

**MONTHLY BRANCH**  
**DATE; WED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**TIME ;19:30hrs**

**Meeting for JUNE 2010**

**VENUE; GLENVIEW CLUB, PEACOCKES RD. GLENVIEW, HAMILTON.**

**AGENDA; Guest Speaker; Mr. Gerard Robertson. CEng.MRAeS Divisional President RAeS NZ Division. Gerard is the current President of the RAeS, and is also Training and Standards Engineer for Air NZ. Apart from work, Gerard struggles to balance the needs of 3 small children and a busy working wife who keeps telling him he should retire, but that there'd be no house keeper anymore, the thought of ironing thus keeps him at work. Gerard is also a glider pilot, sailor and cyclist, so can see plenty of reasons to overcome the ironing phobia, and spend more time doing pleasurable things. He'll talk briefly about the society and his views on it then will make things more interesting with some of his material from work, including some video footage of aviation events.**

Thanks to all those (26) who came to last month's meeting, when Loren Haisley, a Jamaican now living in Hamilton, one of the Westpac Trust Air Ambulance Helicopter pilots, flying our Bell B-222B(HZQ) and ex-US Army pilot of 20yrs,(Blackhawks), gave us a very informative and enlightening evening with an excellent presentation of his aviation career mixed with humorous stories and aided by flying chocolates given to those who answered certain questions correctly, all in all a very good effort for a first time last minute speaker, so thank you Loren, and well done Sir.

As usual, at the conclusion of the presentation, after I had given Loren his gift pack of our local a/c industries collarge, we presented him with a cheque for \$100 to the Rescue Trust from our branch, and we now have a certificate of thanks, which I can show you at the meeting, with a nice photo of HZQ flying out over Hamilton lake with the Hospital in the background.

Okay, in the latest edition of "Classic Wings" there is a good article on Pioneer Aero Restorations, at Ardmore, about a decade of achievement, which hi-lights the great work done on many P-40 a/c and others by this now world-renowned and respected local company. Those of you who came on our last trip, when the late Ossie James was with us, will remember the excellent caliber of servicing and workmanship that was shown to us upon our tour, and I remarked on the bus, when we returned about some of the things we had seen that day being largely un-noticed by people in the street, but within the aviation fraternity, these guys are the jewels in the crown, yet so often they toil away hidden in the background and basically forgotten, until something like this comes along, so well done chaps, pat yourselves on the back for a job well done, and appreciated by those who do know the true measure of the good old a/c engineer or (erk), as they used to say.

Right, I also bought two new books for our library, and Alan Reynolds has just read them and tells me they are both okay, especially the one about T.T.Bland. The book is titled "**Rags to Rivets**" by Ron Pemberton and is autographed by the author as I purchased it from the Warbirds open day held recently at Ardmore. The second book is titled "**Swift to the Sky**" by Errol Martina hard cover about NZ's Military Aviation History, also a good read, plus some good photographs.

Now, coming up later in the year, I've talked to Russell Borman (The late John Borman's son) who works in the tower over in Tauranga as a Flight/data Asst, who is awaiting the return of Dave Kilborne who is going to do the test flying on their Vari-eze, as seen at the Airshow back in Feb this year, this has a O-320(150-160hp) as opposed to the normal O-200(100hp) engine, and should go like the wind, so when that's done, Russell will be able to carry on and do his flying and give us a report on the progress to date. Now, we will be doing a trip to the Classic Flyers Museum there, one week/end and we can also have a look in the tower and some of the other experimental a/c out in the hanger that are there also the Long-eze with the jet engine( LET- 1,920lbs thrust) and the BD-5B, with the Yamaha engine(533/70hp/260mph) and any thing else that moves there.

Okay troops, our Treasurer, Brian Sunderland has asked that anyone who has not paid their subs for this year (\$25), could you please do so asap and help us get our books in order, and thanks to those who have already done the good deed.

As usual, all members, guests and friends are cordially invited, and the usual refreshments will be available. Thanking you.

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