



Nelson Aero Club

May Newsletter

NEWS

We hope everyone had a good Easter holiday over April. There was a few of our members who spent Easter weekend in Wanaka enjoying the Warbirds show. We have put some images of the show below. April has been steady at the club with a lot of students at the in-between phases of flight training. This newsletter also has a 2nd page with a CFI update.

UPDATES

Club Security

Due to issues with unauthorised access, the club has tightened up security. We would like to remind members that access codes to the building (and airside) must not be shared with non pilots. We would also like to touch on the instructor room. This is for club instructors only. If you solo hire an aircraft, text the duty instructor the day before and we will leave the keys and required headsets out for you. Club equipment can only be borrowed when operating club aircraft.

Club AGM

The clubs AGM will be held at 6pm on Sunday 28th June. This is something we encourage members to attend as it is your chance to have a say and vote.

Maintenance

We are going to shed some light as to what is occurring with maintenance so students and members can plan ahead.

FLF has been out for an extended period of time. We are still waiting on the rudder to be delivered to Nelson. When this comes back into service, it will have 50 hours of operation and then it will go back into maintenance to get a propeller overhaul and the carburettor fixed (as most of you know it runs too rich). The club is expecting this check to take a few weeks.

Ground Courses

We are now in our third week of teaching PPL Law which has been a success. The next ground course we will be running is Human Factors. If this is something you are interested in attending, let your instructor know.

Achievements

Leigh Hayes and Michael Dileva have both recently completed their first local solos. Congratulations guys!

Photos

Warbirds over Wanaka...



CFI UPDATE

Recently, the Aero Club has had a change in management. Shannon has moved on from the CFI position and Ed has taken over. We would like to say a big Thank You to Shannon for all he has done for the club. For those of you who haven't met Ed before, he would like to introduce himself..

Hi everyone,

A quick introduction from me as I have taken on the role of CFI at the club. My wife and I moved our family to Nelson about 7 years now and have I been involved in the club recently on the committee and helping out as an instructor as and when I can, including picking up the torch for Young Eagles at Nelson.

My aim for the role is to provide leadership for our instructors and bring ideas from my experience as a lifelong pilot to the team. I believe that people perform best when they are relaxed, confident and feel supported, whatever stage they are on their aviation journey.

Nelson Aero Club has a blend of members, old and new, all with different needs from the club and the instructing team. Some are license holders who want to keep their knowledge and skills up, others might be coming to the end of their PPL training and looking for support for their first big flight test. We also have a number of members starting out. It's my experience that a great instructor reacts to the members' needs and makes the time spent together meaningful, practical and enjoyable.

Meaningful learning is where you as members take away new information and skills, things that are practical, make sense and work for you in the cockpit. Enjoyment in flying comes from many places, the sights we see as pilots makes the cockpit a special place. The satisfaction of a new skill learnt or the completion of a cross-country flight to a new airport is part of the 'serious' fun of flying.

Feel free to reach out via cfi@nelsonaeroclub.co.nz or through either Gemma or Shem with any issues.

Safe flying,

Ed Tappenden

