

Tech Report 2016

It's going to be a great year next year. There are so many exciting opportunities to improve the way we do things.

For the IAs', there is a currency questionnaire which when answered, will certainly assist the IAs' to ensure that they can be an effective safety net for aircraft owners that perhaps have not been taught, shown or advised as to the important role they play as owner/operators.

This has become a really important role as so many owners/operators don't understand their responsibilities.

Recently this has led to suspension of flight permits and certificates.

The CAA is adopting a very hard line with the microlight sector of industry and we are under ever increasing scrutiny by the regulator.

It may take a little longer and involve a little more attention to ensure that we are carrying out the microlight flight permit revalidation correctly.

The other exciting news is that it has been two years since our last IA roadshow. Expect to see us in your area after March next year and remember that these interactive seminars are open to all.

If there are specific areas of the rules or exposition that you would like to be addressed, now is the time to bring these ideas, concerns or queries to our attention. We will endeavour to include your suggestions into the roadshow.

The responsibility for aircraft maintenance rests entirely with the owner/operator. Your IA will do all that he can to assist you the owner/operator to stay on the right side of the rules.

There are still some aircraft that are not up to scratch from a maintenance perspective and we all really need to put an effort in to remedy this situation.

I believe the most effective and best way to achieve this is by encouraging education. We expect to see as many members as possible attend these seminars as we often forget the finer details required and a reminder is often all that is needed.

The IAs are trying as hard as possible and I am sure you all join me in expressing our appreciation for the efforts they are making.

I would also like to thank the executive for the great efforts they have put in this year and wish everyone all the very best for the festive season.

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