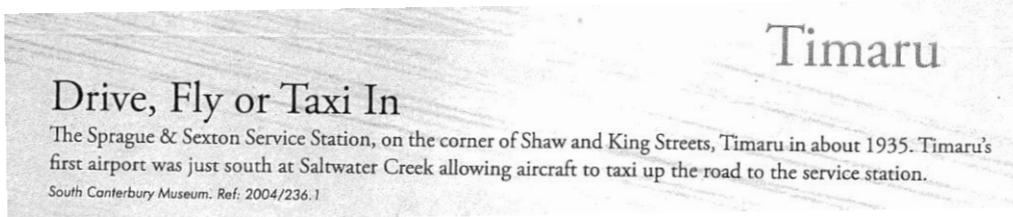




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Fill her up mate



Was sent this by Steve who found it somewhere. South Canterbury Museum?.

I tried to do some of my own research and it appears (subject to being corrected by some of our very knowledgeable members) that it could be the Avro 616 Avian IVM... ? Any other offers?.

Back in the days before Worksafe , OSH , DOL and all those other bodies , when you could pull your plane up at the local gas station and " Fill her up "

From the Prez

Hi all.

We'll, the rain has stopped but there's still a lot of wind about.

Having said that, we have had some really good flying days since last month, just not as many as we would like!

The Park gates don't close now until 9 at night, so there is always the opportunity to slip down in the late afternoon, early evening.

A number of members I believe have been visiting Levin of late. Warner, Ian Crosland, John Miller and Terry that I know of. Vintage stuff obviously calling.

We released a revamp of our rules recently and other than a comment about Observers, there hasn't been any (comments). So I have to assume everybody accepts them.

The new run of club clothing has been distributed. There were some hassles in the end for Alastair with the supplying company advising that the actual garments had changed from what we had in the past.

The biggest change to the jacket was going from a light weight jacket to a heavier winter one.

Those that had purchased were given an opportunity to change their minds when this came to pass, but all went ahead.

With Xmas all but here, it only remains for me to thank all members for their contribution to the club over the year. The club, I believe, is in good heart.

So, enjoy your Xmas everybody and make a new years promise – get flying more.

In the New Year I would like to see more of those loyal members who have been long standing members, who just don't get down there these days, to come and have a fly.

If Ron can do it, many more of you can!

To the committee a big thanks for the work done.

It's a pretty thankless job at times, but without the committee the club doesn't exist. So thanks for your work, advice, hassles, etc.etc. I enjoy working with you all. Speaking of the committee, Jonathan Mickelson has resigned.

Jonathan's job work-load has him out of town a lot and working many evenings, so he just cannot commit. The big legacy Jonathan leaves with us after 2 years is the original research for the weather station. We won't be looking to replace Jonathan until the AGM.

Steve

November Club Night.

That last Club Night of the year was hosted by Ian Crosland.

Sadly a good number were otherwise occupied and unable to attend and they missed a riveting tales of Ian's early involvement as an apprentice aircraft engineer at Rongatai airport.

His collection of old photos brought back memories for many and his tales from the workshop generated a lot of interest.

He has a photo of a Chipmunk they serviced from the Wellington Aeroclub which was later purchased and owned by our very own Ernie.

His best tale had to be about his control line tiger moth, set up as a top dresser complete with working hopper.

He had this thing at work to do some soldering on it, and his boss was so taken by it he sent Ian home to get fuel, basically closed the runway to traffic and had Ian fly a few demonstration flights.

Not only that, but they filled the hopper with genuine super phosphate!

Roy Hoare and Keith Belworthy visited from the Wellington club.
Roy talked about getting a plan for a B25 Mitchell to larger scale and having a short kit cut by Gwyn Averill in Auckland.

Was good value and good to see those guys again. Both are looking to become Associate members.

Steve

Ramaroa

Ramaroa is the new entrance building at QEP.

We could, of course, call it the 'forever building' as it seems to have been being built forever.

The building will be officially opened this Saturday (2/12).

Park users have been invited to attend and I will represent the club.

We have in the past discussed with Wayne Boness and Brendan Buliff the options of using the new meeting room that is part of this complex, for our club nights.

I have today received an official invitation from Amanda Cox, for the club to use the new meeting room there (Kotare Room) for our club nights.

We would get the use of the room free of charge.

Without seeing it, I don't know how it fits, but all information I have, is that it will certainly suite our purposes.

Our club meeting nights for next year have been provided so that those nights can be booked.

I will be working through access protocols with GWRC so we have a plan of access and egress that will work.

At this stage we will use our February club night to give the place a trial run.

More info when I have it.

Steve

Rally Advertising

Note that in the latest Flyers World there is no advert for our Rally in March.

An advert was sent for publication and before close-off date.

I have no idea why it was not included.

I have asked for an explanation.

Note also in Flyers World that publication dates have now been changed, and instead of the first Flyers World for the new year being published in February, it is now published in March.

This means we will not get our event published in Flyers World this time around.

Steve

Flyers World – Secretary’s Desk – Insurance Issue.

I note in Flyers World my name in lights for a couple of things.

Misleading is probably a kind term.

I am, however, quite annoyed about the reference to me ‘Demanding’ a copy of the Group’s Insurance policy. I have never ‘demanded’ a copy.

This time last year in Flyers World, members were asked if they had any questions for our Insurers, as a meeting was to be held and Des Richards wanted to know if there were any questions.

In conjunction with the committee, a number of questions were submitted.

These were accepted and I was informed, forwarded to the Insurance Company.

I have asked several times during this year if we have replies to those questions.

Initially inquiries were without response, but a response received 25th September was that the meeting with the Insurers had been held, answers had been gained, but were in a box somewhere waiting to be unpacked.

Still waiting.

With the work being done in applying for a 10 year License, I requested information on the policy as the license application requires such.

After chasing the request several times, I was given a summary of what Councils require.

I don’t see that as ‘demanding’ a copy of the policy.

To me its everyday business.

Go figure.

I can’t.

Steve

Club Brochure

As you all know we get several enquiries about the club from visitors/ passers- by that have come for a look. After telling them about the club , we usually direct them to our website. Whether they remember to look us up later , we'll never know. So we have gone back to the "old school" method and have re-incarnated a brochure that I had done several years back , long before the club had a website. It is a folded leaflet with some contact details for the club. We will have some printed and left in the club room. Please feel free to hand out to any prospective member or anyone who shows some interest.

Club Captains ramble.

Unfortunately it has been a long season of crap weather. However it does seem to be on the improve and let's hope it does. The club seems to be going well . The ground staff do an amazing job and I'd like to say a big thank you to them. Steve has already thanked the committee earlier, and I'd like to add my thanks as well. Sorry to see Jonathan go , but I know the story. I'd like to specially thank Steve for the professional leadership he offers the club.

We have had the odd issue with some members still insisting on flying out of bounds to the West , but generally everyone is well behaved. I am also swamped at work and don't have as much "spare" time as I used to, but am trying to keep up with the club stuff as best as I can.

Once gain Steve has made a good contribution to the news letter and without this there would not have been much in this edition.

If you have any stories or news please let us know , better still write up something and send it through. If you are sending a photo , please add a short story otherwise I have no idea of the context if I was not there .

It eats up a lot of time creating and or looking for news items , and I don't want the newsletter to become a one page list of internet links. So need your help.

And talking of links here are a couple .

This from Ernie

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qhS_rpcET64&feature=youtu.be

This one from me

Thinking of a new hobby ?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c0KzLeCm-Jw>

Visit to Levin



Warner Summerton , John Miller , Allan Knox, Ian Crosland

Looks like the boys had a good day out , look at that lovely flat area behind , not a dune in site. Thanks John for sending the photo..

Did you know?

The numbers on servo arms indicate the offset in degrees, so if you can't quite get the servo arm lined up as you want it, (it always seems to be one tooth of the spline out,) try rotating it, it might help get the alignment better. Always best to try get as close as you can mechanically, before playing with the trims on the radio.



And that's it for another year. Have a great Christmas and New Year, if you are travelling anywhere, please take care. Let's hope for some decent flying weather over the Christmas period.

As usual, Fly hard, land soft.

Cheers
Don

Catch up again in January...



Merry Christmas and a hangover free start to the New year!!