



# Otago Aero Club

Newsletter - April 2014

Isn't it funny how time flies. I can't believe that it has been so long since we last published a newsletter.

Having whiled away a grey Saturday on club matters it's onto teaching myself this new newsletter writing software and trying to remember what has been happening in the club in recent times.

A very significant event was our Club Captain Vince Gardner moving onto greener pastures around Christmas time. Vince is now spending his time Flying Tiger Moths and building Bantams for the Croyden Aircraft Company down at Mandeville as well as doing some part time instructing at the Gore Aero Club. We all wish Vince the best of luck and we miss his smiling face and his yellow bus around the club. His departure had left open the oft vacant Club Captains position at the club. We were very fortunate that Craig Buist "volunteered"



Craig will do it

to fill the vacant position. Craig has already successfully organised a couple of overnight fly-ins to his Poolburn Dam holiday resort as well as a much enjoyed day trip to Wanaka for a leisurely lunch stop at the airport cafe then onto Omarama for a quick stop before flying back the inland route to Taieri. Keep up the good work Craig we all appreciate it, there's nothing like being dropped in at the deep end to learn how to swim.

## Wings and Wheels

I would like to extend my thanks to all who helped with the organisation, helped on the field on the day and those who participated in this years Wings and Wheels event. The day was chosen back in October last year as it gave us the best chance for getting the

Red Checkers to be present on the day. It was a bit of an oversight that the chosen day for the event happened to clash with Weekend 8 at Mandeville. Note to self - "Check the calendar". As it turned out the Checkers were not available for the event. Sadly neither was DC3 AMY which had been a huge draw card at the previous event. Nevertheless the local aircraft and car clubs along with the sideshows were able to provide entertainment to young and old alike. Once again this year the Gyrocopter flights proved extremely popular. It was also noted that there were a lot more young families taking the flights. The organisation of the event is a huge task and special thanks must be given to Vice President Al Kay who was the driving force behind the very successful day.

Following is a Facebook posting that to me typifies the spirit of the day -

"I am totally amazed with pilot Craig (Buist) who took my daughter up in his plane "WET" today they were then told via radio that they couldnt land for 20 mins... he flew Catherine around and they landed at Macandrew Bay and he bought her a hokey pokey ( her favorite) ice cream, Craig went over and above, my daughter was so thrilled and amazed at her experience this made an amazing 10th birthday for her.... thanks Craig you are amazing."

Luckily WET is an amphibian otherwise the story would have a wholly different outcome.

## Membership Renewal

By now all members should have received the annual membership renewal notice. Fees are the same as last year with the exception that membership for under 18 year olds is free. If you have not yet received this notification please let us know by dropping an email to [info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz](mailto:info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz)

## Microlight instruction

We are now fortunate to have 2 Microlight ATO's on the field. Our congratulations to Colin Chalmers who has recently become that latest one.



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Whilst we have a healthy number of GA, Microlight and Gyrocopter students, there is always room for more. If you know of anyone who has been putting their learning to fly dream in the “one day” bucket, now would be a good time to point them in our direction. There is a popular misconception that we only train at weekends. This could not be farther from the truth as we have instructors available for all categories of flight for most days of the week. A quick visit to <http://www.otagoaeroclub.co.nz> or an email to [info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz](mailto:info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz) will get them off to a good start.

## Aviation Gateway students

Once again this year we are running the Aviation Gateway programme for schools at the club. We have 9 students for the 2<sup>nd</sup> school term. Please make these students welcome at the club as they are Full flying members of the Club and are always keen to learn all aspects of aviation. Once again we thank Greg Walsh and Rex Telfer for driving this programme. If you feel you have some time on your hands and could help with these students then please let Greg or Rex know.

## New hangars.

If the health of an Aero Club is to be judged by the number of new hangars being built then all indications are that we are doing fine. 5 new hangars have been erected over the past year and another 3 are about to start in the next few weeks.

There are a few “low spots” that have been filled in around the new hangars. Please take care not to drive over these areas until the grass is fully established. Likewise please keep your speed down and avoid driving through potholes and puddles on all of the gravel roadways around the airfield.

## New resident aircraft on the field

The number of new hangars being built suggests that there must be more aircraft on the field. This truly is the case. Alpi Pioneer 200 PKT belonging to Colin

Chalmers and Jonathan Elliott departed north and was replaced with Alpi Pioneer 300 CJZ.



So much cleaner with the wheels tucked away. If you have ever had any doubt about owning a microlight then you need to fly one of these. 135 knots @ 18 l/hr

Ross Price now has Cessna 337G Skymaster DFT in his new hangar.



With a motor at each end and two vertical stabilisers this is a truly unique GA aircraft. I'm unsure of the history of this particular aircraft but it's been on the NZ register since 1979

There are 2 Cessna 337's on the NZ aircraft register



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Life member Neil Stevenson now has his Bolkow Bo 208c Junior in residence.



I stand to be corrected but I believe there are 6 of this model in the country.

The aircraft that seems to be hogging the limelight at the moment is Craig Buist's Progressive Aerodyne Sea Rey. It may not be fast but is spoiled for choice for places to land.



The problem we as a club now have is that most of Craig's ideas for fly-aways seem to have water runways only. Fortunately he put a couple of runways on terra firma at Poolburn Dam for the rest of us to use when visiting.

Another loss from the field is Geoff Roger's immaculately presented Tecnam P2004 Bravo. LLY is now in the possession of Middle Districts Sports Flying Club in Fielding.



Geoff hasn't revealed the identity of his replacement aircraft as yet so watch this space.

Three years of work has culminated in an impressive Rans S-19 for Murray Barrington. I had the pleasure of flying alongside this aircraft on a lunch trip to Wanaka recently. Word has it that it flies as nicely as it looks.



Murray tells us the X in the rego stands for eXpensive.

DOS is a new toy in Central Radio Services toy box. I'm told that this Piper PA-28-180 is one of the original Archers.





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Cessna 182P DXV returns to the field after a few years absence. It's new owner is Craig Mitchell



I remember this as a new aircraft frequently parked at the roadside strip at Luggate (Now Wanaka airport). If my memory serves me it was owned by Graeme Sinclair in those days. Here's how it looked back in 1977 when it was 2 years old.



So fresh on the field that I haven't seen it myself as yet is Wane Hanleys Flight Design CTLS. Excuse the picture with the hood off Wayne but it was the only one that I could find on the net.



One more aircraft with a long history at Taieri that is soon to leave is Matt Andersons Jodel D11.



RSB will soon reside in Whangarei

Hopefully I've covered all the new arrivals / departures of late. Forgive me if I've forgotten any.

## Cirrus Visit

Recently we had a sales visit from Graham Horne and his Generation 5 Cirrus SR22T aircraft. This top of the line point A to B aircraft has all of the latest gadgets including night vision camera, ballistic parachute and Iridium satellite phone. Graham describes this as a "Man and Dog" aircraft - The man is there to start it up, get it off the ground then eat his sandwiches. The dog is there to bite his hand should the man touch any of the controls during flight.



Our thanks go out to Mack Holmes who went beyond the call of duty to cater for Graham and show him some of the highlights of Dunedin during his stay. I was talking to Graham at Warbirds over Wanaka and he said he was really impressed with the hospitality extended to him while at Taieri.



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If you are looking at purchasing a new aircraft and have a lazy \$700k that's burning a hole in your pocket then contact Graham on the number below.

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Cirrus Aircraft Corporation  
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## Microlight Instructors report

Greetings, we have had a pretty good run of flying with a few trips away to various places and there has also been quite a lot of activity around the field, but there has been some incidents that have resulted in pilots being spoken to by the safety officers and instructors.

Whilst these incidents were successfully dealt with, there are a couple of things I would like to touch on: 'LOOK OUT and see what is there...NOT what you think you might have seen or may not have seen'. 'LISTEN carefully to what has been said...NOT what you think has been said' and please remember that this helps to build 'SITUATIONAL AWARENESS'. Try to build a picture of where other aircraft are that maybe in your vicinity and know what they are doing and/or where they are heading.

It is always great to own your own aircraft and be able to join in on the fly away trips, but if these trips are going to take you into outback strips, please think about and consider that many of these pilots are likely to have had a lot of experience going into these places. If you do not have a lot of, or have no experience or training in this field, please have a chat about it with an instructor or an experienced pilot, because in the field of strip work, there are many aspects that you need to know about before you have a go. It is not always as easy as it looks.

On the positive side of things, we have had some reports of good flying amongst our pilots and it is great to also report that we have also had some great achievements:

## 1<sup>ST</sup> Solo Microlight

Warwick Reid  
Robert McSkimming  
David Blair  
Tom Hoefer

## Advanced Sports Licence

Ken Logan  
Craig Buist

## Ratings (including type)

Steve Welsh - Rans S6  
Craig Buist - Searey  
Les Vincent - Instructor's Rating on Gyrocopter  
Craig Buist - Water rating  
Alan Wright - Water rating  
Colin Chalmers - A.T.O. and Light sport a/c. Test pilot

Well done guys, a very good effort.  
Alan Wright

## Warbirds Over Wanaka

It was really great to be part of a team of enthusiastic pilots who went to Warbirds over Wanaka at Easter.

This time of course we were given a chance to represent the recognition by the Warbirds organisers of how fast Light Sport Aircraft flying is growing in New Zealand.

Even though it was relatively short, we had an opportunity to put on a display for the airshow and we got a very good report from the organisers and apparently the crowd. I was privileged to be asked if I could do a special display in the Searey to which I accepted and even though it was a tad nervy for an old chap, I found it too be a tremendous experience to fly with such a great team of guys, most of whom I had never met before.



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I would like to give a special thanks to: Craig Buist for loaning me his Searey for this event, his lovely partner Sam for giving us lot's of support, Rex Telfer for keeping our social drinking in check, Jim Service for monitoring our behaviour, Greg Walsh for keeping us up to speed with his technical advice, Peter Clulow for co-ordinating our flying in such a very professional manner and the Wanaka Warbirds organisers who can only be described as very well oiled machines. The good news is, we have been asked back to the next Warbirds over Wanaka.

Have Fun. Be Careful Out There.

Alan Wright

## Milestones GA

Obviously given the time lapse since the last newsletter there have been many achievements but here are a few recent (and not so recent ) ones. My apologies for any that I've missed.

**1st Solo's** - Dave Vaughan  
Joseph Peacock  
Michael Stuart

**PPL** - Pete Thomson

Ex club member Mel Laird passed her Multi engine Instrument rating recently at Nelson Aviation College

Congratulations guys.

## For Sale

Evans Waterless Coolant and prep Fluid, prevent boiling in your Rotax. \$190

Artificial Horizon, Directional Gyro, Vacuum Venturis and filter, offers

Light speed Zulu 2 noise cancelling headset in good order \$680

Sennheiser HMEC 250 Headset, under 1 year old still under warranty \$520

Garmin Aera 500 Touch Screen Aviation GPS with panel mount and accessories \$650

Ipad holder to suit cockpit dash, suction to screen. Good design \$35

Aircraft ZK-WET Searey amphibian for sale late 2014 due to a new build project. Interested parties please make contact for more info.

Headsets, old \$20

Headset. MG Golden Eagle, nice light passive set \$90

Contact Craig Buist 027 4877729 or [craigbuist@ihug.co.nz](mailto:craigbuist@ihug.co.nz)

Do you have anything for sale, swap or want to buy? Let me know by dropping and email to [info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz](mailto:info@otagoaeroclub.co.nz) and I will include it in the next newsletter.

## Young Eagles

The Young Eagles group that Vince started before his departure is being carried on by Joe Calder and Hayden Sutton. If you know anyone who would like to be part of this group or if you are able to assist with the organisation of the group then please contact Joe [jcalder@otagoaeroclub.co.nz](mailto:jcalder@otagoaeroclub.co.nz) or phone 021 247 3232.

Well that's about it for now. Blue skies and safe landings.

Warwick Sims  
President