



KAPITI AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Greetings to all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to the New Year. The last few months have proved to be very difficult with regards to the weather and flying hours reflect this. The amount of work that we have has been piling up and now all we need is a stretch of good weather and we will be able to make some progress. We recently had a new intake of Academy students start with us and we have plans for a second intake later in February.

A reminder too, that the RNZAC National championships are being held in Hastings during the first weekend of March. We have a number of club members who are competing and would really like support from other club members. If you want to show your support, register your interest on the form on the front desk at the club. There are a few flights going up to Hastings with spare seats so get in quick.

That's all to report on at this stage.

Safe Flying
Dave

News from the CEO:

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2010. Let us hope this year proves to be a "boomer" for the Aero Club with a vast improvement on flying hours and club activities. The economic slowdown has impacted on our overall activity over the past few months, and this coupled with the appalling weather has resulted in a lower than average flying hours.

On the bright side, the Air Academy has taken on new students and with others joining the ranks over the next few months; our instructing staff will be kept busy. Members' flying has remained at moderate pace, but we would welcome some increased activity over the summer months. To this end we have again promoted the twilight flying option. So far, there has been no take up of that offer.

Club Captain Kieran has developed a varied activity programme for the 2010 year, and I would encourage all those who can take part in the flying competitions and trips, or just coming to support the flyers to be there on the various activity days. The RNZAC national flying champs at Hastings in early March will again see representatives from

the Club giving their best. If you can make the trip to Hastings to support our team, I know they would appreciate the effort.

We are awaiting news from the Airport Owners on the "Stage One" development of the airport and members of the Executive will meet with the owners this month to discuss the timing of any development that may involve the activity around our current location.



KAPITI DISTRICTS AERO CLUB
2010 FLYING COMPETITION ITINERARY

The club flying competitions will be held each month commencing in April. Unless otherwise specified the date will be the first Sunday of the month and the venue will be the Otaki Airstrip. Should the weather prevent the competition being held, it will be postponed to the following Sunday. A post competition social function will be held in the Aero Club bar.

The objective of the competition is for challenge club members with the various facets of club flying and to enhance comradeship in the club. The winners of each competition will have the first option in competing in representing the club in that competition at the Cook Strait Area Rally later in the year.

The competition rules are those used by the Royal New Zealand Aero Club Inc (RNZAC) for the area and national competition. The first group of competitions will incorporate The Wigram Challenge Cup group of competitions.

Sunday 05 April	-Wigram Cup Non-Instrument Circuit
Sunday 02 May	-Wigram Cup Instrument Flying
Sunday 06 June	-Wigram Cup Senior and Junior Landing
Sunday 04 July	-Sir Francis Boys, Precision Circuits
Sunday 01 August	-Rotorua Trophy – Bombing
Sunday 05 September	-Airwork Cup – Low flying
Sunday 03 September	-G.M. Spence Trophy – Forced Landing Without Power

There are other competitions held at the Cook Strait Area Rally in which you may wish to compete. These are:

Aero Engine Services Trophy	-Basic Aerobatics
Airways Corporation Trophy	-Flight Manoeuvres & Rejoin – Trainee
Bledisloe Aviation Trophy	-Navigation less than 150 hours
NZ Herald Challenge Trophy	-Navigation more than 150 hours
Jean Batten Memorial & Prize	-Pre flight and Circuits

If you have an interest to compete in any of these competitions, please notify the Club Captain.

Kieran Shanahan.

Current Aircraft Fleet and Fees:

Aircraft	Solo	Dual	Landing Fees
Cessna 152	\$152	\$202	\$14.35
Piper Cub	\$167	\$217	\$14.35
Cessna 172	\$197	\$247	\$16.60
Piper PA 28-180	\$197	\$247	\$16.60
Cessna R182	\$252	\$302	\$19.52
Partenavia P68C	\$442	\$492	\$33.00
Piper PA 23-250	\$600	\$650	\$33.00

*Prices shown are current Members rates

Office and Instructing Staff:

Full Time:

Paul Harrison	CEO
Tania Porter	Office Manager
Richard Bull	CFI/ Chief Pilot/ B-Cat
Nick Taylor	B-Cat/ Academy Administrator
John Harwood	B-Cat
Dave Hoyer	B-Cat
Josef Keller	B-Cat

Part Time:

Colin Grounsell	B-Cat
Quentin Bicknell	C-Cat

Executive Committee:

Graeme Barrell (President)
Kevin Henderson
Grant Turner
Clive Stephen
Nigel Griffith
Kieran Shanahan (Vice President)
Paul Harrison (CEO)
Richard Bull (CFI)
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