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Unfortunately, the thieves have struck again. The power supply cables from the old control tower which service our building and the Air Cadets building below have been cut out and the rewiring under our building carried out in January has gone again. Our copper water supply pipes have also been stripped (now fixed).

Apparently, this problem is currently district wide. We are working to get power on again in time for our open days as part of the Wellington Heritage Festival in a few weeks' time.

In the meantime, our regular Tuesday morning gatherings are being held alternately at Stu's and Wilson's homes. These have been opportunities to view some of their collectibles, and the morning teas have been several levels above the traditional gingernuts!

Scotland Storyboard

The final storyboard in our two-year Council-sponsored display upgrade programme is currently at the printers. The illustrations will include these two, which have been enhanced with a bit of help from Photoshop etc.



Scotland's Caudron at Otaki, 27 January 1914



Caudron at Gore, February 1914

Presentations

We have had two recent invitations to give talks about our Museum to outside groups. The first was to the **Kapiti Aeromodellers Club**.



Wilson prepared a PowerPoint slide show and presented it to twenty or so KAC members at their August Club Night at the meeting room facility at Queen Elizabeth Park opposite the Tramways Museum. It was great to catch up with Ian Crosland who is a past Aviation Museum member and is still a keen, longstanding aeromodeller.

Wilson and Stu did a similar presentation to residents at **Metlife Care's Coastal Villas Retirement Village**. Several of those attending thoroughly enjoyed reminiscing about their early experiences with air travel and the Paraparaumu aerodrome. The audience included one very young-looking 101-year-old!

Stu rounded it out with a session on some of his war medals collection which the residents found really interesting.

Wilson discovered that one of those present was an old friend who had been a joint owner with him in a Cessna 172 syndicate back in the mid-1970's.



Cessna 172 ZK-CHN, pausing at Hanmer during a South Island day-trip in September 1975

Planespotting

A selection of Stu Brown's photographs on and around the airport.



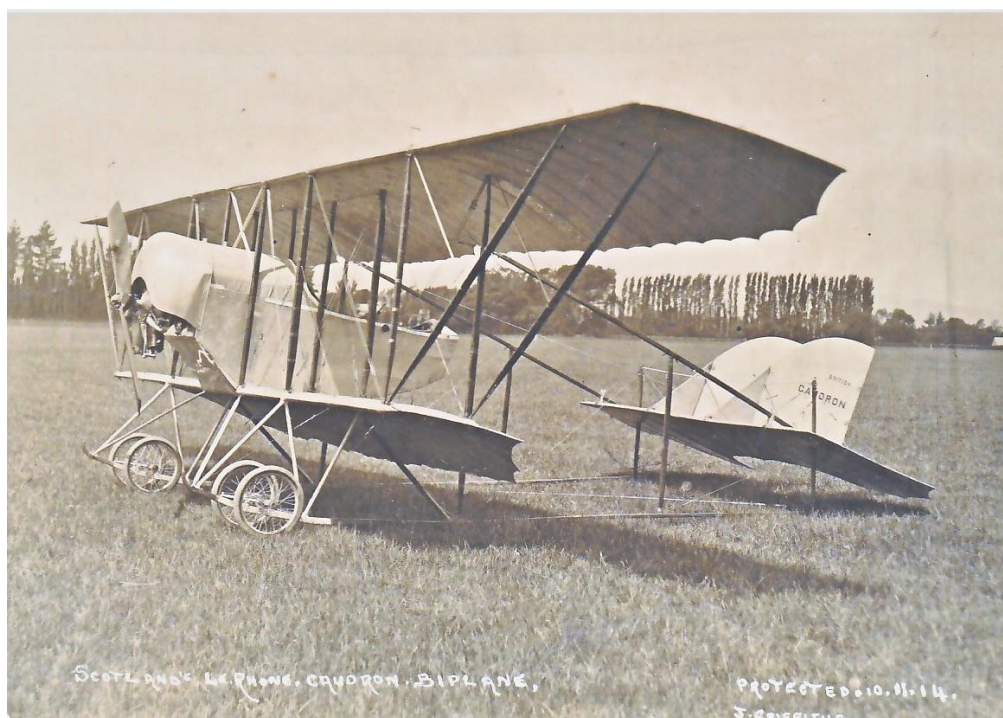
A couple of Nanchang CJ-6 visitors



Piper PA-42 Cheyenne, Airways Corporation NZ

<i>Tuesday 20 October 2026</i>	<i>9.30 to 11.00am</i>	<i>Open forum at 387A Te Moana Road Waikanae (Wilson & Debbie Lattey's home)</i>
<i>Tuesday 27 October 2026</i>	<i>9.30 to 11.00am</i>	<i>Open Forum (TBC)</i>
<i>Tuesday 3 November 2026</i>	<i>9.30 to 11.00am</i>	<i>Open Forum (TBC)</i>
<i>Saturday 7 November 2026</i> <i>Sunday 8 November 2026</i>	<i>10.00am to 4.00pm</i>	<i>Wellington Heritage Festival 2026</i> <i>Kapiti District Open Weekend</i>
<i>Tuesday 10 November 2026</i>	<i>9.15 to 11.00am</i>	<i>Open forum at the Museum</i>
<i>Tuesday 17 November 2026</i>	<i>9.15 to 11.00am</i>	<i>Open forum at the Museum</i>

The other Scotland Caudron



Our research folder contained this photograph labelled “Scotland’s Le Rhone Biplane”., photo dated 10 November 1914.

The original Anzani-powered Type D Caudron was destroyed in Wellington in March 1914, and Scotland imported this Le Rhone-powered Type F in August of that year.

This aircraft crashed on a test flight in Christchurch in September 1914. It was then acquired by the NZ Flying School at Kohimarama and, after repair, was flown by Vivian Walsh in December 1915.

During its time with the school, it was used to train pilots for World War 1 and was operated on custom-built floats, becoming the first twin-float seaplane in New Zealand.

It was damaged beyond repair on 31 August 1916 when it stalled in a turn and crashed into Waitemata Harbour.

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