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Reply from Host Chapter

I would like to thank Lance for his comments on the Fly-in held at Taieri in February and reply to several of the points he raised about the running of the event.

The metal road referred to was installed for aeroplanes to taxi on, as the grass becomes soft in the Winter leading to aircraft becoming bogged. I have never found any damage to my propeller (an Ian Henry) as I need only 600 RPM to taxi along this road as opposed to 1200 RPM needed for grass.

During the planning meetings held before the event it was estimated that we could reasonably expect 10-12 people to camp on the field, (75% of the number that camped at Dairy Flat) and that the two toilets in the main hanger and the two toilets and shower in the Aero Club rooms would suffice. The actual number camping was 22 and this led to stress in the department. There is no caretaker and the rooms belong to the Aero Club.

The registration fee was made as unambiguous as possible on the registration form, and was charged on a per head basis to prevent an injustice to those arriving singly as opposed to a group in a Cessna 172. This money went towards insurance, hired mini van and stationary costs involved with the fly-in and this was a function of the number of people attending, not the number of aircraft.

It is disappointing to hear the myth that the Aero Club charged us for any facilities, this subject was raised at the council meeting and it was correctly pointed out that we hoped to make a donation to them.

Transport to the hall was provided but was approx. 10 minutes late having just completed a circuit of Mosgiel, the van passed the private car some 100 yards from the field, after which one more trip was completed to make sure that everyone had been picked up, the meal started around 20 minutes after the van returned to the hall.

Fueling points available for the trip back mentioned that Plains Aviation of West Melton would be closed on Sunday and that Ashburton or Omasa would be open. This was done to assist flight planning North bound routes.

Lance's comments have been

welcomed as a constructive criticism of the fly-in management and we apologise for any distress encountered by him or his wife, however the suggestion that we were incompetent or under resourced is rejected. Being clairvoyant would be the ultimate planning aid as far as numbers of people/aircraft and

weather are concerned but on reflection the chapter feels that the event was a success and tenders its apology to those that got sunburnt.

Dunedin Chapter would like to thank all people for coming South and making the weekend a great success. We hope to see you all in Waipukurau in 1990!

Gary Montague



TROPHIES AWARDED AT NATIONAL FLY-IN

ROTHMANS TROPHY

Highest aggregate of points.

Evan Belworthy

SAFE AIR TROPHY

Navigation — as per RNZAC rules.

Ewen Nichol Zenith 200 ZK-NEN

ROBT. TREWAVAS TROPHY

Bombing — as per RNZAC rules.

Gary Montagu ZK-JAM

AVIATION NEWS TROPHY

Forced landing — as per RNZAC rules.

Morris Tull ZKCYB

S.A.A. AWARD

Aerobatics.

Don Wilkinson ZK-TOY

SPOT LANDING

M. Meredith ZK-DAG

1. FORLONG TROPHY

Best Composit aircraft.

Case Groot KR2 ZK-KRG

2. SPORT FLYING TROPHY

Best V.W. Installation.

Case Groot KR2 ZK-KRG

3. ROBBIE ROBSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Best Revmaster Installation.

Morris Tull CURRY WOT ZK-CYB

4. JIM MUIR MEMORIAL TROPHY

Outstanding service by a member to
NZAACA.

Neil Falconer

5. EAA TROPHY

Outstanding service by a Chapter to
NZAACA.

Dunedin Chapter

6. STHLAND CHAPTER TROPHY

Best homebuilt completed during cur-
rent year, fly-in to fly-in.

Pazmany PL2 Trevor Parker ZK-TLP

7. AEROTRIM TROPHY

Best upholstered aircraft to attend
fly-in.

Pazmany PL2 Trevor Parker ZK-TLP

8. TARANAKI TROPHY

Best all-metal aircraft to attend fly-in.

Pazmany PL2 Trevor Parker ZK-TLP

9. THAMES VALLEY TROPHY

Best wood & fabric aircraft to attend
fly-in.

Gunter Barthell Cavalier ZK-DJJ

10. AIR N.Z. TROPHY

Awarded to the aircraft judged Grand
Champion to attend fly-in.

Pazmany PL2 Trevor Parker ZK-TLP

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Mark Elworthy. Glass Air. ZK-ADY.

Penny & Evan Belworth. Pietenpol ZK-PRB.

