

Hawera Aero Club

NEWSLETTER

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Club Inc

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Extracts from the Annual Report

Welcome to the **75th Annual Meeting of the Hawera Aero Club**. I am pleased to report another good year without any mishaps or problems and once again thank the committee for their efforts throughout the year. The New Plymouth Aero Club once again continue the flying training to a very high standard. A special thanks to Wayne, Andrew and Joel who have all contributed their time at Hawera this year.

Doug has become quite an asset in his job as he chases up all the jobs to done and reminding the committee of things to follow up on after meetings. Many thanks again Doug.

Flying hours have taken a large surge forward and flying on weekends has become very busy. We have had two PPLs and one CPL complete their licences this year with a further six students completing their first solos. Well done all of you. Andrew has done an extremely good job with his students, progressing their flying and motivating flying in general. He is very helpful to all club members and is highly respected by us all.

This year has been a very progressive year with a new plane on line, a new hanger and other ongoing improvements around the clubhouse. We also have two privately owned aircraft on the field. One flying with a wing that spins and the other in the process of being assembled by Chief Engineer Mike Jones and his assistant Ray Babington. Between the two of them they must have over 100 years experience in aviation with great stories told over numerous cups of teas on Sunday afternoons at the clubhouse. We all look forward to the completion of this project and wish Mike and Ray well with their progress.

This year is the clubs 75th jubilee and celebrations are being organized for this event. A subcommittee has been formed to plan and coordinate the anniversary which is to be held on 23rd of October this year. More information about this event will be found later in this newsletter.

The second big day for our club is the RNZ Area Rally which will be held at Hawera on 6th of November. Ralph and his team are working hard together to organize this event and this will involve time and effort from all members who are available. Please be willing to give Ralph the backup and assistance he needs to make this day a good one.

This has been my last year as president as I now live in New Plymouth and cannot put in the time that this job requires. However I will attend committee meetings in the future and will assist as much as possible. I have enjoyed the job and thank the committee for their support over the last four years. I have been on committee now for twenty-one years in total and seen many changes in that time and will no doubt see many in the future.

I looking forward to another good year and hopefully plenty of flying. Thank you, and good luck to all members. Jim McKay

75th Jubilee – Sat 23rd October, 2004

Here is a draft idea of the proposed programme.

Friday 22nd October. Arrivals of aircraft expected. Invitations have been extended to and accepted by the Warbirds Association, Wanganui Aero works, Norfolk Road Gliding Club, RNZ Airforce, Air ambulance and rescue helicopter, members of Microlights Associations, members of Homebuilders groups, gyrocopters, and possibly the sky divers association. 7:30pm informal gathering in the club rooms for a chat. Tea, coffee and light refreshments available.

Saturday 23rd October. 10:00 am. Official welcome, morning tea. Photo sessions 10:45. Lunch provided 12:30pm

Saturday 23rd October. 1:30 – 3:30 Public airshow. Admission by ticket, \$5.00 per individual, \$ 10.00 family group. ATC will be hosting this and providing drinks, savouries and sandwiches.

Saturday 23rd October. Pre dinner drinks at the Hawera Racecourse at 6:00pm, followed by dinner at the racecourse 7:00pm. Reservations required for catering purposes.

Sunday 24th October. Informal get togethers and departures. Normal flying training and club flying resumes.

RNZ Area Rally – 6th November. This is a Central Districts Aero Clubs competition event which will include precision flying, cross country navigation, precision landing and many other events, open to all levels of flying from student, to private licence holders and commercial pilots. All Hawera club members will be needed as ground judges, marshals, and general go-fers if they are not participants in any competition. All competition flying is done with a qualified flying instructor as on-board judge and safety controller, and the whole event is under the overall supervision of our CFI Wayne Harrison.

A finger food luncheon (tickets may be purchased on the day) will be provided on a time flexible basis (to suit the competitions) and there will be an evening meal and prize giving ceremony that evening. More details later.

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