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Note from the President

My thanks to those of you who came to the AGM and the Forum that followed. The meeting was short and sweet. The committee is unchanged for the current year and the financial report was comfortably in the black.

Following the formal meeting we had an hour and a half of very fruitful discussion, canvassing options and possibilities for growing visitor numbers and membership. One idea we are trialing is to put a bit more structure into our regular Tuesday morning meetings by introducing short talks or presentations by members or invited guests with a view to making them more attractive to members and their invited friends.

The concept is to gather as usual around 9.30am for a cuppa and a yarn and then at 10am we allocate half an hour or so for a member or invited guest to talk or illustrate a subject, not necessarily aviation-related but could include personal experiences or hobbies or historical subjects. These will be scheduled approximately twice a month and will be advised in the Flyer in good time for members make arrangements to attend. You will be encouraged to bring friends or family members if you think a particular subject may interest them.

Following this there will be a final half hour or so devoted to interesting memorabilia and any other matters members would like to raise.

Some of the other ideas put forward included arranged visits to other museums, freshening up our displays, and social activities like dinner out at a restaurant and a summer barbecue, and setting up our own website and increasing our Facebook presence.

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The return of Tuesday morning speakers

We're hoping to have members and occasional guests regularly present at our Tuesday morning meetings. Many of you will remember that we did this for many years, but put this on hiatus for the past few years as fewer members felt the urge to participate over time.

Our first presenters will be Roger Newth on the 11th June, and special guest David Thomas on 2nd July.

Please come along to learn from these people.

Please also start to think how you, or someone you know, could present to one of our Tuesday morning meetings. We expect the presentations to be only about 20 minutes with a few additional minutes for questions, and so to take very little preparation and to be relaxed events. If we are to give advance notice of your presentation in the Flyer, we will need to know near the start of the previous month.

Planespotting

Our regular collection of photos from at and around the airport, thanks to Stu Brown.

Right: ZK-BGO Cessna 180 Skywagon. Arrived in NZ new in 1957, and so there's a nice variety of photos and history available online for this aircraft.



Nice front-on shot of the Merlin Cessna 208B, ZK-MLO



Piper PA-28-140E ZK-DEJ,



*The Beech King
Air B200 ZK-
LFA operated by
Life Flight out
of Palmerston
North*



*The Air Chathams ATR
72-500, ZK-MCO, flying
out of Whanganui.*

*(Note this isn't a local
photo, but it's perhaps the
first we've had of the ATR)*



*Line-up of Caravans: EAV and
MLO*

Eurocopter EC-120B ZK-IGE.

Registered to a Hamilton address, Stu states that this was one of three helicopters passing through on their way to Wanaka on Wednesday 8th May.



Monnett Sonerai 2 ZK-SNJ. The Sonerai is a Formula V Air Racing design (an American racing class with engines up to 1.6 litres) powered by a VW engine.

Upcoming Meeting Programme

Tuesday 4 th June 9:30 AM	Open programme
Tuesday 11 th June 9:30 AM	Roger Newth, Artillery Ops in Vietnam
Tuesday 18 th June 9:30 AM	Open programme
Tuesday 25 th June 9:30 AM	Open programme
Tuesday 2 nd July 9:30 AM	David Thomas, Airport Refuelling at Wellington and in the UK