Technical and Modification Officer Report

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Apologies for not being present for the 2026 RAANZ AGM being held at the Fielding Aerodrome.

Been another busy year for the Executive committee members and CAA Part 149 Delegated Officers . I thank them for there combined import.

The CEO Scott James, Ops officer Roger Ward and Myself did 5 roadshow presentations for RAANZ members in Fielding, Parakai , Taieri , Te Kowhai and Whangarei to spread the RAANZ exposition changes and have a general face to face meeting with RAANZ members which was well received. Thanks to Colin Alexander for doing the Rangiora and West Coast meetings as Tech Officer.

Colin Alexander, Bill Penman and Rainer Kunnemyer completed the " How to be a Microlight aircraft owner , operator or maintainer " its loaded onto the RAANZ web site and has a huge amount of information.

Have started the monthly email newsletters to IAs which is being good to help keep IAs informed and not just left in the dark. There are just under a 100 IAs spread around New Zealand. I thank them for their work.

RAANZ are changing the layout of the aircraft Modification form after a review from CAA. Should be on the RAANZ web site shortly. Big thank you to Stuart for his endless list of requests we seem to pile on him. CAA are slow at dealing with Flight Permit change applications so please smile and nod , the price we pay for being part of recreational aviation sector .

The Microlight aircraft fleet as a whole is in good condition with some exciting new aircraft coming on line . Not uncommon to look at aircraft log books that are 25 years old. We need to understand the faults and problems that come with age. We are all getting older in ourselves and need care , so does the ageing microlight aircraft fleet.

Enjoy the Feilding AGM and Flyin.

Kind Regards
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