



## December 4<sup>th</sup> Newsletter



JOR and RGA

### Merry Christmas to all our members

Please excuse the lack of a November Newsletter, regrettfully our Secretary/Editor has had to resign due to ill health. I'm sure we all wish Steve a speedy recovery.

This year has been a very productive and busy year for the club, we've achieved a lot with more to come next year. The Committee has worked very hard and now it's time to look forward to a break and maybe even get some

flying in!

So please, fly safe over the Christmas holidays and we look forward to an equally productive 2015.

Merry Christmas Everyone!



### Christmas Party

The CRAC Christmas party will be held at **Caesars Family Restaurant and Bar** in Redwood on Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. RSVP's have to be in by Friday morning, before John goes flying!

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Hopefully you have received our e-mails about this. If you're not receiving e-mails please send your current address to **secretary@crac.co.nz**

There will be a **raffle** at the Christmas party for a new CRAC-branded jacket

and baseball caps. These beautiful fashion items have been organised by Deane Phillip, the caps will be available shortly and the Jackets will need to be pre-ordered.

Christmas Party is pay for your own food and drinks with a \$10 club subsidy.

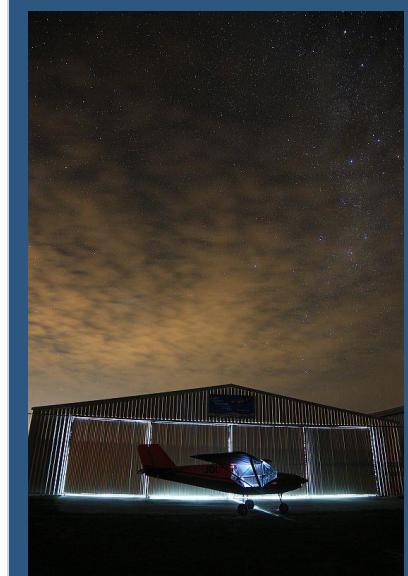
Thanks to John McCaul for organizing the Christmas Party and Deane for the Jackets and Caps.



### November Highlights

- 48 hours training flown in Tecnam RGA
- 17 hours flown in JOR
- New Hangar pad completed
- Air NZ Flying club arrangement commenced
- Graeme Main and Doug Anderson seconded to the committee

**"Oxford BBQ and Fly-in SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December, starts 10:00 to 11:00am, CRAC Oxford strip."**





Something to aspire to?

## Committee Report

The Committee meeting was held at the Kaiapoi Working Men's Club on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Main news items were the resignation of Steve Amstad as secretary due to ill health, and Caroline Trevella due to work commitments. Graeme Main and Doug Anderson have been seconded onto the Committee to fill these vacancies, at least until the next AGM. We thank Steve and Caroline for their hard work and wish them all the very best.

Deane Phillips reports that the construction of the Hangar kit will commence next week (8<sup>th</sup> December).

Paul Godfrey has taken on the task of keeping the club's copy of the AIP up to date, thanks Paul for

doing this!

Other than this there were discussions around attracting more Instructors and the roles and responsibilities of the RAANZ ATO's in this regard. Deane Philip reported that RAANZ will be reviewing the roles and responsibilities of ATO's.

The club's web site was also discussed at length.

Volkmar Wollenweber was a welcome observer at the meeting.



## RAANZ AGM

The RAANZ AGM was hosted by CRAC at the clubhouse on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a BBQ Lunch. There was the standard election of officers and presentation of accounts. Our own Deane Phillip and Easwaran (Iceman) were elected to the executive, well done guys.

The role and visibility of the ATO's was raised by our own club.

For your temporary editor, this was an excellent chance to put a face to names, RAANZ has gone from being a faceless bureaucracy to group of individuals, all doing their best to walk through the minefield of legislative, safety, and aviation requirements, balancing them against the needs and demands of RAANZ members.

Meeting people face to face is all good!



The RAANZ Executive, Including Iceman and Deane, get stuck into some juicy topics after the AGM



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**Happy Birthday,  
ZK-JOL – ten years  
young this year!**



## Upcoming Events

**Oxford BBQ and Fly in SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>  
December**, starts 10:00 to 11:00am,  
CRAC Oxford strip.

Rumours of a Fly in at Rangitata Island  
THIS WEEKEND, no details available at the  
time or writing.

**20 December : Fly-in and Transport  
Display Hokitika Airport.** Celebrating  
Hokitika's 150th weekend and 80th  
anniversary of New Zealand's first airline  
service. All welcome. Contact Richard  
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**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2015 (Waitangi  
Weekend) there will be a Fly-In and  
camping weekend at Oxford strip**, with a  
trip to Ashburton to visit the Sport Aircraft  
Great Plains Fly-In.

**31 January 2015 - Healthy Bastard's Bush  
Pilot Champs at Omaka.** See side panel.

**Easter 2015 – Classic Fighters Omaka**

**June 2015 Brass Monkey to Haast and  
Karamea**

Club Captain **Paul Godfrey** will organize  
some local flying events that will be  
organised with short notice (weather  
dependent) so keep your eye on your  
club e-mails

## Healthy Bastard's Bush Pilot Champs

As reported in Upcoming Events, The **Healthy Bastard's Bush Pilot Champs** is an annual event held at Omaka. Our own Deane Phillip won his category last year, and is back defending his title on 31<sup>st</sup> January. In fact Deane is now the poster boy for this event! (or at least, ZK-JUG is).

Deane reports that it would be a fantastic event to attend, either as a spectator or competitor. The competitions are STOL events, or the precision landing competition which is suitable for all aircraft types.

Entry here:

[www.marlboroughaeroclub.co.nz/health-y-bastards/healthy-bastards-registration/](http://www.marlboroughaeroclub.co.nz/health-y-bastards/healthy-bastards-registration/)

## Club Web Site

Regretfully the club web site transfer to [www.crac.co.nz](http://www.crac.co.nz) has not been completed, and we have lost our web developer. This web site is the one being updated (especially the photo galleries) and the booking system links back to the old site. The committee intends to concentrate on resolving this issue in the new year. In the meantime it is preferred that you use [www.crac.co.nz](http://www.crac.co.nz).

Did you know that we have a Facebook page? Search for Canterbury Recreational Aircraft Club and add us!

**Our kids' favorite  
Christmas joke:**

**What do you call a person who is  
afraid of Santa Claus?**

**Claustrophobic!**



## Rangiora Airfield Landing Fees

As reported in previous Newsletters, our President has negotiated a very favourable deal with the Waimakariri District Council for both Club Aircraft and Club Member's Aircraft.

Flying Club Membership annual fees will include a \$10.00 Landing Fee surcharge to cover the club aircraft from next year.

Any club member who wants to participate must get their **name and aircraft registration to Mike**, and be billed \$60 per annum from next March to cover the landing fees. This will go directly to the WDC, and there is no further charge. Anyone outside of this scheme will have to make the usual arrangements for payment to the council. Remember that the fees are now \$10 for the casual rate.

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