



Nelson Aero Club

February Newsletter

NEWS

We hope everyone had a good holiday break with friends and family. The clubs had a big few months recently with more exciting things planned for this year- keep an eye out!

New Instructor

Hi everyone, I'm Shem, the new Instructor here at NAC. I will be covering Gemma on Thursdays and Fridays. Having originally caught the flying bug in Western Australia, I am thrilled to have landed (pun intended) in the beautiful and sunny Nelson. Please come in and introduce yourself. I look forward to meeting you and helping you along in your aviation journey, wherever you're hoping to take it! - "The sky is not your limit but your playground"

Milestones

Michael recently completed his first solo flight. Good job Michael!

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 Phone Number

The club now has a phone which instructors will be using to contact students instead of their personal ones. This will be left onsite when we go home to avoid being contacted in our down time. The phone number is noted on our website

Operational Reminders:

There have been a few operational things that we would like to clarify. Refer to the CFI letter below,

Photos

Thank you for the photo submissions

If you have any, send them to instructors@nelsonaeroclub.co.nz for the chance to be featured on our social media.



CFI LETTER

Hi all and Happy New Year!

Things are well into the swing of summer down at the club with a lot of aircraft being hired by both training and club members alongside a few flight tests coming up shortly! Just a friendly reminder as things are busier at the club during summer that only book the aircraft for what you need/if you are actually going to take it as we still have a few instances of bookings not being used by members when there are others waiting!

With the increase in flying naturally there has been an increase in occurrence reporting which is good to see! And completely expected the busier we get. We have noted however a few common trends in the reports which I can delve into here.

Firstly there has been a number of breaches of the Motueka Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) particularly with regard to the low flying zone. The low flying zone in Motueka has to be renewed and is a great resource for us to have but we do need to keep people surrounding it happy particularly with the times that we are using the low flying zone (Not evenings and not on Sundays). The MOU lays this out alongside other things but is quite a big document so we have made a bullet point version which is available next time you're down at the club for those of us (me included) who don't fancy too much bedtime reading!

Secondly there has been a lot of reports of close calls as things are getting busy for a lot of flying organisations in both Nelson and Motueka which utilise the training areas to the west. With the best mitigation being seeing and avoiding. Accurate position reporting and verifying where other aircraft are as they might not be as accurate in their position reporting as you may expect!

Finally a massive congratulations to both Jackson Braid and Leon Fenemor who completed their CPL's in December of last year.

Any improvements, queries, thoughts I'm only a phone call away.

Happy flying,

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