

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2012

Happy new year to everyone.

In between the humid rain showers, we got in quite a bit of flying in December. The grass on the airfield has gone mad. Graeme Rees has gone from the all mown, absolutely tidy look to the practical, runway and taxiways look.

The disappointment for the month was that the Bantam is once again out of action. One of the cylinder through bolts broke which may turn out to be quite a major. There is an AD on those bolts, but it is for them to be replaced at 700 hrs. Ours has only done 400. Very disappointing. As I write, the committee is going through a major decision about what we do with it. Repair, re-engine or totally replace the aircraft. Watch this space.

As I write, Brian Mackie is on a tour of the South Island in his Tecnam Sierra while wife Julia and a mate of Brian's drive beneath. Wendy Milne has gone along as Brian's co-pilot. I hope she remembers that there are only three things a Captain wants to hear his Co-pilot say. "Nice Landing sir"; "Next round is on me" and "I'll take the fat one". It will be great experience for all concerned and how ideal to have a vehicle tracking along for side jaunts. Julia is a tramping fanatic so I'm sure they will all see some spectacular country from above and below. We might lean on Wendy or Brian for a report on the flying part next month.

As mentioned above, the runway has been mown and to some, it looks quite narrow. Graeme had strict instructions on this and I make no apologies for it. There are only short periods when we can force people, particularly students, to take off and land on a very defined area. Usually, when the grass is short, if you wander off a bit, it doesn't matter but at the moment, if you wander off, you will be in the long grass. It is a good discipline for all.

The Xmas party was very successful although either the lolly dropper was a bit off target or the quantity dropped was quite small because I could only find 3 for my grand daughter. Jerry Chisum called in on the way from Wanganui to Hastings in the Harding Spitfire replica and showed it off in fine style as he left. It really is something and with the corvette V8, sounds quite like the real thing.

It is with sadness we note the passing of David Wilson. He will be sadly missed in all flying circles.

There are some social activities coming up over the next few weeks. A trip to the beach, trip to Mahia and Portland Island and the weekend trip to Karamea on the first weekend of March. Unfortunately this trip clashes with the annual Tiger Rally, this year at Stratford.

Watch for emails from Lyn White regarding times and dates. A good time to make sure Lyn has your email address if you haven't been getting email messages.

The following from John Howe:

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

After arriving in Paris, he visited with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home. To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which Murphy could not understand), so he motioned to the vacant chair and invited her to sit down.

He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language. After a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her, he took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded. They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed. To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

One afternoon a lawyer was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the road-side eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and got out to investigate.

He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the lawyer said.

"But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there, under that tree."

"Bring them along," the lawyer replied.

Turning to the other poor man he stated, "You may come with us, also."

The second man, in a pitiful voice, then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and SIX children with me!"

"Bring them all as well," the lawyer answered.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine was.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the lawyer and said, "Sir, you are too kind." Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The lawyer replied, "Glad to do it. "You'll really love my place. The grass is almost a foot high."

Come on now...you really didn't think there was such a thing as a heartwarming lawyer story...did you????

The following from Chris Hart:

A passenger is sitting in an aircraft belonging to the newest Proudly South African Airline. He is approached by the locally trained stewardess and the conversation goes like this!

Thank you for flying Cloud Nine Taxi Association Airways, what would you like to drink?

Do you have dry white wine?

Sorry sir, we only have wet white wine. What would you like to drink?

Give me a Grand Cru?

Sorry sir, but the ground crew they don't fly. What would you like to drink?

Do you have Bols?

No sir, but the Captain has. What would you like to drink?

Please give me a Captain Morgan.

Sorry sir, the captain is Tshabalala, but he is flying the plane right now. What would you like to drink?

Just give me coffee.

How would you like it sir?

Decaffeinated .

A little wisdom to ponder to finish.

As a pilot only two bad things can happen to you and one of them will.

- a. One day you will walk out to the aircraft knowing that it is your last flight.
- b. One day you will walk out to the aircraft not knowing that it is your last flight.

It's not that all airplane pilots are good-looking. Just that good-looking people seem more capable of flying airplanes.

Son, you're going to have to make up your mind about growing up and becoming a pilot. You can't do both.

The aircraft limits are only there in case there is another flight by that particular aircraft. If subsequent flights do not appear likely, there are no limits.

That's all from me this month. Take the spoon out of the sink.

Ross Macdonald

From Lyn White:

Happy new year to everyone.

To the Wilson family, condolences on the passing of David Wilson. It was a delight to have him around the Aero Club. He was such a gentleman and always cheerful. David attended the Christmas bbq and said how much he enjoyed it.

Santa Claus landed by C172 on time for the Christmas bbq and Bruce Worsnop piped him in. Fabulous! Thank you to everyone who brought a plate along. It's the best meal of the year anywhere – and that's not just my opinion.

Coming Up:

Beach Landing – 22nd January – Briefing at 10am at Waipukurau and we'll also try to fit spare seats to spare seats.

February fly-out is to Mahia and hopefully Portland Island. Date is not set as it needs to be reasonable weather for the strips.

Karamea Trip – 3rd to 5th March which is Saturday to Monday. But people can fly home Sunday if needed. Barry Gollan is chief organizer. Sounds like it will be a good trip.

Other Things:

During December and January there may be some gliding happening around Waipukurau so keep an eye out.

21st January – WWI Evening Airshow at Hood, Masterton 3.00pm to 8.00pm.

18th to 25th February – Central Districts Gliding competitions at Waipukurau.
 15th to 17th March – Aerobatics competitions at Waipukurau.
 31st March – RNZAC Ohakea Jubilee open day and airshow.
 6th to 8th April – Easter Weekend – Warbirds Over Wanaka.

Duty Pilot Roster:

Members get to do one or maybe two Sundays a year as duty pilot which keeps the day running smoothly especially if the instructor is quite busy. A new roster is out through to August. I will endeavour to email a reminder a month before your turn, as some Sundays we have no-one turn up! But if there is a particular day or time of year that suits you, let me know and it can be organized/changed. Any queries just ask!

29 th January	Gavin Tracy		
5 th February	Chris Dooney	12 th February	Vaughan Donald
19 th February	Peter Warren	26 th February	Frank Minton
4 th March	Michael Stonestreet	11 th February	Wendy Milne
18 th March	James Greer	18 th March	Phil Dooney
25 th March	Nick Furmage		
1 st April	Theresa Geerston	8 th April	Dean Nikora
15 th April	Gerald Grocott	22 nd April	Jamie Gunson
29 th April	Michael Beirne		
6 th May	Robert Wilson	13 th May	Jono Kight
20 th May	John White	27 th May	Neil Faulknor
3 rd June	Ross Kent	10 th June	John Marshall
17 th June	Derek Mohi	24 th June	Phil Gray
1 st July	Justin King	8 th July	Des Russell
15 th July	Norman Lessells	22 nd July	Russell Greville
29 th July	Bruce McGregor		
5 th August	Hayden Kappely	12 th August	Tony Jefferd

Julia's Jokes:

Classified advertisements from the paper:

Free Yorkshire Terrier – 8 years old, hateful little bastard, bites!

Free Puppies – ½ Cocker Spaniel, ½ Sneaky Neighbour's Dog

Free Puppies – Mother is a kennel club registered German Shepherd.
Father is a super dog, able to leap tall fences in a single bound.

Joining Nudist Colony! Must sell washing machine and dryer \$100 each.

Wedding Dress For Sale. Worn once by mistake.

Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes. Excellent condition, \$200 for the set. No longer needed, got married and husband knows everything.

These two for the guys:

Thought from Billy Connolly:

“If women are so bloody perfect at multitasking, how come they can’t have a headache and sex at the same time?”

We all get heavier as we get older, because there’s a lot more information in our heads! *Yeah right you guys!*

Now that I am older I thought it was great that I seemed to have more patience. Turns out I just don’t give a shit!

Our thoughts are with Ross and Annette Macdonald this week after the passing away of Annette’s father.