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These people are all willing to help with any query you may have.

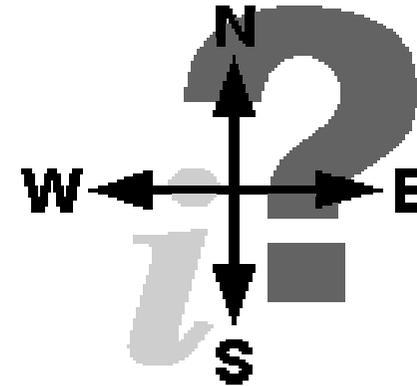
As always, this is your newsletter so please feel free to have your say or put forward any idea you may have. Jenn

Yours in fun, flight and fairness in free speech



HAWERA AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER

IT'S YOUR ATTITUDE THAT COUNTS



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PRESIDENT PIECE

Hi all, hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday break. Unfortunately due to qualified staff shortages in New Plymouth we are now only able to train on Saturdays and Sundays, any weekday training will have to be organised with the instructor on a very limited basis.

New ELT's will be fitted to aircraft in the coming months as they go for maintenance, these new ELT's are much more accurate than the old 121.5Mhz system and are programmable with individual aircraft details such as registration. More information is available on the new system from the club house.

Happy flying, keep safe.

Cheers

Rod

PS: Please ensure all your shut down checks are carried out correctly and completely as there is nothing more frustrating than turning up to an aircraft with a flat battery!

INSTRUCTOR INSIGHT

Hi again everyone,

I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

As you will all have noticed in the news media recently our Tecnam suffered an accident whilst away in Dannevirke, in the past couple of days. Our thoughts are with Roger and his family at this time, we hope he may have a safe and speedy recovery to health.

Unfortunately the Tecnam's future at this stage is uncertain, but the fact that both pilot and passenger survived is something to be truly thankful for.

Due to staffing restrictions in New Plymouth my hours of availability in Hawera have been rather reduced as we will now only be open for training on Saturday's and Sunday's.

For this inconvenience I must apologise and as soon as we are able to return to our previous timetable we will do so immediately, however it will mean that we can no longer carry out cross countries on weekdays during this period. However I will stay until 6pm during this time to facilitate as much training as humanly possible during this time.

If you have any queries with training or bookings, my number is on the front of the newsletter.

Keep safe in the skies

Cheers

Julian



CLUB CAPTAIN CORNER

I have had an email from the past Club Captain, Tim Hartnell, saying his wife gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Edwin, on the 31st Dec 05', mother, father and baby all doing well.

The aircraft situation at the moment is:

THA - no longer available, UNB - available, EOS - Currently having electrical work done on her but should be back soon, which brings us to a reminder to please report any faults promptly to JRT (committee member responsible for the fleet) and fill in the tech log.

Members will be informed when the committee has decided what to do about THA.



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING????

First and foremost the Hawera Aero Club members, staff and committee wish to extend to Roger, Louise, their children and extended family our kindest wishes and hopes for a successful recovery in the quickest time - you are in our thoughts.

I have most probably been obvious for my absence from the club over the last month but have been informed that the flying has been busy over the month and things have been running reasonably smoothly.

On a happier note congratulations to Daniel McColl and Phil Crawford on being the successful applicants for the Patea Aero Scholarship we wish you well and welcome to the Aero Club.

WHAT'S COMING UP????

As indicated last month the trip to some agriculture strips in the area is still planned for the last weekend in February, please indicate interest at the aero club as always it will be weather permitting.



Important information!!!

Effective immediately



Please be advised that from February 1st 2006 every person wishing to go flying either locally or cross country will be required to get authorisation for their flight. This can happen in two ways, either inform the instructor if present or contact a senior member of the committee to give intentions and weather conditions. There is also an intentions book that needs to be filled out, this is left on the counter at the club.

If you have any queries or do not fully understand this directive please contact a committee member. This is for our own safety.

As always please use constant vigilance in all things in aviation.