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NEWSLETTER OF THE
PALMERSTON NORTH BRANCH
NEW ZEALAND DIVISION
ROYAL AERONAUTICAL
SOCIETY**



**CENTENNIAL ARMISTICE DAY 11
NOVEMBER 2018**

Not such a huge turnout for our October Meeting. I was off sick, but Treasurer Dave advises that the address by Member Brian

Carruthers was riveting.... He says you could have heard a pin drop during Brian's presentation. The presentation centred around the flying career of local WWI fighter ace and pioneer airline pilot M.C. 'Mac' McGregor DFC and bar. Mac is buried at our local Kelvin Grove Cemetery having been killed in the crash of an aircraft at Rongotai (now Wellington Airport) on 18 February 1936. If you are passing Kelvin Grove how about putting a poppy on his grave. I understand that some of the Members asked for a copy of Brian's presentation. If you would like a copy drop me an email and I will email you out a copy.



**'Mac's' MILITARY FUNERAL
CORTEGE PASSING
THROUGH PALMERSTON
NORTH**

Noting the tragic crash of the Indonesian Lion Air Boeing 737 off Djakarta this week. Started up the usual media 'thing' about the safety of flying. I read in an article that the odds of a 737-flight resulting in a death are higher than 3.1 million to one. There are more than 2000 Boeing 737s in the air at any one time, every single day; and a 737 takes off somewhere in the world

every 2 seconds. According to the article... 16.8 billion passengers



BOEING 737 MAX 8

had travelled in 737s since 1967 and since 2014 the aircraft had flown more than 184 million flights.

NEXT MEETING...

Our next meeting will be held at our usual venue at the Massey School of Aviation at the Airport on Tuesday 13th of November at 7.00 p.m.

Our presenter will be Member Mike Zaytsoff who is going to talk to us about the de Havilland Canada / Bombardier Dash-8 in its several developments.

Mike has been an air-ambulance pilot in Northern Canada then flew with Air Canada Express flying the Dash 8 and CRJ before coming to New Zealand to fly the Dash-8 with Jetstar.

FUTURE PROGRAMME...

DECEMBER 11th – Christmas Social Meeting. We will be going to CHINATOWN AT 156 Cuba Street meeting at 1900... or if you feel like a drink beforehand we can meet at the corner bar in the Distinction Hotel across the road from the restaurant at 1830. Treasurer Dave will ask for possible numbers at our November meeting.



DASH-8 100 / 200 SERIES

FEBRUARY 12th 2019 – We will have a guided tour of the new Massey Aviation Complex

MARCH 12th – We hope to arrange a visit to the Search and Rescue Helicopter Hangar at the Hospital to receive a briefing on the new national rescue helicopter model.

If you have any suggestions as to speakers or activities for our future programme please drop me an email or speak to one of your Branch Committee Members.

STAY SAFE AND HAVE A GOOD ONE!

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