



## From the Pres

### Phil Patterson/Wairarapa & Ruahine Aero Club

Greetings pilots and passengers

'Where has this year gone?' you may ask. Thankfully for some of us we may be able to put our feet up from work for a while, unwind and relax a bit and take in the Christmas spirit.

2013 is just around the corner and is looking really good for us all in RAANZ . Our annual Fly-in at Gore will be well worth attending. Speaking with local pilot, Mike Bennett, he is in the planning stage of attending and we thought perhaps in our January 2013 RecPilot we may be able to put together a Airfield Planning Guide to Gore, i.e. where MOGAS is available – accommodation – camping, where there are B & B's with a landing field etc. We will rely on our South Island members to feed back this information so I would like to hear from them. (see later in this e-zine - ed)

Further on in the year we will have the North Island, Inspection Authorities Seminar and Road Show. This will be open to everyone and judging from the response we had from the South Island Seminar it will be well attended. These seminars are invaluable to all pilots and aircraft owners and I look forward myself in attending and meeting up with our members.

Coming up soon will be a new RAANZ Membership Card. It looks similar to a credit card and will have all your details, membership number and ratings. This will fit nicely in your wallet and your Executive are also feverishly working on a number of new initiatives we believe will be of great value to our organisation. These findings will be relayed to our members at the appropriate time.

It actually feels like summer around here now, hot, dry and breezy, but great flying weather. This is the time of year where we need to be extra vigilant out there, be safe and plan well enjoy this break and everything that comes with it.

A very Merry Christmas and have a great New Year

## History of the Central Hawke's Bay Aeroclub

### Ross Macdonald/CHB Waipukurau

The Central Hawke's Bay Aeroclub was formed in 1935. They own the airfield and some of the surrounding land at Waipukurau, which they farm, to help offset the running costs of the club.

It is with thanks to the foresight of the founding fathers, all those years ago that the club finds itself in such a strong position, as it goes through the difficult times that are facing Aeroclubs throughout the country.

At the start of 2008, the club decided to, "test the waters", so to speak, of the interest in microlight flying in Central Hawkes Bay. To that end, we purchased Bantam B22J CWP.

Four years later, when the Jabiru Motor in her, broke a cylinder through bolt and became a boat anchor, (the life and times of that engine are a separate story on their own), we had done over 350 hours in her. Several people had done full Micro certificate courses or refreshers and numerous of our PPLs had done ratings. The concept of Microlighting at Waipukurau had been proved.

Where to from here?

One of our local members, Wendy Milne, had bought a Rans S6, in which I had taken her through a Microlight certificate. This aircraft seemed to fit with what we deemed to be the next step. We tracked down a half completed project in the South Island, Wendy became the driving force behind the purchase and the following liaison with the builder during the completion of the project. We fitted the ubiquitous Rotax 912 of 100 hp and in August of this year, we took delivery of our beautiful new Rans ZK-CHB.

During the project, Wendy had sent us a photo of the panel painted a bright pink! As it was in her nature to wind people up, we assumed that she had photographed the panel with the primer paint on. However, when we took delivery, the panel remained metallic pink. Very striking and an instant talking point and having sat in front of it now for about 30 hours, I can honestly say that I have got used to it. The aeroplane is everything we hoped for and is creating a lot of interest.

Being a taildragger, it is a new experience for a lot of people and some of the Bantam people are not finding it easy. I think that's a good thing, when they finally master it, the sense of achievement will be greater.

### **National Fly-in information**

#### **The Gore Aero Club, Fiordland Aero Club, Southland Recreational Aircraft Club**

To the Microlight Clubs, Recreational Aircraft Clubs and Aero Clubs.

Dear Committee and Club Members-

On behalf of the above Aero Clubs I would like to extend to you an invitation to attend the Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand's "National Fly - In" which we are privileged to host from the 8th - 10th March 2013 at the Gore Airfield on the Gore – Maitai Highway.

Over the 3 days there will be flying competitions and trips away for the pilots to take in the magnificent panorama that is Southland, meeting with existing friends and catching up with new friends. This is a time to show to the public the face of modern aviation in New Zealand and to get them involved.

The "Fly-In" is open to both recreational (microlight) and general aviation (Cessna, Piper, etc) aircraft. Registration forms are on the RAANZ website.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Regards

John Ibbotson

(President Gore Aero Club)



# Gore Airfield

## 8<sup>th</sup>–10<sup>th</sup> March

### 2013

The Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand along with the Gore Aero Club, Fiordland Aero Club and Southland Recreational Aircraft Club are hosting the 2013 RAANZ National Annual Fly-in at the Gore Airfield.

Gore is a large sized rural town situated along side the Mataura River in the Mataura Valley and is recognized as the Brown Trout capital of the world. Either side of Gore you have hills, on the west side there are the Hokonuis where the sly-groggers brewed their whisky during the prohibition years and it is still available today made to the original recipe. On the Waimea Plains just north west of Gore on the Mandeville Airfield there is the world renowned Croydon Aircraft Factory and an Aircraft Museum which is also well worth visiting

#### At Gore:

- On the airfield BP Avgas and Jet A1 fuel is available using swipe card.
- Mogas will be available.
- Transport will be available.

**Program** (Subject to change due to factors beyond the control of the event organisers).

Friday 8th

- Arrivals and registration.
- Local sightseeing flights.
- BBQ

Saturday 9th.

- Breakfast,
- Pilots briefing,
- Competitions,
- other flights,
- Lunch,
- more competitions (both mental and aircraft)
- Saturday evening presentation dinner with guest speaker.

Sunday 10th.

- Breakfast and all other stuff not already covered in previous day.
- Departures.
- .Anyone wishing to stay on or camp at the Club are very welcome – Southland is a great place.

Included in your registration fee will be-

- Shuttle service to and from your accommodation.
- Collection and delivery of other odds and ends as required.
- On the field all day tea, coffee, milk and sugar etc and a BBQ running much of the time.
- Local organised X country flying to suite all classes and types of aircraft (not too

- organised you understand) and the usual mandatory competitions.
- Spectacular scenery and good company.

**Note..**

- Camping on the airfield under your aircraft is permitted at no charge. If it rains then a surcharge may apply for the extra good Southland rain!
- All other accommodation will be the responsibility of the individual to arrange.

**Registration Form.**

Registrations. cmoliver@woosh.co.nz

Christine Oliver  
49 Nine Mile Road  
RD6  
Gore

Registrations will be accepted up to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. (Post, email or any other method of delivery).

**Name** .....

**Address** .....

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**Phone** .....

**email** .....

**Aircraft type**.....

**Registration**      **ZK**-.....      **POB**.....

**Registration**

\$40-00 pp and aircraft ( ) number attending.

\$25-00 just person

\$10-00 early discount if received by 1<sup>st</sup> March.

Please register and book your accommodation early as there are a number of other events on this weekend also.

**Amount enclosed \$**.....

**Number people attending.** ( ..... )

**Covered by registration**

- Friday BBQ Tea
- Saturday Breakfast & BBQ lunch
- Sunday Breakfast

Saturday Presentation Dinner at Croydon Lodge, cost **not covered by registration**. We need numbers to finalise this.

(Please appreciate an event like this has initial fixed set up costs and overheads. Should the fly-in be cancelled due to weather we will have to consider refunds).

**Accommodation List.**

Please arrange you own accommodation

Book your own or book through Gore Visitor Information Centre.

Ph (03) 203 9288 or email [goreinfo@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:goreinfo@goredc.govt.nz)

**Backpackers,**

Old Fire Station Backpackers. In Gore. (03) 208 1925

**Motels,**

Esplanade Motel. (03) 208 0888

Riverlea Motel. (03) 208 3130

Oakleigh Motel. 0800 625 534

Charlton Motel. (03) 208 9733

**Hotels**

Heartland Hotel Croydon. (03) 208 9029. They also have Motel units.

Falls Hotel Maitua. (03) 203 8027

**Camps.**

Gore Motor Camp (03) 208 4919

There are a number of B&B's and the Gore Information Centre can help you here.

**Note.**

Gore town centre to airfield approx 7km.

For any further information please contact any of the following :-

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## Heads-up from admin

- Want to gate-crash a private function?
- Trip over a glider tow-line?
- Nose over in a boggy patch?
- Be an unscheduled member of a formation flight at an airshow?
- Bust temporary airspace?
- Be a live target for the Air Force or Army?
- Get a rocket up your tailpipe?
- Mess with a UAV?

## Easy- don't check your NOTAMS

Even if you know the route/place like the back of your hand, and you were there last week- things may have changed. The NOTAM service is where you go to find out. And if you stuff up, the first question you will likely be asked is- **did you check your NOTAMS?**

**Get a second/late notice of the AGM?** No- we didn't stuff up. The fancy NZ Post Send-a-Card service we used for the mail-out to those with no email address did it's job well. Actually too well- it decided to do another mailout later in November. We didn't get charged twice.

**Anyone know where the RAANZ Fly-in banner is?** It got mislaid following the Motueka fly-in, possibly given to a RAANZ exec member on the way out the door? If you know of it's whereabouts, please let us know.

## Membership changes

Michael Glen	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Advanced Local	Upgrade
Dr John Ferguson	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Novice	Joined
Brian Greenwood	Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club	Novice	Joined
Paul Robshaw	Wairarapa Ruahine Aero Club	Intermediate	Joined
Malcolm Windleborn	Kaitaia Aero Club	Novice	Joined