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APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone. Last month has seen many adventures including trips to Rangiora and landings at 90 Mile Beach. The clubrooms also got a bit of a seeing to by some keen members and John even let some of the moths escape from his wallet with the presidents shout. Well done John

Thanks to all those that submitted to the newsletter. I really appreciate the help. I am going to begin a profile section next month where a member of the club is going to be interviewed (by me) so the rest of us (especially the new members) can become familiar with some of the faces we see around the place.

Rangiora Trip - Bruce Abraham

Any flying trip planned with John is bound to be a fun adventure. The "week-end" at the recent Rangiora Fly-In proved this point. Weather variables caused a delayed departure and although the next day was also questionable skillful navigation by Mr Nicholls saw us successfully negotiate the desert road route and into the Wairarapa flying across the ranges at the Manawatu gorge narrows. A day of discovery was spent covering Martinborough (vineyards), and Greytown (cafes and restaurants) before a beautiful mornings flying to Rangiora. The week-end was busy and we also caught up with Willy who had flown down solo. Whilst we enjoyed a planned stopover in Wellington on the return journey (for a sumptuous and expensive dinner out with friends) this delay meant we were caught up in more bad weather. Adventures continued though with train trips into the city, a show, shopping and many more big breakfasts and long afternoons discovering Wellington ale houses! So yes great fun but by the time we returned, 4 days late, a few extra kilos had been accumulated!



Willie has also submitted some text for this obviously fantastic trip as well as some additional photo's. Willie I will include them in the next edition if that's OK.

Beach Landing.

Myself and son Heath were fortunate enough to participate in the beach landing exercise organised by the Kaitaia Aero club on 90 Mile Beach. This was great fun, I was fortunate enough to accompany John Eling in NOL up to Kaitaia and Heath travelled up with John Nichols in MBN. Liam Gahegan met us at Kaitaia and also joined in and Willie flew up in his aircraft with Lorraine.

There was also a contingent of 6 aircraft from Ardmore that had made the trip. Once in Kaitaia we were briefed on the circuit at the beach (right hand) and what to expect on approach and landing. The good folks at Kaitaia had set out a strip and did their best to keep the vehicles using the beach under control. Lunch was also provided.

It was an enjoyable day, great fun, and really good experience. I hope to get the opportunity to do it again in the future.



Presidents Shout

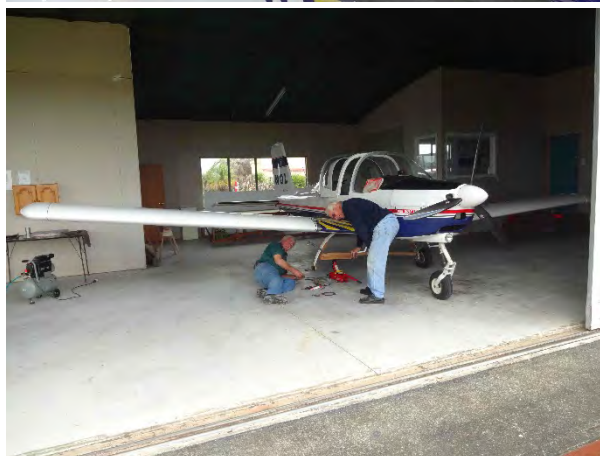
I had intended putting on a small "do" so that members had a chance to catch up and get to know the new committee.

Tara, the new treasurer, thought it would be a good opportunity for a working B too. The attached pictures show members doing their bit.

My mother and I had a fun Friday peeling potatoes, making crumble, trifles, and various other delights.

On the day Betty, Tara, and Dot made the place pretty with table cloths, flowers and other decorations and various people supplemented the food.

There was a good turn out and I thoroughly enjoyed myself - I hope others did too!
John Nicholls.



Forthcoming Events.

Sunday May 21st 10:30 – fish & chip fly out to Ruawai

Sunday May 21st 18:00 - bring a plate aero quiz

Friday June 16th 19:00 The Civil Aviation Authority Safety Evening is to be held at the club. Flying members are urged to attend and bring their log books for a brownie stamp. This year's topic is "Fuel for Thought"

Plus whatever YOU would like to organise - let a committee member know what & when.

Final Message

As many of you know the Aero Club has been looking into a new logo. The newsletter will get a slight revamp next month to include this new logo which has now been designed. A facebook page is also being established so I will include information on this also