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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



A reminder that the Discover Kapiti Heritage Group's Annual Clue Hunt is arranged for Wellington Anniversary Weekend, 17 / 18/ 19 January next year. We will have the Museum open 10am to 4pm on all three days and are expecting another good visitor count again. Members and friends prepared to help with minding the visitors will be appreciated.

Upcoming Meeting Programme, etc

Tuesday 23 December 2025 to Tuesday 6 January 2025		No meetings
Tuesday 13 January 2026	9.15 to 11.00am	Open forum at the Museum
Saturday 17 January 2026 Sunday 18 January 2026 Monday 19 January 2026	10.00am to 4.00pm	Anniversary Weekend : DKHG Clue Hunt
Tuesday 20 January 2026	9.15 to 11.00am	Open forum at the Museum
Tuesday 27 January 2026	9.15 to 11.00am	Open forum at the Museum
Tuesday 3 February 2026	9.15 to 11.00am	Open forum at the Museum

MUSEUM HOURS:

SUNDAYS 1pm to 4pm

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Gallery of Grumman's

Wilson Lattey

Back in the late 1970's, the Wellington Aero Club elected to replace their aging two-seat Victa Airtourer fleet with brand new Grumman 4-seat AA5's as they were more versatile and modern.

They were beautiful and responsive to fly. The first were three Grumman AA5 Travelers (ZK-DKZ, ZK-DLA and ZK-DLB) operating out of Wellington Airport, followed by an improved AA5A Cheetah (ZK-DLI) which was based at the Paraparaumu Branch of the Club, and an AA5B Tiger (ZK-DLJ) in Wellington which had a 180hp Lycoming engine rather than the 150hp engine that powered the other models. They all figure in my logbook and were brilliant for formation flying. (Debbie first- soloed in DKZ).



DKZ on the beach at Greville Harbour



DKZ crashed and was burnt out after striking national grid power lines in the low flying area south of the Otaki River. **DLA** last seen decorating the top of a car sales building in New Lynn. **DLB** scrapped at New Plymouth. **DLI** now owned by The Biggin Hill Trust. **DLJ** sold in Australia as VH-DLV.



Life Flight's Beech Kingair B200 ZK-LFA



Piper PA-46-500TP ZK-FMU, recently arrived in New Zealand ex Europe



Airbus AS 350 B2 owned by Mid West Helicopters



SoundsAir Cessna 208 Caravan ZK-PDM

Flashback

RNZAF Red Checkers Aerobatic Team practice session during an organised visit to Ohakea Air Force Base by members of the Museum of Aviation many years ago.



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