

NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

Hamilton Branch



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MONTHLY BRANCH MEETING September 2018

DATE: WED 26 September 2018

TIME: 19:30 hrs/7.30pm

VENUE: Glenview Club, Peacockes Road, Glenview, Hamilton

Speaker: Mr. Sal Carta speaking on ADS-B, the new satellite supported system designed to replace radar as NZ's main a/c tracking technology a step closer. The current system will be decommissioned in 2021. This new system ADS-B will be more accurate and hopefully safer than the present one.

Sal's talk will be aided by a powerpoint presentation and a video.

Thanks to all those (19) who came to last month's meeting, when Lt/Cmdr Ian Pickering RN (Rtd) gave us all a very fascinating insight into what it's like in a nuclear submarine and other Naval vessels on which he had served. Most of us never realised the size and complexity of various systems associated with naval warfare, and let's hope they never have to be implemented in our life time, otherwise that would be the end as we know it.

Although this was not a strictly aeronautical topic, weapons systems and missiles were included in the talk with photo's and the Trident missile was the big one (try 64tons).

I think it's safe to say that the nuclear submarine still has the advantage and one might be lurking around our coastline right now, and we wouldn't even know.

ROUND ABOUT:

- The latest local news from Ardmore is the Mosquito FBV1/pz474 (Avspecs) and the P-39Q Airacobra (Pioneer Aero's) should be ready to go by Oct/Nov this year, so roll on summer and with daylight saving starting next week it's all looking good for flying.
- Not sure about Brian Hall's T-28 Trojan in Warbirds hangar, looks like it's ready to fly again after that wheels up landing a while back. Also there is now another Trojan down in Taranaki along with Brett Emeny's one, so now (3) in NZ.
- Also at Classic Flyers Tauranga, Five Westland Wessex helicopters are meant to be arriving Wed/19th/Sept from Taranaki, one will be kept as a static display at Museum and the rest sold/loaned to other Museums in NZ.

NEXT MONTH: Meeting will be on Wed/24th/Oct. Our speaker will be Hugh McCarroll:

"1942-Australia's Greatest Peril".

SUBS:

SUBS; A reminder that payment of subs (still only \$25/yr, \$30 1st year for new members) are now due. Jan to Dec r finance period

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Alan's SEPTEMBER Jottings

During the recent Battle of Britain commemorations, we were reminded of New Zealand's contribution and noble sacrifice in this vital battle to keep the enemy from English soil. We are all also aware that New Zealand's contribution and sacrifice

throughout the war, along with other allied countries, helped turn the tide of battle on both sides of the world. Let us not forget . . . and support our military.

With summer approaching, let us hope for fine weather with no disruption to airline schedules as we have had with fog-bound (and snow-bound!) airports these past few months. We could all do with fine flying weather, whether we are up there in the sky or just enjoying watching from the ground (which is cheaper!). Seeing some drivers' idiotic antics on our roads, one wonders whether any of those people are pilots and do they fly like they drive? We would hope not! But I believe most aviation-minded folk are better trained for driving and flying and have a better appreciation of the dangers. Take care out there.

Things are progressing at Classic Flyers with a number of Westland Wessex helicopters arriving this month, some for restoration for static displays, some for spares, and for trading with other museums. The restoration guys will be busy for quite some time yet, they are still working on our Grumman Avenger; and we can't have them sitting around making the place untidy! The restoration hangar is presently being rearranged for working safety and to allow safe visitor access to the Archives and for viewing the restoration work.

I have recently seen online photos of ejections from military aircraft and while some are genuine, some are obviously photo-shopped with the same pilot and seat ejecting from different aircraft! A video of an airliner being tossed around while supposedly attempting to land in high winds and performing a complete roll just before touchdown could be put into the same category.

Roll on summer.