

## What's happening around the traps?

The answer is either

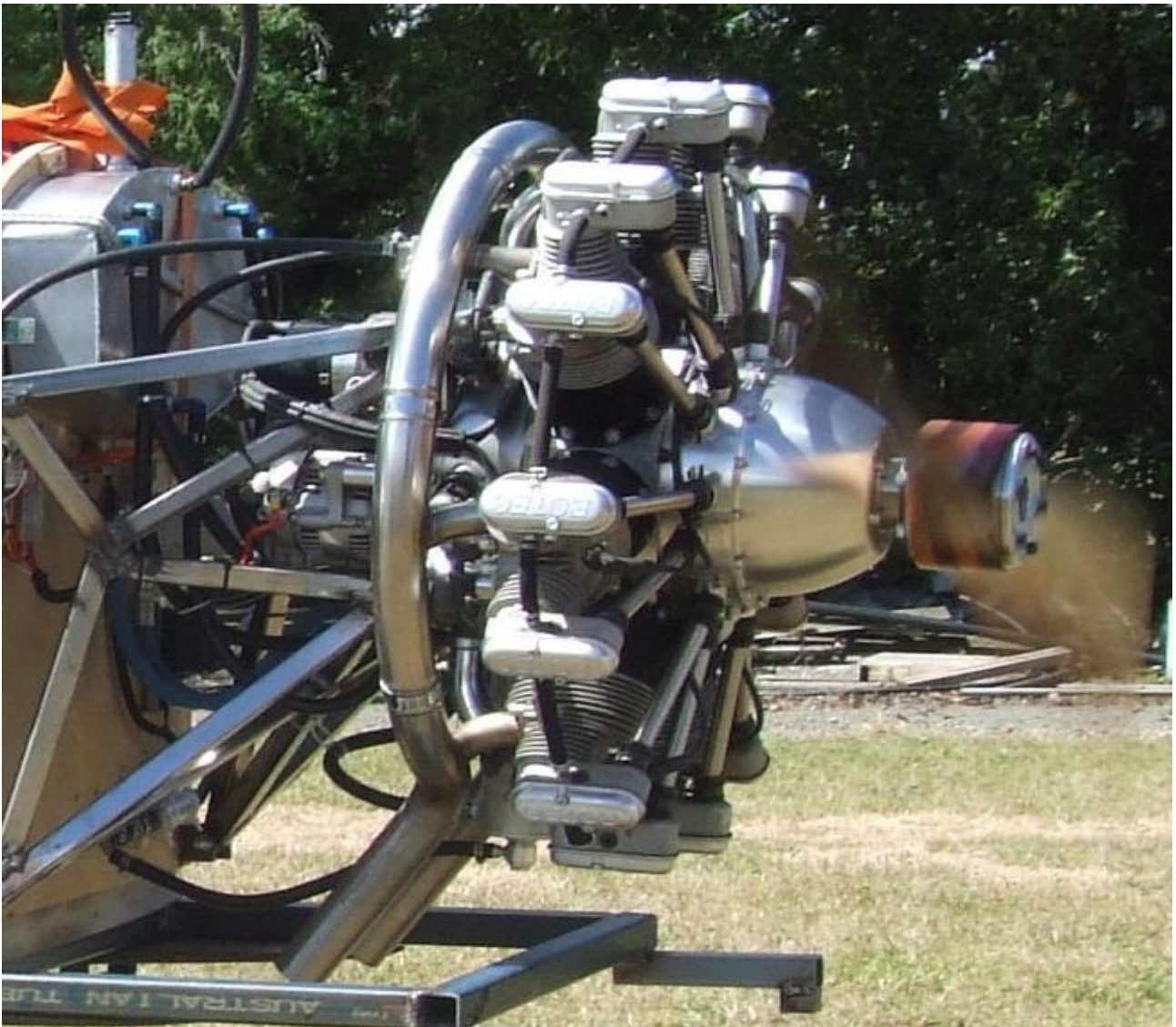
- **Not much**- no reports from members of any flying related activities, stories, articles, anecdotes, pictures, etc.

Or

- **We are so busy aviating** that we haven't had time to send in all those flying related activities, stories, articles, anecdotes, pictures, etc.

But we can at least include some more pics from the Motueka fly-in.

First up is a shot of a **Rotec radial** that was fired up a couple of times at the fly-in. It was attached to a test bed attached to a fork-hoist attached to a tractor- none of which got anywhere near V1. Not sure what it will finally get attached to, but let's hope **that** gets airborne!



Next is two CH-701s on the **D'Urville Island airstrip**. We overflew it on the way home from the fly-in- must say it looked an interesting spot, and a useful bolt-hole if you ever got stuck with deteriorating weather around the Sounds.



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### **Advance notice- RAANZ 2013 National Fly-in**

The guys (and girls- sorry Christine) from Southland have put their hands up for the 2013 National Fly-in. Details are still tentative, but it looks like it will be based at Gore airfield, sometime in March/April.

As far as I know, the first time the nats have been down there. Plenty to see and do- Mandeville is not far away, with Invercargill and Te Anau within reasonable reach.

North Islanders- how many aircraft do we reckon we can get down there? Time to start planning, saving, and getting the co-pilot convinced it is a good idea.

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### **New Pipistrel Alpha trainer**

From **Alan Clarke**/Pipistrel NZ Ltd

Pipistrel has recently developed the Sinus and Virus into a new aircraft, the Pipistrel ALPHA TRAINER, designed with the "essence of training" as its primary design goal.

A training aircraft with spirited performance too:

- 140 meter take off roll
- 1220 fpm rate of climb
- 108 knot cruise
- Stall flaps down 37 knots

- VNE 135 knots
  - 18 knot crosswind
  - Economical 80 HP Rotax - Low fuel consumption & 2,000 Hrs TBO
- The price may be inexpensive but the ALPHA TRAINER comes fully equipped:
- GPS Garmin Aera 500 + AirGizmo
  - Radio ICOM IC A210 with intercom, aerial and, 2 headsets
  - Transponder Garmin GTX 327 with altitude encoder and antenna
  - Ballistic parachute rescue system GRS 6/473 SD
  - Wingtip NAV, strobe lights and landing light (LED)
  - ELT Kannad 406 AF – Compact (406 MHz)



See a recent test flight video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNvCnpEPLPI>

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## Events

None received

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## Membership changes

Brent Thompson	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Senior Flight Instructor	Upgrade
Ayres Foster	Whangarei Flying Club	Authorised Testing Officer	Appointment
Lewis Stewart Bufton	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Membership
Gary Marsh	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Advanced National	FRTO
Neil Jepsen	Middle Districts Sports Flying Club	Flight Instructor	Upgrade
Trevor Cloughton	Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club	Novice	Exam
John Stewart	Southern Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Lewis Batt	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Christopher Glassford	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Maxwell Dixon	Hawkes Bay & East Coast Aero Club	Authorised Testing Officer	Appointment
Hugo Handyside	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Novice	FRTO
Bernard Johnston	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Trevor Jefferis	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	FRTO
Perry Shepard	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Upgrade
Matthew Dowdall	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced National	Joined
Don Boyd	Stratford Sport Fliers Club	Advanced National	Joined
Hamish Imber	Coromandel Flying Club	Advanced National	Joined
Tony Christiansen	Bay of Plenty Microlight Assn	Novice	Joined
Dale Finlayson	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Colin Leitch	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Exam
Manoj Perera	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Charles Ensor	Nelson Microlight Club	Advanced National	Joined
Stephen Morgan	Kaitaia Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Heinz Kitzhoefer	Gyrate Flying Club	Novice	FRTO
Leo Levine	NZ Autogyro Association	Advanced National	Upgrade
Nicholas Martin	Hawkes Bay & East Coast Aero Club	Senior Flight Instructor	Joined
Rhona Calverley	Bay of Islands Aero Club	Advanced National	Joined

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