



Mercury Bay Flyer

November 2017

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Flying Activity:

What has been the reason to delay the rising of our members into the air?

Is it the weather (too often quoted as not suitable), lack of places to fly to (call me), no one to go with or fishing's too good?

No worries, it will all come right as the longer days mean you can still mow your lawns, wash the car in the twilight now until 2015 hours so if you are back and landed with an hour or two before last light, you can still go flying and get back in time for the chores!

Jim braved the elements and got to Raglan and back one "iffy" weekend in October making good headway in his RV12 despite the headwind.

I recently took a quick trip to Masterton and back, when the weather permitted, visited with relatives while they were here from the UK, lunched with my SAC engineer from my Wairarapa years, then headed



back before the blow came. Just made it through the Manawatu Gorge at 22 kts groundspeed, experiencing the joy of the wave, rising and falling prior to the gorge, and roughness of the air in the lee of the ranges from Masterton to Ashhurst, then managed a very pleasant flight via the Desert Road and onwards to Whitianga in smooth air at 5500'. What a great way to spend a couple of days of fine weather!

Doug and Martin have been getting the Storch well used and accompanied me to the Matamata Aero Club flyin last weekend taking the gap in the weather too so they are getting good use of the Storch on a sunny day as well as the hospitality of the MAC who, I see, are also having another fly-in Saturday 25 Nov.

Departure Lounge Cafe



Be sure to check Mercury Bay Aero Club on Facebook along with Departure Lounge Cafe so that you stay up to date with Alfred's hours and Menu changes as this is a recent upgrade to the MBAC information link.



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“NEW” Cabinet food freshly baked Pies sausage rolls and savoury scones to enjoy with your coffee or tea.

New Hours 0830-1700 daily and now closed Mondays & Tuesdays but going to 6 days a week in December and closed Tuesdays then.

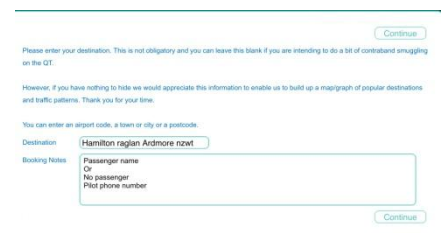
Notices from committee:

Depressions in the apron area have been given attention by Tony and grass seems to be recovering well now.



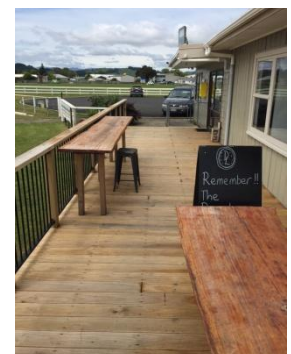
The first airfield haylage cut has been done a couple of weeks ago and really shown how good the airfield looks after the cut. After two weeks regrowth though, it is hard to see that it was cut so recently! This is one of the MBACs income earners so pleased to see drainage works have drained the runway and edges to avoid equipment getting bogged down like has previously been the case.

There is a need to remind pilots when making bookings to include Destination or flight intentions & name of passenger. As more utilisation can be expected, it increases the need to know where the aircraft is at any given time as a lot of ground can be covered in 1 hour of sightseeing or cross country flying.

A screenshot of a web-based booking form. It includes a 'Continue' button at the top right. Below it, there are instructions: 'Please enter your destination. This is not obligatory and you can leave this blank if you are intending to do a bit of combalant smuggling on the QT.' and 'However, if you have nothing to hide we would appreciate this information to enable us to build up a mapgraph of popular destinations and traffic patterns. Thank you for your time.' There is a text input field for 'Destination' containing 'Hamilton rajian Ardmore nzwt'. Below that, there are radio button options for 'Passenger name', 'Or', 'No passenger', and 'Pilot phone number'. A 'Continue' button is at the bottom right.

Example of enhanced Booking detail

New deck works approved by MBAC committee are well underway with deck ramps now completed and now the deck verandah is nearing start with a “digging team” to be brought into action for the uprights required to hold the structure in place.



Looking good for the Summer season

TCDC District Plan Variation 2 is still before the committee in the review process but yet to report back the final resolution achieved.

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Entrance driveway has now been completed and looking good as the gateway to MBAC facility and enhancing the venue for both MBAC and the community.



Hangar floor has now been repainted two coats of grey by Tony, Bill, Bruce & Martin just in time for the first wedding function today.

A big thanks to our mower operators for keeping the runways so well mown and grounds looking so great.



Mercury Bay Aero Club is now on Facebook so check out the recent happenings.....

Flight Club Ball Room



Amy can be contacted via phone (021 899 634), email amy@flightclubballroom.co.nz or via her webpage www.flightclubballroom.co.nz

Her wedding season has begun so aircraft rehangaring will now occur on a more regular basis. Normally this will have MBA relocated to the FlyStark hangar if space permits there and a note will be put in the Booking system advising this. As the hangar needs authorised entry the contact person when this occurs will be put on the Booking advice.

New Members

Richard Milne recently joined the ranks of flying membership at the MBAC so is ready to have fun in the sun in Whitianga. Please welcome Richard into our world when you next see him at the Aerodrome.

Airfield Maintenance & Building



Hangar houses nearing completion and occupancy.

Makes you want to live on an Airpark, eh?

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New Hangar Sites:



These are still a works in progress...but just look at these works!



Flying Events

<http://www.aviationnews.co.nz/other/calendar/> This is a good list of the must do s this summer flying season.

Black Sands- Raglan – cancelled this year due weather....that is why this newsletter is getting written during the rain!

ROC (Rotorua Aero Club) fly in 12 November... Check Facebook for updates.... Sausage sizzle 1200 at the Gliding Club Hangar...

MAC (Matamata Aero Club) fly-in 25 November....get those aircraft airborne!

From AVWEB:

The FAA and NTSB both issued safety alerts recently that warn pilots to use proper procedures when operating on runways. The NTSB cites several accidents when pilots chose an intersection take-off to save time, and then lost power. In each case, if the pilot had used the entire available runway, there would have been room for a safe landing straight ahead. Instead, all three aircraft crashed, and two people were killed. The safety board advises pilots to use all available runway length to increase the margin of safety on every take-off.

Mercury Bay Model Club

No News this month due weather interuptions so I give you a story instead....

<https://www.flightadventures.nz/blog/758908>



Compliments of the Tiger Moth Club of NZ

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Whitianga Aviation Events



Thames – looks like works in progress – finally! Mowing has recently been done and now taxiway resurfacing is started....worth a trip over one sunny afternoon to have Fish and Chips at The Wharf Cafe...come on now ... it's not that far to walk, is it? Top spot!



Christmas Parade Whitianga – 9 December...Phil Hart and his Morgan are entered and we propose to put MBA on a low loader trailer to go with him. Anyone got access to a low loader trailer so we can enter MBA minus wings to join Phil to advertise our Open Day and the MBAS Trust which built the RV12?

Open Day MBAC + Warbirds 6 January 2018

Check out your MBAC website

now....Facebook

The website allows you to view the pictures within the you are not receiving them on your tablet. Remember to check your browser view if you are unable to download the newsletter on your tablet.



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Daylight saving – whoopee! Let's get into the air!

Next Executive Meeting Saturday 11 November 2017 at 0930hrs dinner and drinks venue on Friday evening Departure Lounge Cafe 6pm. Text Wally 021 907782 if planning to attend so Alfred can plan. See attached Notice.

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Stop Press

Ivan Mudrovich is reported as making good progress in his medical treatment.

PLB FOR SALE x 3

Description;

GME

PLB

MT410G

Expired battery.

Will require sending to Auckland for refurbishment (approx \$230).

– Contact Martin 022 6592742 or 07 86605914



MBA annual inspection has found a spectacle lens.....attached photo....please contact Wally to retrieve your lens



RV 12 ZK EAA on first engine run

MBAS build Trust has now wheeled out the current RV12 build for the first engine run.....looking good in its blue paint and recently applied registration markings and stripes

Airfield access section for sale in Yankee place. Andre Mayo 021 2019483



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MERCURY BAY AERO CLUB

TGIF

**THANK GOD ITS FRIDAY AND
THE DAYS ARE LONGER NOW**



**WE are ready to see
you out on Friday 10
November**

DEPARTURE LOUNGE CAFE

Just let Wally know on 021 907 782



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MERCURY BAY AEROCLUB

MBAC OPEN DAY



FUN FOR FAMILY FRIENDS
VISITORS TO WHITIANGA

Warbird rides/Classic cars

Speedway event

Saturday 6
January 2018

Trial Flights / Microlight Instruction



Departure Lounge Cafe

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