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Welcome back ZK-OMR!

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Contributions to the next M.A.C. Flyer are welcome before 20 April 2014.

FROM THE EDITOR

Sadly, this is my last month here at M.A.C. I have really enjoyed being part of the team here and Omaka is a truly special place; a hive of aviation fuelled activity with huge potential. But, it's time for me to follow some other dreams! The Aero Club has been a big part of my life (and my families) for the past years. I'll be sure to call in to say hello from time to time.

The Classic Fighters Airshow is a year away, but now is the time to start planning for our presence to ensure we make the most of hosting such an event on our airfield. We will be looking for volunteers to form a Classic Fighters Working Group to organise the bar, BBQ, promotional stand, airfield volunteers etc. Sharn will chair the group. If you are interested in joining, please contact Sharn on 578 5073 or cfi@marlboroughaeroclub.co.nz before the 1st May.

Flying New Zealand's latest newsletter can be [downloaded here](#) (or call into the Aero Club to read the printed version).

Farewell, **Zoé Gray**

We are seeking a customer focused **Office Administrator** to support our flying operations.

Applications are welcomed from those who:

- have great administration and client services experience
 - love meeting and assisting people
 - are calm, capable and charming
 - are proficient with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, QuickBooks, ACE Payroll, and able to learn new systems
 - can prioritize their work load and meet deadlines
 - have a focused and professional approach,
- and
- have a 'can do', reliable attitude towards their work.

If you would like to join the M.A.C team, please submit your CV to: **Marlborough Aero Club, PO Box 73, Blenheim 7240** or fly@marlboroughaeroclub.co.nz by Monday, 7th April 2014

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

I am pleased to be able to report that OMR is finally back on line. By all accounts she is performing very well, and the extra 35 hp over BVP is much appreciated!

On a sadder note, it is a real shame for the club to be seeing Zoe leave us in a few weeks. She is moving on to another challenge, and has certainly been a huge asset to the club. The marketing and publicity work she has achieved in local newspapers and other avenues has been outstanding. And her ever cheerie and happy welcoming face is always appreciated by all I'm sure. Well done for a great 4 years (!) Zoe, and I'm sure I can speak for all members that we will miss you.

The other big news this month was the very disappointing loss in the Aerodrome Road subdivision hearing. We are of no doubt that given time, this decision will have negative impact to all users of the airfield. However the court has decided that there is no issue in this case, and that noise to residents in an Aerodrome Road subdivision will not give rise to undue complaints.

We put everything we had into this, including a large financial expense, and a lot of voluntary time and effort – especially by Andrew Johns. As most of you will have heard, there will be a meeting for club members on Thursday 3rd April 19:00 at the clubrooms to brief members on the hearing, costs to date, and what it means for the club and airfield.

Finally – a big day for the airfield and Aviation Heritage Centre (AHC) on 10th April with the Royal visit passing through! This is a great achievement for the AHC, and a real publicity opportunity for Omaka and local aviation in general. Well done to all involved, and fingers crossed for a fine day !

Cheers, **Craig Anderson**



FROM THE CFI

Hello,

A lot of you have already met me as I have been settling in for the past eight weeks. But for those of you that haven't yet had the chance to say hello make sure you call in and introduce yourself. I thought I would take this opportunity to write a bit about my background.

I have always been into flying and aviation from a very young age. From about five-six years old I was always telling my parents that I was going to be a pilot. My first real experience with aviation came in the form of aero modelling. When I was 10 years old my family went on a camping holiday to New Plymouth. It was here that I was first introduced to radio controlled gliding. We stopped on the side of the road to watch some of these gliders slope soaring off the cliffs of New Plymouth. After talking excitedly with the owners of these wonderful machines, my mind was made up; I had to get me something to fly. Back home in Tauranga I sought out the local model aero club and was promptly put in contact with the local gliding man, John Dolphin. I saved up all my earnings from a paper run to buy my first model glider from an auction and with the help of my parents a Futaba gold box radio control (some of you club members that are into r/c models may know what I am talking about).



So by age 11 my fascination with aviation had started in earnest. This started a long time hobby of r/c gliding which I have competed in very successfully over the years with a few trophies now with my name inscribed on them. Over the years I been involved with F3B (multi task soaring), F3J (thermal duration), F3K (hand launch) all of which are FAI world

classes. The gliders ranging from 1.5m to 3.5m wingspans, hollow moulded carbon/Kevlar and all being imported from overseas manufacturers.



FROM THE CFI *cont*

My full size aviation career started back in 2004 at Bayflight in Tauranga with Phil Hooker aka Hookz. By the end of 2004 I had passed my CPL. In 2005 I completed my multi-engine instrument rating, and I took off for Auckland to do some parachute dropping but decided that Auckland was not the place for me (turns out I am not much of a big city person), so I started glider towing and preparing for a C Cat instructors rating, by the middle of 2006 I had gained the rating.

Since then I have never looked back. I began working for Bayflight as an instructor, maintenance controller and banner tow pilot. I also kept busy glider towing for Tauranga, Rotorua, and Matamata (Piako) Gliding Clubs in any spare time I had (and some time that wasn't spare!). It was at this point I realised my real passion for instructing and found a niche in tail wheel aircraft.

I enjoyed the challenge of flying tail wheel aircraft and soon found out that there was not many young people around who either had the desire or skills to fly these tricky machines. So I set about finding experience in my niche field of tail wheel flying.



FROM THE CFI *cont*

I left Bayflight at the start of 2008 in search of the wild blue yonder to do the O.E thing that young people seem to enjoy (quietly it was an excuse to fly Pawnees full time for a few months that really sold me on it). So I packed my bags and headed to Canada for five months. I ended up flying for Invermere Soaring Centre over the summer. I had a blast over there and I even managed to do some gliding (went solo and completed a few cross countries) in the Rocky Mountains. I realized half way through this O.E that I didn't really have a job to return to in NZ. The other tow pilot I was flying with in Canada just also happened to be kiwi and knew that his local club (South Canterbury) was looking for a new CFI. I figured Timaru sounded just like the type of small town I could get used to. So with a good referral from him and a skype interview (as I was still in Canada) a deal was struck and after a few more months in Canada I was on my way to Timaru.

In Timaru I completed a B Cat under Na'ama's Instruction, the previous CFI of South Canterbury. In Timaru we had two Piper Tomahawks, one Piper Archer and a Piper Cub. South Canterbury also had a 135 Charter Operation. I stayed at South Canterbury for five years in which time I dabbled in microlights, more tail wheel operations/air strip flying and got into the fly aways with the AOPA group, which is where I have met a few of the Marlborough Aero Club members.

When the opportunity arose for the CFI position here at Marlborough I knew immediately that I should apply. I knew the Marlborough Aero Club was making a name for itself in training tail wheel pilots and air strip flying, which fitted my career path perfectly. Also having the Aviation Heritage Centre on field with the potential opportunity to get into vintage aircraft which is a big draw card. So here I am!!! During my time here at the club I plan on completing my A Cat and Flight Examiner Rating with a view to staying in G.A long term.

Happy and safe flying, Sharn Davies

NOTAM

Please be aware that the Omaka Airfield will be closed for the AHC flying Day on Thursday 10th April between 13:00-15:00.

EVENTS

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS OF BRIEFING ON COLONIAL SUBDIVISION

We will be holding a briefing on Thursday 3rd April 7pm at the clubrooms, to inform members of details of the recent Environment Court decision regarding the proposed Aerodrome Road subdivision.

The main reasons for this are to:

- give members an overview of the case we put to the court
- what the result means for the club and airfield users options available to us

I encourage all members with an interest in the future of the airfield to attend. The Committee needs have a strong direction in which to head, and we can only achieve this with a good turnout of members.



We have finally organised a leaving do for Travers! Please join us on Saturday 5th April at 2pm of a game of paintball. Contact [Nick](#) (027 424 9977) before 31st March for info.

There will then be the **Last Fly Before It Gets Dark** Fly Away from Omaka. Pilot Briefing M.A.C Flight Office 5:30pm.

This will be followed by a BBQ (possibly a spit roast at the Clubhouse. Please confirm numbers at the Flight Office before 31st March.

YOUNG EAGLES FLYING DAY



Thank you to all the kind hearted pilot members who helped to make our Young Eagles' dreams come true on Saturday.

All up, 18 Young Eagles took to the sky and experienced flying first hand.

It's a great day that the Young Eagles and the pilots look forward to. It's through the generosity of the Club and it's members that we are able to offer such an active programme to foster young budding aviators. Long may it continue.

Derek Harding, Young Eagles Coordinator





We're open
throughout Easter
& ANZAC Day
(18-25th April inc.)

Happy Easter to all our members.

FLYING HOURS

Feb-14

	Non Pro	Casket	Com	Dual	Solo	Private hire	Total
BVP				17.65			17.65
DMF	0.10			23.20	1.90	15.10	40.30
DYZ	0.70			5.70	0.60	0.80	7.80
ERB				1.52	0.88	1.75	4.15
OMK			1.33	14.65	3.50	7.90	27.38
OMR							-
				62.72	6.88	25.55	97.28
Inst Hire							1.10

Feb-13

	Non Pro	Casket	Com	Dual	Solo	Private hire	Total
CMP				0.20	0.50		0.70
DMF				7.20	3.20	0.80	11.20
DYZ				6.75	1.10	1.30	9.15
EBX		0.90	1.50	0.80		1.90	5.10
EQH				22.00	5.00	3.40	30.40
ERB				4.11	1.20	8.38	13.69
OMK	4.00			7.80	2.50	6.10	20.40
OMR				8.80	1.50	7.00	17.30
PAM			0.60				0.60
	4.00	0.90	2.10	57.66	15.00	28.88	108.54
Inst Hire							1.3


**KEEP
CALM
AND
TIDY
UP**

We would like to ensure the airfield is looking tidy for the Royal visit, so we'll be holding a **Working Bee on Sunday 6th April from 10am onwards**. Please join us at the Clubhouse at 10am if you're able to spare an hour or two to help out.

**MARLBOROUGH AERO CLUB (INC.)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014**

NOMINATION FORM

We, the undersigned two members of the Marlborough Aero Club (Inc.) hereby nominate:

FULNAME

ADDRESS

FOR THE OFFICE OF

DATED THIS DAY OF 2013

Signature..... printMEMBER

Signature..... printMEMBER

I hereby consent to accept nomination in accordance with the Rules.

.....SIGNATURE

.....DATE

Nominations of candidates for election shall be delivered to the Secretary by 5pm, 6 June 2014; with intimation in writing signed by the member nominated that he is willing to serve. Two and not more than two members shall sign nominations. A CV is also required, stating background and reason for standing. *Note: only current Financial Members are entitled to nominate and vote for Committee positions.*

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PROXY VOTING FORM

I being a financial member of the Marlborough Aero Club Incorporated, hereby appoint or failing them as my proxy vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 25 June 2014 and at any adjournment thereof.

.....SIGNATURE

.....DATE

No member shall hold more than two proxy votes and such proxies shall be presented to the Chair-man of the meeting prior to the commencement of the meeting.