of years and whilst I'm happy to continue in the role I think it would be good for the club if somebody else were to take over the job for a spell. If you'd like to do so, please mention this at the AGM.

The Drifter's back

The Drifter was test flown last week and performs well. Thanks to all those who worked on it, especially Shorty who spent a lot of time on it. I took him for a ride as part of the MAUW check and he was very hesitant but did eventually enjoy the flight. It was his first time, apparently, so no wonder he made a lot of excuses at first!

We have one minor issue as the Starter Cord is a bit short - work in progress we shall say. It has a new, 503, Twin Carb, Dual Ignition engine

which gives it a bit more oomph. Since it has been out of the air for a year those wishing to become 'current' need to check with an instructor first. Happy Days again.

Cheers, Bill

Yet another message from Bill

MANAWATU USERS MEETING

When - Wednesday 2nd May at 7.00pm

Where - Wings Lounge, Middle Districts Aero Club.

Agenda

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PNAL Works program

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Runway End Safety Areas

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Lighting of new buildings to NE of airfield.

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New Airspace proposals - 7th June 07

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New Transit Lane west of the Orua River

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Realignment of OH airspace west of Feilding

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New common frequency south of PM

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VFR Arrival and Departure Procedures

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Discuss possibilities around Manfield following airspace realignment

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PM Circuit Operations

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NAV AIDS

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Withdrawal of PM NDB Nov 07

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Raised approach profiles due new transit lane.

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CAA Items

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Other business

Bill Penman

Chief Controller PMTWR

The minutes of last year's meeting appear at the end of this newsletter.

The Scouts are on their way!

Each year our club provides trial flights for the National Scout Association Flying School at a concessionary rate. This is normally a well patronised event with lots of youngsters enjoying a taste of microlighting. The date for this year's Scout Day is Saturday 21 April. Our instructors will be piloting all 3 of the club aircraft and we need volunteers to assist with helping the students to prepare for their flights and pay their fees, etc. If you're available on that day, please contact Ed on 356 9787.

No words necessary!

Events Calendar

The monthly cub barbecue will be held next Sunday (15th April) at mid day.

National Aviation Scouts will be taking trial flights on Saturday 21st April at Taonui.

Manawatu User's Meeting on 2nd May in the wings lounge at the Middle Districts Aero Club

Subscription Renewal due now!

AIRCRAFT (and other things) For Sale & wanted

Garmin GPS II plus

A very good robust GPS unit, comes in original box with hand book. NZ airfields loaded, looks & feels just like the Garmin Pilot III. \$275

Contact Peter Kernohan, 06 368 7754 Levin

Wanted.

Smiths Chrometric rev counter as fitted to early British motor bikes, any condition.

Ph: Shorty 06-3545657 or 021-682-151

Radio

As new, Icom Navcom V H F Airband transceiver IC - A22 fitted with rechargeable nickel metal hydride batteries, together with an operation manual. I paid \$600-00 for it and will sell for \$500-00. Contact Rex Thompson. rex.thomson@inspire.net.nz

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Manawatu Users Meeting

17th July 2006

Minutes

Present:
Apologies:

Bill Penman (ACNZ Nil	Ron Burg (MDSFC)
Rajesh Mishra (ACNZ - CH)	Ian Boag (Pvt)
Rex Brereton (ACNZ - OH)	Greg Eades (Task Protection)
Dave Vandersloot (RNZAF)	Neil Jeppson (Pvt)
Michael Bryant (FTM)	Dennis Moore (Pvt)

Feilding are approved.

The PM NDB is planned to be withdrawn from use in November 2007.

BARO NAV approaches are due for publishing in Nov 2006

CAA

Ross reminded all about the NPRM on ELT's

It is planned to extend the FISPA to encompass the Class G airspace NE of Ashhurst

Still working on the SPA to the south of PM.

All to be mindful of getting appropriate NOTAM info, especially when going to unattended airfields.

OHAKEA

Rajesh briefed all on the proposal to adjust airspace around the Feilding Area.

It is planned to have an airspace boundary that puts all of Feilding township and Manfeild into uncontrolled airspace. This will hopefully assist the safety factors associated with transit of the Feilding circuit area.

It is also proposed to look at the possibility of establishing a low level Victor Lane along the Orua River area.

The present Wellington IFR circular flow procedures utilising A and B routes is to be disestablished in November 06. Rajesh briefed all on the new proposal.

Rajesh fielded queries about OH airspace utilisation

OH NDB may be withdrawn Nov 2007

FEILDING

Bob Monds briefed all on the proposed sheep management process by fencing the grass landing areas into two areas.

He reminded all about the possible airborne conflict when operating with aircraft both off the grass and sea simultaneously.

Next meeting February 07 otherwise as required

Meeting closed at 2030

Bill Penman
Chief Controller
Airways
PMTWR