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From the RAANZ office

AGM 2011 Advance Notice

The RAANZ AGM is to be held at **Rangiora Airfield, November 19/20**, hosted by the CRAC guys.

Details are still to be finalised, but the plan is for the AGM to be held on Saturday morning starting about 1100, as part of a fly-in with associated flying, eating and social activities Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

The CRAC guys know how to put on a good event, so put this in your calendar. More details to follow as they are firmed up.

AGM 2011 Executive vacancies/nominations

There will be a number of vacancies on the executive due to current members either retiring or completing their term.

This is an opportunity for your club to nominate a candidate to represent yours and the wider microlight community's interests on the exec.

It is important that your nominee has the full support of your club, and is prepared to actively contribute on the executive. Most of the exec work is done via email on the exec forum, requiring candidates to have a computer with email and web access, and prepared to spend about 30 minutes once or twice a week attending to the current issues under discussion on the forum.

A nomination form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

AGM 2011 remits

The AGM is also an opportunity for your club to put forward new ideas and initiatives for discussion and voting.

You can send remits to office@raanz.org.nz ahead of the AGM, and we will add them to the list to be sent to all members prior to the AGM, or bring them on the day. It helps to have the remits ahead of time, so other clubs can discuss and decide before the AGM rather than go in cold.

A remit form is attached at the end of this newsletter.

We in the exec have also been looking at a tidy-up of our Constitution to better reflect the real world and the way we do things. These remits are listed below for your club to consider.

RAANZ AGM 2011 Remits

1 Executive nomination procedure

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change clause 11.1 of the Constitution from

No person shall be elected to office unless that person is present at the Annual General Meeting at which he or she is to be elected, or has previously signified his or her willingness to accept nomination.

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No person shall be elected to office unless that person **has been formally nominated by their Club, and** is present at the Annual General Meeting at which he or she is to be elected, or has previously signified his or her willingness to accept nomination. **The candidate shall declare**

his/her relevant background, affiliations and intentions to the AGM, either in person or by written declaration.

Discussion

This change is intended to recognise and reinforce the involvement of clubs in identifying and promoting candidates to best represent their interests on the executive, and to avoid ad hoc gap-filling nominations from the floor. The candidate declaration is intended to provide the AGM with sufficient information to make an appropriate assessment of the candidate before voting.

2 Tenure of office

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change clause 19.1 of the Constitution from

The tenure of office of all members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the office of Immediate Past President, shall terminate on the appointment of their successor. Any member of the Executive Committee being absent for three consecutive meetings without leave of absence shall, unless otherwise resolved by majority of the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.

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The tenure of office of all members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of the office of Immediate Past President, shall terminate on the appointment of their successor. Any member of the Executive Committee being **non-contributing for three consecutive current agenda items** without leave of absence shall, unless otherwise resolved by majority of the Executive Committee, cease to be a member of the Executive Committee.

Discussion

The executive conducts its business via email on the RAANZ forum, rather than face to face meetings. This change is to reflect that fact and clarify expectations for active involvement in the online issues under discussion.

3 Merge the responsibilities of the Administration Liaison and Administration Officer.

Proposer- RAANZ exec

Change all references to 'Administration Liaison' to 'Administration Officer' in 7.2, 7.6, 10.1.2, 10.1.5 (delete Admin Liaison), 11.4 (delete Admin Liaison), 12.1, 18.1.1 (delete Admin Liaison), 23.1, 24, 24.1, 24.2 (remove clause), 26.2.

Discussion:

In our Constitution and Exposition we have an Admin Liaison role. This was originally to cover the situation where the Admin Officer was purely clerical, and there was a need for a higher level link back to the Exec. Reality is that with a small organisation the Admin role is more aviation specific, is directly represented on the Exec, and there is no need for a separate Admin Liaison position.

The changes are straightforward, and just reflect what we are doing right now.

4 FAI/CIMA membership

Proposer- RAANZ exec

That RAANZ resign from membership of the FAI and CIMA sub-committee.

Discussion:

RAANZ is the NZ participant in CIMA (Microlight Commission of the FAI). We pay an annual fee of \$800 to this organisation. CIMA's main business is the promulgation of standard competition rules; maintenance of microlight flight records; management of the Colibri awards for microlight flying; and organisation of the annual World Airgames.

At present members do not make use of these services, and RAANZ itself could provide any required services at an NZ level.

Aircraft scam heads-up

If you are selling an aircraft, and you receive an offer from overseas to buy with a 50% deposit, beware. It's likely to be a scam, with the buyer backing out and requesting immediate repayment of the deposit, after which you find his cheque to you was a dud, and you are out of pocket!

An email from an NZ pilot who was contacted with this scam...

I got approached by Robert Stephen, he speaks with a Middle Eastern accent. He made out to be a Doctor working in a London hospital. We checked by trying to make an appointment with this 'Doctor' turns out nobody under that name works there.

He phoned me and discussed the price for 5 minutes then wanted to buy my aircraft. No questions in regard to condition how it goes how many hours or anything. To buy my aircraft he needed my bank account, he was going to deposit 50% in the next 4-5 days.

That is as far as we got, I then stopped communicating to this guy. See E-mail below. Please send to as many aircraft owners/sellers as possible.

Have a read of this. Stu here at work is a Google fanatic and has found an aircraft scammer in the UK who contacts Australian aircraft owners selling their planes and offers a 50% deposit. They make their money by reversing a fraudulent cheque (which we would never accept in the first place). A Robert Stephens is not one of his aliases but seems very English and similar to others which have been used eg Robin Stewart, Mark Simpson, James Wheeler, Martine Debouvrie.

<http://www.pprune.org/dg-p-general-aviation-questions/426690-scam-alert-used-aircraft.html>

Airworthiness Directives

None received.

Incident/defect reports

Members- to notify incidents or defects, [use our reporting forms](#).

None received

Member contributions

Members- if you want to contribute, [email your article](#).

Remember the heads-up on Ethan Williams we published a few issues ago? Here is the outcome...

Teen conman's flights of fancy over

TRACY NEAL



ETHAN WILLIAMS

Ethan Richard WILLIAMS
Male, European, 190cm tall, Born 14/06/93 (18yrs)
Known to reside in Otterton Street, Nelson as at June 2011.
Known to be a frequent traveller all around New Zealand



WILLIAMS has been Trespassed from the Motueka and Nelson Airports.

WILLIAMS has an unhealthy interest in aviation. If he comes to your attention, please make immediate contact with your local New Zealand Police.

If there are any occurrences within the aviation sector involving or relating to WILLIAMS, consideration should be given to reporting these to CAA asap via email to arc@caa.govt.nz

WANTED BY CAA: Warnings were posted at various flying establishments around the country, including Nelson, advising that Williams had been trespassed from Motueka and Nelson airports because of his "unhealthy interest in aviation".

Tall, dark and clean-cut, Ethan Williams would have cut a dashing figure in his pilot's uniform, driving around in his \$17,000 BMW four-wheel-drive.

Except the Nelson teenager is neither a pilot, rich, nor licensed to drive a car. The unemployed 18-year-old's dream run, in which he appears to have modelled a life on Leonardo DiCaprio's depiction of conman Frank Abagnale Jr in the movie *Catch Me If You Can*, ended after he was caught in New Plymouth in June.

His arrest at a backpackers, while wearing a pilot's uniform and using stolen credit card details to order pizza online, resulted in his appearance in the Nelson District Court yesterday.

Ethan Richard James Williams, who describes himself on Facebook as a comedian, had been in custody pending yesterday's appearance, when he admitted 30 charges, including theft, burglary, willful trespass, fraud, breaching bail, multiple computer crimes, driving while prohibited, and using a document.

Yesterday he wore a grey sweatshirt and a resigned expression while being led back into custody, after Judge Geoffrey Ellis convicted him and remanded him for sentencing on September 27.

Warnings were recently posted at various flying establishments around the country, including Nelson, advising that Williams had been trespassed from Motueka and Nelson airports because of his "unhealthy interest in aviation".

A warning posted in the June 2011 Aviation Sports Club gliding newsletter described the 190-centimeter teenager as appearing older. "A very well-versed conman for his young years. He is very convincing".

CAA spokesman Bill Sommers told the Nelson Mail the poster was distributed by CAA safety advisers, with the co-operation of airports around New Zealand.

Williams' notoriety extends to recent claims that he fell into the trap set by Facebook scammer Natalia Burgess, who created fake online identities to forge relationships with teenage boys.

He claimed that the cyber relationship included some "pretty strong sexual advances that I wasn't particularly keen on".

Aviation authorities first became concerned about Williams on June 9 last year, when he was served with a trespass notice banning him from Nelson Airport and the aerodrome reserve. Between April 20 and May 19 this year, Williams entered the area at least four times, and on one occasion asked a Sounds Air representative about doing volunteer work.

His efforts to become someone he wasn't moved up a gear in October last year, when he duped a senior staff member at a Nelson telecommunications store into selling him two hand-held radios, cases and a pager worth \$2359. He also arranged to gain repeater access from the Takaka Hill repeater so the radios and pager would operate.

Williams, who gained a St John Ambulance first aid certificate at age 14, said he was part of an ambulance operation in Motueka called Life Ambulance, and claimed to have a backup contract for St John. The second time he visited the store, he used a false name to try to hire two more radios, but staff became suspicious and called the police.

In May this year, Williams attended the Nelson Pilot Training School at Nelson Airport with the aim of getting a pilot's licence. He told the school that all his expenses were being met by a sponsor – a prominent local businessman – to the value of \$408.25. Williams was soon trespassed again from the airport complex.

On the night of June 12, Williams used a drill to remove a window frame and enter the pilot training school's building. He stole a chequebook, an aviation headset, two flight manuals, navigation charts, a scanner and instructors' personal belongings, including aviation sunglasses and flight-related documents.

Williams then went on a spending spree, using personalised Nelson Pilot Training cheques to take a \$400 taxi ride to Picton (including a \$20 tip) and a \$55 ferry trip, plus taxi and accommodation costs in Wellington.

While staying at a Wellington backpackers, Williams saw and documented a German tourist's credit card details. He then used his notebook computer to go online and order aviation accessories including a \$65 pilot's shirt, and various other items, using the card details.

The next day, Williams travelled to Petone and presented himself as a pilot when he went into Asset Disposal Services to buy a \$17,000 BMW four-wheel-drive, using a cheque from Nelson Pilot Training. He then went to the Airways Corporation and used another pilot school cheque to buy almost \$500 worth of CAA flight manuals and navigation charts.

Several days later, Williams checked himself and "four fabricated associates" into the Ariki Backpackers in New Plymouth and ordered the pizza, which was when things started to unravel. He was arrested on June 15, while wearing a pilot's uniform. The BMW was returned undamaged, as were the Airways Corporation manuals and charts.

BACK TO EARTH

Ethan Williams' trail of offending:

March 2010: Forbidden to drive until he obtained a driver's licence.

June 2010: Trespassed from Nelson Airport.

October 2010: Deceives a telecommunications store into selling him radios and a pager, and arranges access to a repeater.

March 2011: Steals a digital recorder from a Nelson store.

April-May 2011: Enters airport area at least four times. Trespassed again.

June 2011: Walks out of Nelson's Elma Turner Library with a \$3239 projector; breaks into Nelson Pilot Training building and takes aviation equipment and a chequebook; takes a taxi to Picton and a ferry to Wellington, and checks into backpacker accommodation; obtains a tourist's credit card details and buys a pilot's shirt and other items online; uses a cheque from the pilot school to buy a BMW 4X4 plus CAA flight manuals and navigation charts from the Airways Corporation; drives BMW to New Plymouth, checks himself and four fabricated friends into backpacker accommodation, and orders a pizza using the stolen credit card details.

Arrested by police in New Plymouth while eating pizza and wearing his pilot's uniform.

- The Nelson Mail

What's on

Want your event listed here? [Email me](#)

Rugby World Cup

The RWC is almost on us. There will be considerably more aircraft activity during this period, with likely temporary restrictions on where and when you can fly around each game.

Always check NOTAMS before flying, especially during this period.

There are also likely to be more visitors at airfields around the country. Most will be just wanting to have a fly and a look at the country from the air. But you need to be more vigilant around the field to ensure security and safety. Paul Drake from Aviation Security Service has this heads-up for us.

The Rugby World Cup is nearly upon us and many, many New Zealanders will be enthusiastically looking forward to watching the games and all that happens around them. Many of the people visiting NZ during this time will be coming to have fun, and everyone hopes that they will enjoy our country in more ways than one. As with all such international events, there will also be many very important visitors and, just like the rugby players themselves, there will be numerous protocols in place to ensure their safety and security.

Many people might think that nothing will go wrong - and here's hoping this is the case. However we will, nonetheless, have to take precautions so as to ensure that we are not exposed to anyone who might want to take advantage of a situation resulting from a lapse of Security Awareness. The general aviation sector is no different. All corners of General Aviation have an enthusiastic and, in many cases, a volunteer brigade of people; the industry has relatively free access to airfields and airspace and in a lot of situations we (practically everyone) believe that every other person around us is there to be honest, upbeat, and professionally disciplined.

We want this to continue and for the General Aviation sector to do many things to keep its image up to a very high standard. In order for you to help yourself and your friends, there are some key things to highlight to you. This includes 'keeping your eyes open' to ensure that your local airfield does not have non-aviation strangers wandering unnecessarily about aircraft, that strangers do not appear from anywhere to access aircraft which are not locked, or not stored in a manner that would prevent them from being stolen. Many pilots leave ignition keys on board aircraft - some remaining within the ignition starter itself - and so a good result would be to keep them in your pocket.

Equally too, a number of unknown visitors become friends pretty quickly and might want to be taken for a ride. In practically all situations this works well for everyone because we like to spread our enthusiasm - but the general aviation sector does not need anyone doing something that will give us some negative attention. Flying of aircraft near to a major public event will attract such attention - particularly if somebody tries to do something that will break the rules of professional discipline. I encourage you to do what you can to be wary of the environment around you and have a high awareness of security of your aircraft and facility. Do not hesitate to engage the unknown visitor into a line of conversation or questions to learn lots about them.

In doing this we keep everyone and our light aircraft industry safe and "off the radar" - and we keep being able to have fun without adverse restrictions.

Warm regards, **Paul D. Drake, Senior Sergeant Operations, Aviation Security Service**

Opotiki Spring Fly-in

102 October 2011. Opotiki Airfield. See poster at end of this newsletter.

CAA Christchurch Instructors Seminar

This is a notification that the Christchurch Instructor Seminar has been postponed from 16 August 2001 to **Tuesday 11 October 2011** (venue remains the same).

For more information: http://www.caa.govt.nz/safety_info/seminars/Flight_Instructor_Seminars.htm.

Membership changes

Peter Kempthorne	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Graham Wall	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Intermediate	FRT0
Richard Sonne	Waikato Microlight Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
James Hamilton	Bay of Plenty Microlight Assn	Novice	Exam
Anthony Turner	NZ Autogyro Association	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Anthony Greenwood	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Colin Titcomb	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Barrie Fraser	Waikato Microlight Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Perry Shepard	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Ian Dittmer	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined
Brian Mitchell	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Victoria Mitchell	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Mark Wilson	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Novice	Joined

Opotiki

Spring Fly-in

1 – 2 October 2011



Given the success of last year's fly-in, Chev and Terry at Opotiki are keen to offer the experience all over again. An invitation is therefore extended to all flyers everywhere to join with them again this year for the 2011 Opotiki Spring Fly-in.

It's always an excellent way to dust off the winter blues and to kick off the summer flying season. So throw those dust covers from off your flying machines, tickle the engines into life, clear the calendar of all things less important and wing your way over to the Eastern Bay.



The usual draw cards will await you:

- *Completely un-programmed weekend – come and go as you please and fly off to where-ever you want with who-ever you want.*
- *Heaps of scenic flight opportunities (last year groups did the Gisborne / East Cape loop, while others went to White island, or toured the scenic Ohiwa harbor, etc)*
- *Unrestricted airspace and great flying conditions*
- *No landing fees ☺*
- *Plenty of good food and bevs*
- *Comfy accommodation in town for the overnights. We will provide a \$2pp shuttle to and from the field.*
- *Slightly less salubrious accommodation on field for the hardier ones, but still excellent toilet, shower and kitchen facilities.*
- *And of course, the great hospitality*

Arrive in time for BBQ lunch on Saturday

Stay Saturday night for a repeat of last year's outstanding hangi/bbq dinner, followed by drinks etc around the open fire (byo or we'll shuttle into the bottle shop). Stay overnight, and don't leave for home in the morning before you've re-fortified with a classic bacon and egg brekkie on the barbie Sunday morning

Where can you find us?



Opoitiki township viewed from the coast, looking south-east. Location of airfield is shown.

Scenic flights to take while you are in the area.

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| • Whakatane / Ohiwa Harbour return | 40nm |
| • White island return | 60nm |
| • Matahina Dam / Galatea return | 70nm |
| • Mount Tarawera return | 80nm |
| • Gisborne return | 100nm |
| • East Cape / Te Araroa return | 140nm |
| • Gisborne / East Cape Loop | 200nm |

Bring your partner / spouse / friend and come for a day or for the weekend.

If you want to stay overnight you can either camp with you plane on the field or in the clubrooms – we have toilet and kitchen facilities available - or you can stay in one of the areas friendly motels – see the list of accommodation options on the next page.

The Saturday evening meal, and other food priced have yet to be sorted out. As soon as we have done so we will let you know, but it won't be enough to stop you coming along. ☺

***If you're keen to join us for the day or the weekend,
give us a call or email so we know how many to cater for.***

Martin Taylor - ph 07 307 1975 evenings, or email kiwiflyer@hotmail.co.nz

If the weather forecast is crap we will postpone to the next fine weekend.

Opotiki Accommodation

Masonic Hotel

An historic New Zealand country pub in the equally historic, seaside, Rooms from \$30, Irish Bar with courtyard and Restaurant, Flames Bar, TAB and Gaming Room and Super Liquor off License for all of your takeaway requirements. Church Street, Opotiki.

We have pre-booked the 6 rooms at the Masonic, based on last year's popularity, so if you want to stay there, let us know.

Email: masonicsuperliquor@ihug.co.nz. Phone: 07 315 6115

Central Oasis Backpackers

Relax on the sunny verandah of our Kauri Villa, close to town services. 30 King St, Opotiki

Email: centraloasis@hotmail.com. Phone: 07 315 5165

Magnolia Court Motel

13 Modern spacious units, sleep 2-6, SKY TV, Microwaves, cooked or continental breakfasts available.

Hosts: Roger & Hayley. Corner Bridge & Nelson Streets, Opotiki.

Email: magnolia.crt.motel@xtra.co.nz. Phone: 07-315 8490

Opotiki Cottage

Step inside to the peaceful ambiance of yesteryear. A simply furnished 1920's house that can be booked on a bach basis for a family holiday by the Wharf. 40 Potts Avenue, Opotiki.

Email: reaf@xnet.co.nz. Phone: (07) 315 5831

Opotiki Holiday Park

Right on the river. Beach 3km. SKY TV in Park Motel and Self-contained units. Cabins, powered and non-powered sites. Children's playground, swimming pool, Kayak and fishing rod hire. Town with bars & restaurants within 200m. Book online at: www.opotikiholidaypark.co.nz. Phone your friendly hosts Jane & John Tiverton. Potts Ave, Opotiki

Email: opotiki.holidays@xtra.co.nz. Phone: 07 315 6050

Opotiki Hotel

Honeys Bar & Restaurant, Accommodation. Garden Bar, Gaming Room, Sports Bar, Drive-in Wholesale. Come in and enjoy our local hospitality. Church Street, Opotiki

Email: opotikihotel@xtra.co.nz. Phone: 07-315 6173

Ranui Motel

10 family and studio units. Affordable rates. Home cooked meals. 36 Bridge St, Opotiki

Phone: 07 315 6669

Riverside Backpackers

1 double/dorm. Guide for Bush/Hunting/Photos. 169 Bridge St, Opotiki

Email: geoffnash@slingshot.co.nz. Phone: 07 315 6166

Royal Hotel Hunters Backpackers

Old hotel rooms refurbished to provide excellent backpacker type accommodation. Corner Church and Kings Streets, Opotiki

Email: huntersbackpackers@xtra.co.nz. Phone: 07 315 5760

**RAANZ AGM 2011
Nomination form**

Nomination:

The Committee of the _____ club

nominate _____

as a candidate for election to the RAANZ executive.

Club President signature	
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Date	
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Candidate acceptance:

- I am a current RAANZ member.
- I accept the nomination and am prepared to stand as a candidate for election to the RAANZ executive.

Candidate signature	
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Candidate declaration:

- Please list all aviation related interests, activities and affiliations, plus any specific initiatives the candidate intends to promote as a member of the executive.
- This may be presented in writing, or in person at the AGM.
- The purpose of this declaration is to provide the AGM with sufficient information to vote appropriately.

RAANZ AGM 2011
Remit form

We submit the following remit for consideration at the RAANZ AGM:

Background/discussion supporting the remit:

Submitting club	
Club President signature	