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

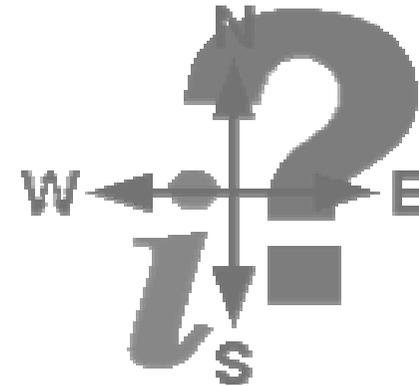
As always, this is your newsletter so please feel free to have your say or put forward any idea you may have. Jenn

Yours in fun, flight and fairness in free speech



HAWERA AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT PIECE

At last a month has gone by without any major happening and all and all a good month for the club. The new Tecnam has proved to be a joy by all who have flown it, so if you haven't yet seen it or flown it come out and have a go.

Cheers and happy flying - Rod

INSTRUCTOR INSIGHT

Clearly he has none, all our members have been so impressive that poor Julian has nothing to write about this month, or maybe he over taxed himself last month!!! He did however ask me to pass on a reminder to all members about filling out the flying intentions/authorisation form. While we diligently do that we will all look forward to next month's contribution from him.

CLUB CAPTAIN CORNER

Well War birds over Wanaka – what can I say? Two intrepid club members (with only about 120 flying hrs each) took the plunge and flew from Hawera all the way to Central Otago.



We had perfect weather all the way, what a treat. **Lesson number one** pick your weather well. We had done lots of reading, all those Vector articles about: crossing Cook Strait, landing at Omaka (which is in the control zone for Woodbourne), flying to Wanaka, cross country flying and mountain flying. We had spoken with senior club members who had flown there before. We had spent ages looking at all the maps. **Lesson number two** be well prepared.



We talked with Ohakea (flew through their military zone), talked to Wellington (they monitored us as we crossed the strait), Woodbourne control (to land at Omaka) then refuelled. Flew through Kaikoura MBZ, then through all that tricky Christchurch airspace (OK it wasn't that tricky once you get to it), up Lyttleton harbour, over the corner of Lake Ellesmere, down the coast and landed at Timaru behind the two vampires and just in front of an Air NZ plane. We taxied over to refuel and who should we meet but Greg and Josh from NP in the air ambulance. We got weather updates and advice from the A cap at Timaru and followed the pylons inland, over Dansy's pass and landed safely on the Ranfurly airstrip only 10 minutes away from my sister's house.



We had gained so much confidence from all this perfect flying we decided to fly into Wanaka instead of driving. That would have been fine if I'd read the NOTAM properly. I read the 'hours of op for ATC' at Wanaka instead of the 'hours the airspace was closed' and thought we could not make it in daylight so we ended up driving. **Lesson number two** (again) be well prepared.... in advance and don't make decisions based on one read through.

We flew home straight up the East coast in perfect weather, across the strait in perfect weather and into horrible turbulence all up the Wairarapa! Stayed with family in Masterton. Next day home through the Manawatu gorge....which was the only smooth flying, all the rest was fairly bumpy. So WHAT A WONDERFUL experience. Learned lots....mainly that turbulence doesn't kill me, I just keep thinking it will.

Linda Caddick

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING????

Well done Greg and Linda how exciting for them and what a great memory to have - is anyone else just a little envious?? Ralph also had a wonderful trip home from the south in LJW, which brings me to a reminder - please ensure the key is fully off and the fuel is left on (woody!).

There have been a few new members join our club so if you happen to see a new face around please say hello, it is never nice to feel like you don't belong.

We still continue on with having two instructors in the weekends, again make the most of this opportunity.



PRICE RISE PRICE RISE PRICE RISE

Due to rising fuel costs we have increased our flying rates by \$5:00 per hour across the board. Effective 21st April 2006



WHAT'S COMING UP????

It was a great idea for the welcome pack for new PPL's and is in the process of being done, until then if you have any queries just ask.

On a more sombre note, mid June we will be losing one of our committee members, Greg Braggins is onto greener pastures in the beautiful Coromandel so our Club Captain is organising a farewell/club night - something along the lines of a fish n' chip night byo booze, Linda will keep you informed if it is before the next newsletter is due.

Til then, be good and take care.