



Welcome to the interim newsletter format, which will (hopefully) save some time but keep the club lines of communication going.

It's the original format that I used when I started as Editor in late 2014, it seems so long ago!

Next month's RecWings will contain a full report on the CRAC Spot Landing Contest which was held on March 24th, and the first report from Classic Fighters Omaka.

Talking of Omaka, there are still a few one-day Gold Passes left (at least, as I write this) which are a superb way of viewing the air show in comfort - and with quick access to a large catering tent!

The FW-190 did its first post-repair flight on April 10th, and the Spitfire XIV should be flying too. The participation of the RAAF F-18's will be a real highlight. This year should be quite special.

Back to our own Spot Landing contest, the day was fine enough (although quite dark at times for photography) and the wind held off until well after the event. There was a good level of participation from all categories of pilots. A massive 'thank you' to Steve Noad and Nick Hitchins for organising and running this enjoyable event.

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NZRT Runway Condition

We've received the following from Steve Noad:

"During my runway inspection this morning I noticed significant damage of the 07/25 centre line.

My thoughts are we ask pilots if they could land on the left in each direction for say the winter months to see if it allows the grass to recover."

Ed: Whilst our light weight (and often big-tyred) aircraft probably do less damage to the runway than the GA types, it's up to us to be seen to be doing our bit – and we are very frequent users of the airfield.

We especially want to help and support the person who's getting out and doing a runway inspection every day! Please land on the left if conditions permit.

I have published an album of photos to the CRAC Facebook page, and I intend to release a link to a Google Drive folder so that participants can download medium resolution copies for their own use. However, the next couple of months are pretty hectic so there are no promises on the completion date!

NZRT AIMM Report, March

The Waimakariri District Council publish the Aircraft Movements report for Rangiora Airfield which has some quite interesting statistics. We present some here for your entertainment and education.

Most Active Aircraft

Regn	Movements	Type	Owner
RGB	283	Tecnam	CRAC
DUP	203	Pa-28-140	CAC
FSL	182	Cessna A152	ANZSSC
RGA	167	Tecnam	CRAC
SUA	164	Savannah	Priv.
VCC	150	Alpha	CAC
EYJ	131	Pa-38	CAC
IBG	106	R22	Priv.
TGS	105	Pipistrel	Tie-Up
CSS	105	Cub Crafters	Priv.

Most Active Operators

CAC	1025
CRAC	450
ANZSSC	258
Priv	164
Priv	106
All others	2146

Movements: Days of the Week

Monday	429
Tuesday	551
Wednesday	501
Thursday	330
Friday	613
Saturday	1125
Sunday	600

The last report I saw before this one (November 2018) shows CAC at 627 movements and CRAC at 541.

Committee Meeting Notes April 2019

- Nothing further from CAA re Rotax TIS issue
- RGA Gearbox returned for Warranty claim, rough running issue still being investigated
- Advertorial-style promotion for club training still in progress, due later this year
- Garmin InReach proposal results – large majority of club members who responded were not in favour of the proposal, and it will not proceed
- Flying hours not presented but flying income was average for the month, and overall ahead of budget for the year.
- Some club members who contributed to the “Pre-paid fuel” scheme which did not proceed are holding their funds on their club accounts where they will whittle it down slowly.
- RGC still due ‘ex-factory’ this month, with the >\$100K balance to be paid before delivery (loan required will actually be substantially less than that required for RGB)
- Precision Landing Competition well received and enjoyed by all
- BFR’s – noted as individual responsibility but club member’s to be reminded of that.
- No Safety issues reported concerning club members
- Vanessa has purchased new bedding for the club house emergency accommodation
- De-humidifiers being investigated for club house bedrooms
- Jerry writing job list for facilities management with a view to possibly sharing the load
- More variety of club Tee Shirts in stock
- Network Cable to Hanger discussed
- CAC, CRAC, RAUG (Rangiora Airfield Users Group) have asked WDC for a six month extension to current Landing Fee schemes to allow for legal advice and costing analysis
- Club to trial video advertising locally (Giggle)
- Further discussion on club instructors, work loads, etc.

Housekeeping

Please close the airfield access gate (by Stewart Bufton's hangar) – this is a legal requirement to control access to the operational area and the Council are, understandably, expecting us to comply.

All flights in club aircraft must be made on the booking system (even if you just turn up and grab a free aircraft), and all flights in club aircraft must be authorised by an instructor – unless you're flying on an advanced certificate or higher.

We recently heard a GA aircraft doing a radio call about a "Non-standard right turn from 07". Just remember, calling non-standard does not make it legal (unless you've declared an emergency).

BFR's and Medicals

A massive part of aviation safety, especially at the lighter end, requires the participants to have enough personal responsibility to do the right thing. We face this on every flight, with decisions about the weather, aircraft serviceability, pilot serviceability, loadings, fuel requirements, etc.

Needless to say, you must NOT be flying without a current BFR or Medical. If you are, you're flying illegally AND you're probably not insured – meaning that you're 100% liable for the full cost of any damage. In the unlikely event that any of our members are stupid enough to fly without these essential items, renew them now before any further flights. The same goes for aircraft owner/operators without an Annual Inspection.



Celebrating our Successes

Congratulations to **Daneva Quinto (Left)** for soloing in RGA on March 28th. Very well done! Thanks to Dave Mitchell and Terry Salmon for the instruction and the photograph respectively.

Congratulations to **Will Holmes (Below, Right)** for passing his SAC Advanced National recently - Thank you to Vanessa Martin for this photo.



Tail Wheel Training at NZRT

Mike Small has offered his Karatoo ZK-KTO for tail-wheel training. Apparently, it's "even easier" than the Kitfox used previously. See Dave Mitchell, Terry Salmon or Mike Small if you're interested in learning some "conventional undercarriage" skills – or a refresher. Cost is \$130/hr

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Upcoming Events

16th April – CRAC AGM at the CRAC House, 7:00pm. Please attend to see how the club runs, or if you'd like to participate. Your vote is important!

19th – 21st April – Classic Fighters Omaka. FW-190, Spitfires, F-18's, Polikarpov PO-2...

Thanks to the 2018 Committee:

- President: Glenn Martin
- Treasurer: Scott James
- Secretary: Iain Blyth
- CFI: Doug Anderson
- Safety Officer: Kevin Dore
- Facilities: Jerry Philip
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- Club Captain: Nick Hitchins
- IT: Viktor Dragomirretsky and Margo Migirdichyan
- Editor: Brian Greenwood
(Resignations during 2018/19: Graeme Main, Erin Heese)
- Hard workers not on the Committee:
- Operations: Stewart Bufton
- Canteen: Vanessa Martin

Membership Renewals

As the 2019 Membership Invoices will be sent out this week, please let us know if you are not planning to renew. This will save our Treasurer significant time. E-mail treasurer@crac.co.nz if you are not planning to renew.

Congratulations

Will Holmes, Adv National (SAC)
Buzz Harvey, Adv National

Next RecWings

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