



Kaikoura Aero Club **NEWSLETTER** October 2018

Looking Ahead...



Presidents Report

Getting good spring weather and it's great to see the hangar almost complete after which Bob is keen to have a working bee to return the land and tidy condition back to the Ngai Tahu owners along with appropriate acknowledgement.

It appears business is thriving, whales obliging and students making good progress. We continue maintaining our tight procedures and high safety standards and I acknowledge the professional approach of all our pilots ensuring ongoing success for KAC and Air Kaikoura.

Congratulations Jack on obtaining your C-CAT and on your 21st birthday. Welcome Erin as a qualified C-CAT employed as a casual pilot here. I look forward to being updated on KDC Airport Developments and trust regular revision on our MOU has improved understanding, cooperative performance and radio procedures. All very basic disciplines for all pilots, for the benefit of our students.

VH-EHS (*soon to be ZK-EHS*) is our next project and I'm hopeful this opportunity proves viable and trouble free, and being less exacting than DOP – it may enable less experienced pilots to share the work load.

Fly well in the Summer Sun.

Barb.



Club News

Say hello to our new casual instructor Erin Creasey. Erin completed her training in Ardmore before moving south, and her current focus is on instructing as a career path. She will be providing instruction and Pilot a Plane experiences here as her schedule permits (busy Mum) and also working casually at MAC.

She also has a well appreciated side talent for baking cupcakes. Thanks Erin and welcome.

SAFETY

New charts and Airspace changes effective 8th November.

If you are planning on flying on or after the 8th November then ensure you have the latest charts (you can buy online at AIP shop). There are changes to the Airspace around Nelson, Christchurch, Wellington and Timaru that will come into effect 8 November. For more information ask at the aeroclub or visit <https://www.caa.govt.nz/assets/legacy/airspace/2018-Airspace-Proposals-Final.pdf>

Achievements

Congrats to Jack for passing his C-CAT flight test 8th September, all the more impressive for having to carry it out from Rangiora in an unfamiliar area – great fun to track his test on flightradar.. Thanks mate for inviting us to your 21st birthday celebration. A good night had!



Jack gets the right result.

Hangar Progress

Since the last Newsletter the Hangar has come a long way. The walls are closed in and the electric door is on and fully operational. Visitors are very impressed by it and the planes look great inside. Gone are the old heavy, iron doors of the original hangar and the effort required to open and close them. Phewww.



Sheltered from the elements



*Closing in
on...closing
in.*

2018 Regionals

This year's Alpine Regionals flying competition was held at West Melton. The Aero club was represented by Mark Janssen, Paul Threadgill, Bernard and Alexis Harmon and Barb in support. Erin and Alistair officiated as judges. The team departed in JCT and TUG at sunrise on Saturday morning landing in time for the competitor briefing. Weather was good. Bernard and Alexis competed in the *Senior and Junior spot landings*. Mark Janssen competed in the *forced landing without power* and in *precision circuits and landings*, taking out 2nd place and then headed back to Kaikoura with Barb in TUG in time to get to work at the Pier. Paul Threadgill represented us in the *pre-flight inspection and circuits and landings* and placed 3rd. Thanks for the photos Paul.

Well done guys and thanks for representing. The rumour is, it'll be held here in the next year or so...





Alistair enjoying officiating with the tools of the trade, clipboard and high vis. Jacket.

Bernard lines JCT up in the background.



TUG lines up at West Melton...



Father/Daughter rivalry with Barb and Mark looking on....

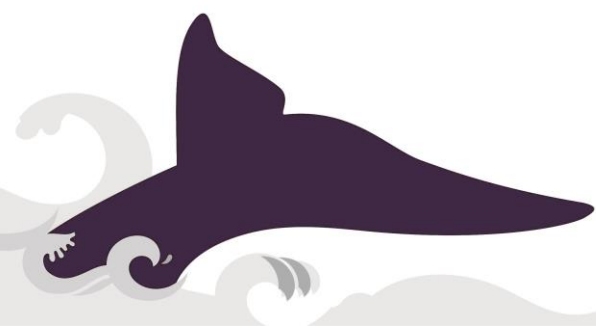


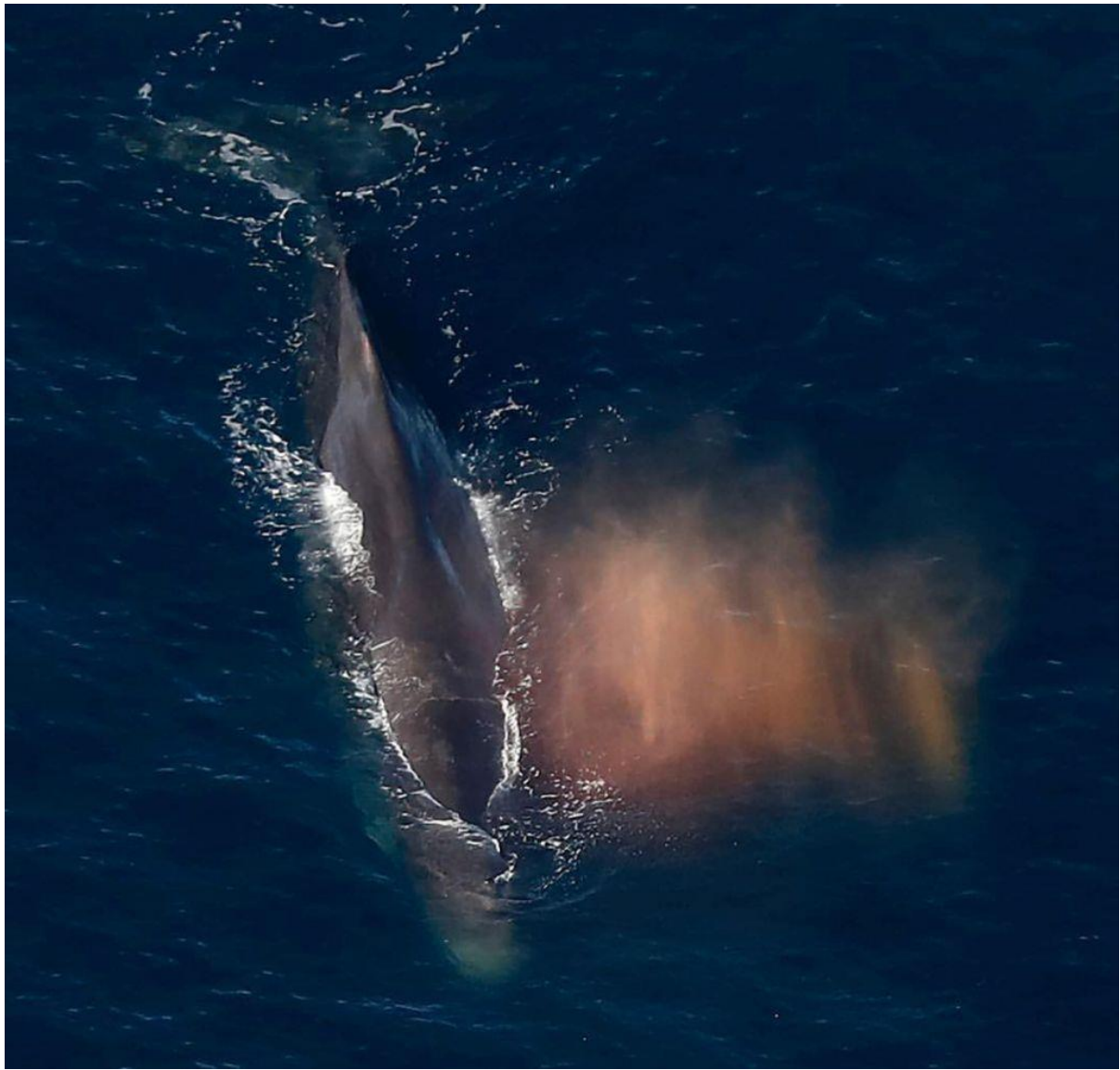
*Eyes on the prize,
Mark Von Beardface before heading out
for Precision circuits and landings and
bringing home 2nd Prize.*

The fashion series continues. Anyone remember last year's photos? I don't know what it is about regionals that leads us into such stunning fashion choices....

Anybody seen a whale?!

Sperm whale watching has been tough as of late. October is the time of year that the semi-resident Sperm whales in Kaikoura decide, without telling us, that they are going on vacation. They disappear apparently somewhere further off-shore to seek food (and possibly to chase the ladies)..... Obviously, this makes it difficult to find them and it's not always possible in a 30-40 minute flight. Hopefully they get bored out there and return to closer to the shore soon.





Great shot of a Sperm whale from one of our passengers Martin, prior to the annual vacay off shore.

Young Eagles

Next YE day will be held on Sunday 18th November, an email update will go out the week of.

December: Marlborough Aero Club would like to extend an invitation to the Motueka and Kaikoura Young Eagles to join them in an overnight camp at Omaka, Saturday the 8th December. The camp won't revolve around aviation but it will be still involved somehow. Activities like egg and spoon races, spot light on the field in the dark, orienteering – just to name a few things will be organised A BBQ will be organised for the Saturday night dinner, which the kids could even cook!!! An email should have been received by each YE member with more details – if you're keen, please let Jack know...

Bombs Away - September

Late September was a fly day for the Young Eagles. With Jack in command of TUG the objective was for each YE to release the 'bomb' (or liferaft if that sounds friendlier) at the right moment; drop it in or as



close to a old tyre at the 05 end. The action was viewed from the side of the hangar as YE's took turns at bombing. There were some good attempts, but Emma Rae took it out with an incredible bullseye.

Nice!

Bomb squad with TUG and the new the hangar.



Emma Rae times her drop just right to have her bomb land square on the bullseye.

Finally, thankyou everyone for their on-going support with the hangar. We look forward to having it completed soon and celebrating with a year end Hangar Party.



Cheers!