



Hi All

The feeling is that summer is about to start up for the aero club with quite a few busy days this month, Parikawa being one of the main contender for this.

Two club events were held this month with the first being our Young Eagles bomb drop which involved attempting to drop a 600ml water bottle from TUGs hook to a (very) small pool below. Much fun was had by all, with everyone having a go at trying to hit our (RIDICULOUSLY TINY) target and retrieving the bombs, also having another go on the flight simulators. Massive thankyou to Alistair Matthews, Paul Threadgill, Mark Janssen, Barbara Woods and Bob Johnston for all donating their time, and to chief scorekeeper Amber ably supported by Tracey & Murray. Very entertaining.



As for our next young eagles meet we are still working out the finer detail so watch this space and expect an email within the next week, but it will be a local one being held on the 19th of this month.

The second major club event for the month was our team flying up to RNZAC regionals in Motueka, which Bob will go into greater detail later. Luckily the weather held off for us for the majority of the weekend with everyone being able to work on their tans. A good weekend was had by all.

Happy Flighting

Shannon

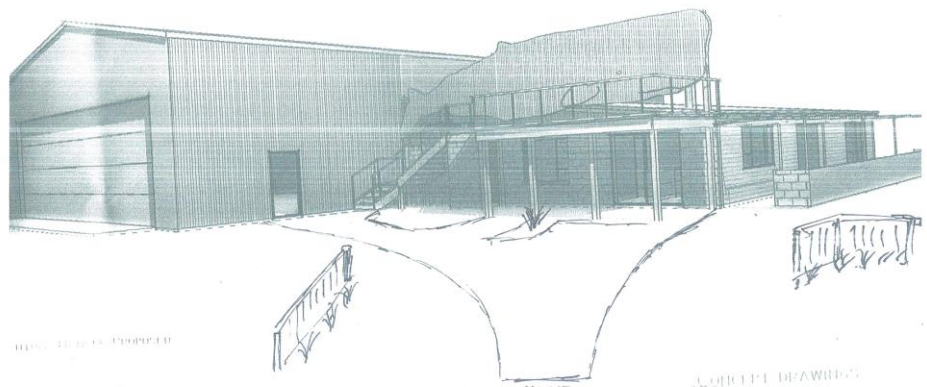
MANAGERS REPORT

Hello everyone.

October has been another busy month for our club and commercial operations. The weather has been kind to us which has meant flying every day. Matt Eastham finished with us on the 20th of October and we wish him well with his new adventures with Sounds Air. We have replaced Matt with our new pilot Stephen Raynes who is from Auckland. Stephen will be completing his instructors rating with us and is working to being checked to line on whale watching and charter work.



Below is an artist impression of where we are heading over the next six months with our new hangar. I would like to thank all those people who are putting in a lot of time to make this happen, Bob Johnston and Stu Barrows have been a big part of this. We are in the process of finalizing paper work with CAA which we should have a result by the 22nd of November. We have agreed to Core steel being the provider of the building and Alister Brough being the builder. We have decided to increase the size of the hangar project to 17 metres by 25 metres. This will give us more space as we continue to grow. My thoughts are as we continue to use the current building and office for our commercial activities and we move our club and associated training out into the hangar which will be a better environment for training.



We have included a fund graph (rocket) to give everyone an idea where we are at with fund raising. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$300,000. We now have available approximately \$200,000 of our own money. We will be looking at raising another \$100,000 so please come down and use our aircraft as it all helps.

Happy Flying

Murray

Motueka Regionals

27th to 29th October 2017



Bob Johnston-Shannon Surridge-Ernie & Sally Graham-Ben Southern & Mark Janssen.

There was cloud covering the Seaward Kaikoura's when late on Friday afternoon our annual Regional expedition; this year organized by Club pilot Shannon Surridge and heading to Motueka, lined up to board our Air Kaikoura Piper Archer DUQ, and Cessna 150 DNY.

On board to lead the way in DUQ was Ernie Graham with co-pilot navigator Shannon Surridge up front, with Sally Graham and Bob Johnston as back seat drivers. In the Cessna 150 DNY was Ben Southern and Mark Janssen who were there to bring back all the coveted trophy's for the glory of the Club.



**Sally
Graham**

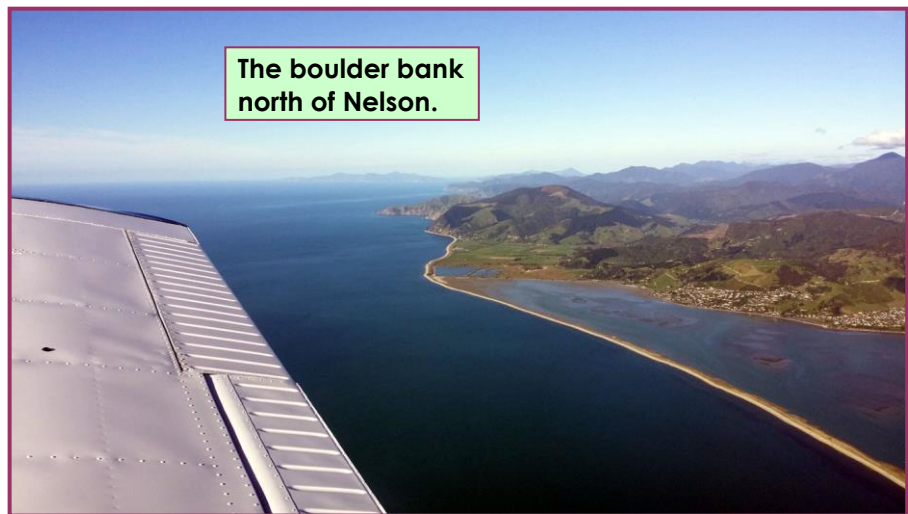


The Piper tracks North up the Puhi Puhi Valley.

It's not long before we are in the air and tracking to the Puhi Puhi Valley searching for a break in the clouds to skirt the mountains and head toward Blenheim. The air is smooth as we cross the Awetere River valley with a little turbulence at the Ned.

We obtain clearance to track west of Woodburne under the control zone and turn west staying south of Havelock before requesting clearance to cross the boulder bank north of Nelson.

A few more minutes pass and Motueka is dead ahead, it is now just a matter of finding the airport.



The boulder bank north of Nelson.



Motueka Airport and we join overhead for 02.

We land and are marshaled to the western parking side of the airport to line up with around 10 other visitors. It takes another 20 minutes for the Cessna 150 to enter the circuit and join us with all our baggage.

Thankfully Shannon's Mum Kathy has driven up from Nelson to help us to transport our baggage to the Club rooms and to our accommodation at the local Top 10 park.

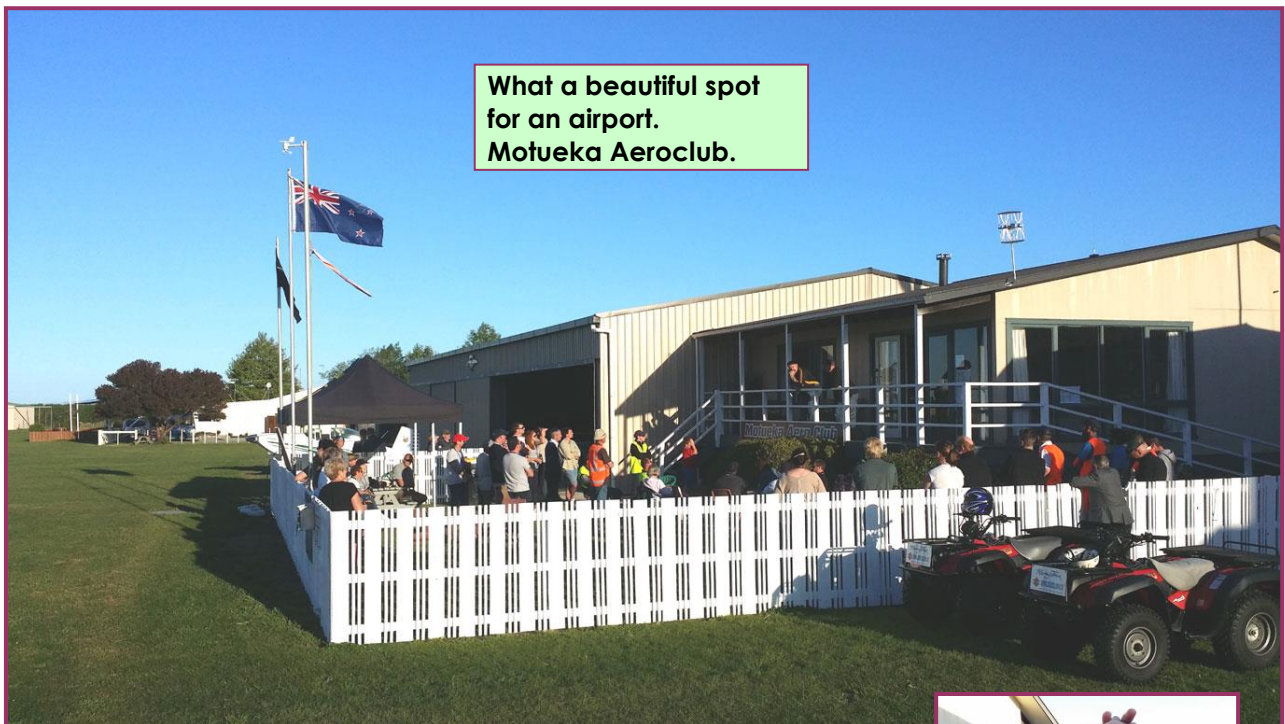
It was a perfect warm, late Motueka afternoon, with time for a beer and a BBQ followed by a welcome by event director Jason Deer, and for all those helping with the organization of the event.

Top 10 were chasing us, keen to see us there by 8 o'clock, and Kathy was hoping to get her son Shannon, along with Mark and Ben away to her home in Nelson, which was still a half hour drive away. All was going to plan until Sally Graham found out Pavlova and fruit were about to be served.

So much for any deadline, as we all settled back down to indulge!!



**Motueka Airport
and Ben and Mark
join us in DNY.**



**What a beautiful spot
for an airport.
Motueka Aeroclub.**

The Morning brought a cracker day with a 7:30am start, a breakfast bun with bacon, hash-browns and a meat pattie in the hangar, followed by some Slip Slop Slapping being carried out at the competitors briefing.

Kathy in the meantime, after rising early in Nelson to drop the boys off at the club and kindly pick us up at the Top 10, was looking forward to have a quiet break and watch the early proceedings, but thanks to her son Shannon leaving the Cessna keys back in Nelson, she spent the next hour lead-footing it to retrieve the wayward keys.



**Shannon in his latest
number awaiting his
Mum's return.**

By 9am the first of the competitors were lining up their craft eager to meet their appointed time and start the spot landing. Our oldest competitor Ernie Graham was first in line with our CFI Alistair Matthews as his onboard judge.

Sally Graham and Kathy Surridge had the best view in town from the balcony of the Aeroclub club rooms.



Sally & Kathy



Ernie on his second attempt.

Shannon was there to judge and assist where he could, and so was running all over the place. Hi-Vis jackets and helmets were the order of the day for all on the airfield, and for quad bike riders, as per our latest CAA H&S dictum. Interestingly, with most people wearing Hi-Vis jackets in case of the occasional wander onto the airfield, meant it was rarer to see someone without a Hi-Vis jacket.



Ben admires Shannon's continuing dress sense.



YAY, a well-presented amphibian sports.

A range of Microlight, Sports and general aviation aircraft adorn the Motueka air field. Some like this amphibian Aventura microlight or this magnificent bi-plane with its polished brass gauges.



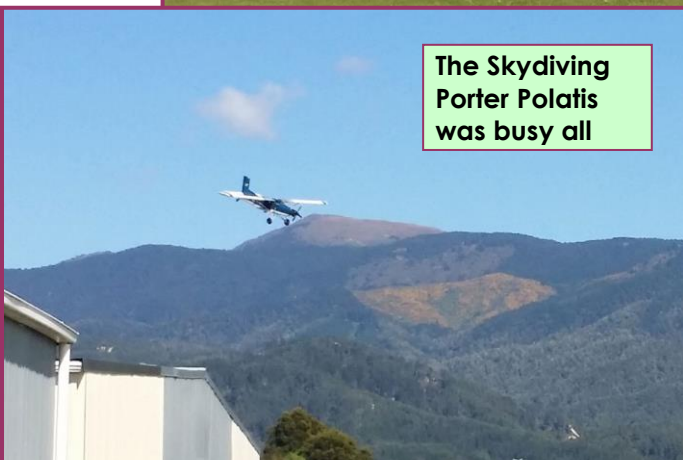


While the competitions were being carried out on the western end of the field the local turbo-prop Porter Polatis was carrying out sky jumping activities on the eastern end of the field.

With all these movements throughout the days activities they seemingly proceeded without a hitch.

All it took was a bit of planning and respectful cooperation between all parties.

The Skydiving Porter Polatis was busy all



The other significant cooperation came from Shannon's parents Kathy and Deane Surridge, who between them transported the Kaikoura Aero Club members between the Motueka Airport, our Top 10 accommodation and their home in Nelson over the three days of the weekend.

Our excellent accommodation at the Motueka Top 10 Park.



With strong contingencies from Canterbury, Marlboro, Kaikoura and Motueka present for the **Flying New Zealand Alpine Region Competitions 2017**, stiff competition resulted, and by the end of the day many eager competitors were keen to find out the results.

This year a Presentation Dinner was held at the Town Hall in the center of Motueka with approximately 60 people attending.



From left round the table - Mark, Ben, Shannon, Sally, Ernie + 4 Nelson competitors.



But all good things must come to an end and this was no exception.



Ben and Ernie take us home.

After waiting until around 11am for the gas-bagging and low cloud to break, it was all smiles on board as Ben piloted and Ernie navigated around the low cloud as we headed South East toward Kaikoura.



**Flying NZ Alpine Region Results
Motueka Airport on 28th October 2017
Hosted by the Motueka Aero Club**

EVENT	CONTEST	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
Aerobatics				
Aero Engine Services Trophy	Basic Aerobatics	Darryn Franklin Mid Canterbury		
Cory Wright Cup	NZAC Primary Aerobatic Rules	Austin Jones Canterbury Aero Club		
D M Allan Memorial Cup	NZAC Sports Aerobatic Rules	Richard Collett Canterbury Aero Club		
Waitemata Cup	NZAC Sports Aerobatic Rules	John McCallister Canterbury Aero Club		
Circuits & Maneuvers				
Airways Corporation Trophy	Flight Maneuvers and Rejoin	Tim Holton Canterbury Aero Club	Simon Kubala Marlborough	Toby Cole Nelson Aero Club
Jean Batten Memorial Trophy	Pre-Flight, Precision Circuits & Landings	Quinn Chisholm Nelson Aero Club	Brianna Boyd Canterbury Aero Club	Edward Lane Motueka Aero Club
Newman Cup	Precision Circuits & Landings for Women	Brianna Boyd Canterbury Aero Club	Annie Jacobs Mid Canterbury Aero Club	Ryley Fleming Motueka Aero Club
Sir Francis Boys	Precision Circuits & Landings	Graham Closey Mid Canterbury	Phil Wilby Canterbury Aero Club	Ryley Fleming Motueka Aero Club
G M Spence Trophy	Forced Landing	Pieter Henn Marlborough	Ian Begbie Mid Canterbury	Mark Janssen Kaikoura Aero Club
Microlight Landing	Precision Landing Microlight Aircraft	Shane Fleming Motueka Aero Club	Pieter Henn Marlborough	
Low Flying				
Airwork Cup	Low Flying PPL-RPL	Andreas Michaelides Canterbury Aero Club	Ryley Fleming Motueka Aero Club	Darryn Franklin Mid Canterbury
Wanganui Trophy	Low Flying CPL	Erin LeQuesne Marlborough	Nick Nikoloff 2 nd = Canterbury James Stewart 2 nd = Nelson Aero Club	
Formation				
Graham Davidson Trophy	Two Aircraft Formation flying	Darryn Franklin Ian Begbie Mid Canterbury		
W A Morrison Trophy	Three Aircraft Formation Flying	Andrew Butler Graeme Randle Grant Hopewell Canterbury Aero Club		
Navigation				
Bledisloe Trophy	Navigation – Under 150 hours total flying time	Alan Whitmore Canterbury Aero Club		
NZ Herald Challenge Trophy	Navigation-Over 150 hours total flying time	Darryn Franklin Mid Canterbury	Geoff Brodie Canterbury Aero Club	
Oscar Garden Trophy	GPS Navigation Flying	Richard Eberlein Nelson	Graham Closey Mid Canterbury	
Target Competitions				
Ivon Warmington Trophy	Pilot Dispatcher Liferaft Dropping	Graeme Kinzett Kiri Raharuhi Nelson Aero Club	Ryley Fleming Shane Fleming Motueka Aero Club	Ian Begbie Anja Liemburg Mid Canterbury
Rotorua Trophy	Target Bombing	Ryley Fleming Motueka Aero Club	Geoff Van Asch Marlborough	Kiri Raharuhi Nelson Aero Club

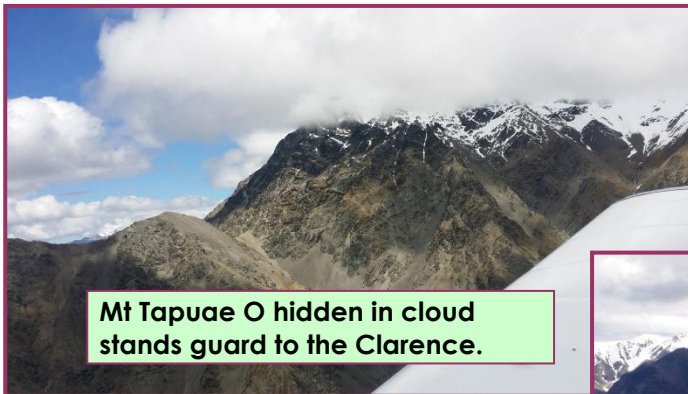
WIGRAM CHALLENGE CUP

Wigram Challenge Cup	Non Instrument Circuits	Alistair Morrow Canterbury Aero Club	Ian Begbie Mid Canterbury	Hayden O'Hara Marlborough
Wigram Challenge Cup	Instrument Flying	Steve Noad Canterbury Aero Club	Darryn Franklin Mid Canterbury	Anthony Dowd Nelson Aero Club
Wigram Challenge Cup	Senior Landing	Phil Wilby Canterbury Aero Club	Ben Walkington Nelson Aero Club	Pieter Henn Marlborough
Wigram Challenge Cup	Junior Landing	Alan Whitmore Canterbury Aero Club	Edward Lane Motueka Aero Club	Annie Jacobs Mid Canterbury
Wigram Challenge Cup overall winners	The winner competes at the National Competitions to be held at Timaru	Canterbury Aero Club	Mid Canterbury Aero Club	Nelson Aero Club

If you look under the G M Spense Trophy entry you will see the name of our esteemed club member Mark Janssen who took out third prize in the Forced Landing category. Well done Mark, we all will live in your radiance for at least a week.

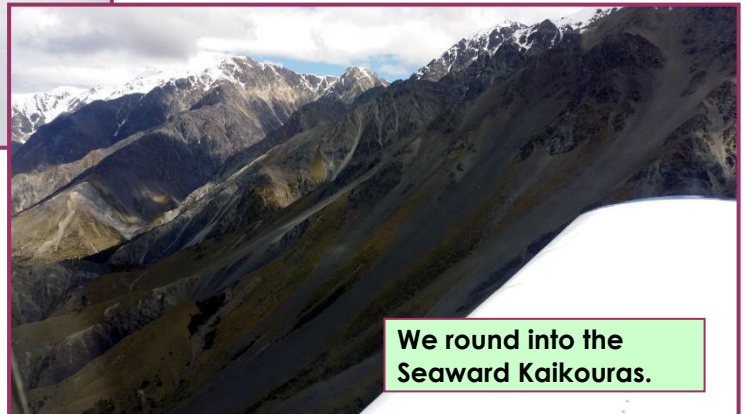
For those who would like to participate next year, the competition is friendly but stiff, as no doubt Ernie, Ben and Mark can attest to.

But now it's time to head home, and with the weather up the coast still closed in, most decide to head inland down toward St Arnaud veering back north east along the Wairau River then south east to cross the Awatere River.



Mt Tapuae O hidden in cloud stands guard to the Clarence.

We keep north of the cloud covered Inland Kaikoura's, 2885m Mt Tapuae-O-Uenuku, before turning south to meet the Clarence River and the top of the Seaward Kaikoura Range to enter the Blue Duck Valley.



We round into the Seaward Kaikouras.



Sally asks, "are we nearly there", as by now all threatening cloud has disappeared and we are in smooth clear blue skies. Our last leg is bathed in sunshine as we

realize we are first to return of the plethora of planes that took the longer way to the east. It was a memorable long weekend I think I can say we all thoroughly enjoyed!

Bob Johnston



Ben lines us up with 23.

EVENTS

YOUNG EAGLES CALENDAR

19th of November – Local At Aero Club

17th of December – End of Year Dinner/BBQ

We will email all young eagles a week prior to these events to confirm costs for each activity and to confirm who will be attending.