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RAANZ RECIPILOT



OVERVIEW

WELCOME TO THE JANUARY RECIPILOT ISSUE

We all love a shiny new thing, and well life has gifted us all a shiny new year!

A short but sweet newsletter this month, so we hope you enjoy it and are having a great new year.

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Notes From The CEO

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Just because something is legal – doesn't mean it is the right thing to do.

We had an incident recently reported where someone was flying legally, but given the circumstances and their experience, would have been better to have asked an instructor to do a few circuits with them.

I am sure you can think of other instances where something might be technically legal but is probably not a great idea. To avoid new rules being put in place that might put additional restrictions on us, take a step back in a new situation, and apply the judgement that as a pilot, you will have, and assess your skill level.

While on the topic of skill levels, there was a saying I heard during my training many years ago. Are you a pilot with 500 hours experience, or a pilot with 1 hour of experience, 500 times. There is nothing wrong with heading out on a Saturday and doing some circuits, or visiting the same 1 or 2 airstrips, but occasionally it is good to broaden that experience a little. Fly with another pilot to a new field, or in a group the RAANZ Fly-in. Get rated in a new type of aircraft – a low wing (or high wing), a tail wheel, or one of the club aircraft you haven't flown – or if it's been a while, grab an instructor and head into a controlled airfield. Learning new things is what keeps us sharp (and young 😊)

I am hoping to head up to Matamata with a group from RT if the weather decides to steady itself a little. Registrations opened up yesterday. If you didn't receive an email with the information, please email info@mac.org.nz and I hope to see many of you there.



Annual Fly In



2023 RAA NZ National Fly-in
Hosted by the Matamata Aero Club
3-5 March 2023



Competitions
Sight-seeing flights
Avgas available
Food options
Awesome people!

Heads up!!!
We'll be sending out info packs and
registration sheets mid-January to
pre-registered email addresses.

Please pre-register at info@mac.org.nz with
numbers and callsigns

Stratford Aero Club and Sport Flyers Open Day



= OPEN DAY =
SATURDAY 4th February

12:00 - 14:00

- Club Flying Display
- All Day Static Display
- All Day BBQ (\$15 per person)
- Field closed 12:00 til 14:00



CAA Safety Initiative

Recently the CAA launched a safety initiatives page which is designed to provide industry with a picture of existing threats and emerging safety themes and will be updated regularly as new safety concerns become known.

The resources on this page will include safety videos, podcasts, articles, accident reports from a variety of organisations along with the CAA's Vector articles designed to draw industry participants attention to current New Zealand safety concerns.

Although currently the safety initiatives page is directed towards fixed-wing flight training, we do anticipate expanding this page to include topics of concern for all branches of the industry. We recommend that pilots check the safety initiatives page regularly as although there is no specific update cycle, we do anticipate updating topics and resources on a regular basis.

A link direct to the safety initiatives page is below, and it can also be accessed directly through the Quick Link section on the home page of the CAA website: [Safety initiatives](#)

Rec Flyer Ops

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I hope the New Year is treating you all well and planning is underway for the National Fly-in, Matamata March 3-5. I'm certainly looking forward to clear skies and a tailwind both ways.

Thanks to all those who have submitted Accident / Incident Reports as required and there have been quite a few of late.

I know these events can be quite unsettling butwe can all learn from what has occurred and possibly stop the next similar event from happening.

Some common themes are becoming evident and most relate to how we gather, process and use the information (or not) that is available. Some blockers to the processing of information have been identified in recent occurrences.

Task Fixation or Entrapment / Continuation Bias

This is where we have a particular task in progress and are determined to continue, not picking up or ignoring information that is trying to tell us that things are not working. The closer we get to home base and the longer we have been working on the task the more likely we are to continue. It is essential we take the blinkers off and continue to gather all information about our progress. If you find yourself rushing or when things start not adding up, chances are it is about to turn to custard. **Slow Down and rethink the plan.**

We are Recreational Aviators. We are not on a war footing.

Confirmation Bias.

Whenever we make a decision there is a strong tendency to look for information to confirm our decision was right. That is good. What is bad is continuing to look for that good information while ignoring information that is telling us that our decision was not right.

Having made your mind up that the other traffic would be in your 4 o'clock and would tuck in behind and continuing to look only in that direction is not good when the aircraft is fact converging in your 2 o'clock.

ADMINISTRATION

If it isn't working change the plan, move the head and the eyes. Getting on the radio can also assist.

If there are any concerns about another aircraft, a pilot is encouraged to challenge or question the pilot of that aircraft. For example, by asking them to repeat their position report or confirming they have them in sight.

TAIC Report AO-2019-006 (in part)

Currency V Current

Part of our Exposition talks about being current i.e., 3 take off and landings in the previous 90 days to carry a passenger. This is a legal minimum.

Real currency depends on a myriad of factors and may require more attention than the legal minimum.

Some of the factors that determine Real Currency are;

- Total aviation experience
- Recent aviation experience
- Recent experience on type
- How much consolidation have you done on type
- How much recent experience have you had on a similar type

Be brutally honest about your Real Currency and if you have any doubts at all grab an Instructor.

Keep safe out there, we are always learning.

Database issues

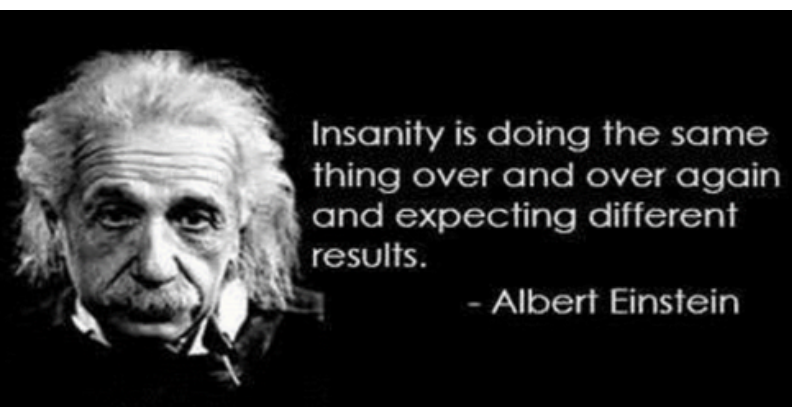
There have been a number of changes on our website and there may be the occasional bit that isn't working properly. If you notice anything, please let admin@raanz.org.nz know and we will sort asap.

Switching to Xero

We have switched our accounting system to Xero, with its associated advantages and disadvantages. But overall, it gives us more automation and flexibility in managing, analysing and controlling our finances and membership.

Some changes you will see at your next renewal time:

- We will issue membership invoices around the 15th of the month before your membership falls due.
- The invoice will be for a 1 year term only- it is difficult to provide a 1 or 2 year option via invoicing.
- You may pay either by direct credit via your bank, with your credit card via Paypal, or credit card over the phone.
- Payment via PayMate will no longer be supported.
- The invoice will not list your actual membership expiry date- Xero doesn't support custom fields to allow this.
- But your payment will extend your membership from the current expiry date forwards- you won't be short changed.
- We will issue a membership payment confirmation with your new expiry date.
- The system will automatically issue a payment reminder at 14 and 28 days if not already paid- this will help ensure you have uninterrupted membership and flight privileges.
- You will still see your all your expiry dates on your RecPilot notice and medical and BFR expiry reminders.



Membership Changes

Name	Club	Certificate	Update
Peter Chartres	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
David Gordon	Wanganui Aero club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Harry Izard-Price	Associate	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Matthew Walker	Golden Bay Flying Club	Intermediate	Upgrade
Russell Grundy	Associate	Novice	Joined
Brett Belworthy	Associate	Intermediate	Upgrade
Richard Pollard	Whangarei Flying Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Nathan Glen	Associate	Novice	Exam
Dino Damiani	Associate	Novice	Joined
Ann Laylee	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Robert Climo	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Paul Clinton	Gyrates Flying Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
John Gorringe	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Matthew Botherway	Associate	not issued	Joined
Jordan Searle	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Tali Lawry	Associate	Novice	Joined
Dean Remnant	Associate	Novice	Exam
Malkit Singh	Associate	Novice	Joined
Chad Pienaar	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Dhaval Gehlot	Hawkes Bay and East Coast Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined
Ameya Nayak	Associate	Novice	Joined
William White	Associate	Advanced National	Joined
Ella Kutsyk	Fiordland Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Cameron Witteman	Associate	Novice	Joined
Cameron Rae-Coombes	Associate	Novice	Joined
Hugh McLellan	Associate	Advanced National	Joined

