

NZPFRA – Newsletter April 2010

News

A precision flying event was held out of Timaru as part of the recent Air Safari. This successful event was organised through the combined efforts of a number of NZPFRA team members. Association President, Gordon Hughes reports:

"I arrived on the Monday afternoon then Greg, Ross and Ted. John and I flew the course in MSM and took photos which John printed off on Wed morning. John and I put out 5 targets that were close to the airfield while Ross and Ted put out the remaining 6 targets that were to the South and North. Briefing started just after 10 with a group doing flight planning and the first batch of 6 flying afterwards, 2 landings were scored when they returned. Ted and Ross were back in time (just!) to judge these! A smaller group were then briefed and did flight planning and 2 more did Nav and landings while Ross and Ted went out to recover targets. Daroish and Judy did computer work and scoring and I debriefed observations. After results were obtained John and I recovered the targets that we had put out. I collected the 2 northern targets on my way back to Christchurch in the early hours of Wed morning.

Special thanks to those who helped including Greg Ward, Ross Scherer, Ted Mason, Daroish and Judy Kraidy, and of course John Brunskill.

We have had good feedback and some Wellington based pilots are looking to hold an event in Masterton -all starting to look more encouraging with some new interest and new faces-so it will be good to build on this!"

Results

Prizes were awarded for presentation at the end function on 2nd April (arranged by John Brunskill)

1st \$500 Jeremy Leigh

2nd \$400 Ray Webster

3rd \$300 Charles Davis

4th \$200 David Campbell

4 special at \$100 Chris Hoffman, Bruce Cameron, Rob Mackley, Trevor Hart

1st Landings \$200 Charles Davis

Future Events

- Training Weekend/day Thames November
- Flying Competition early 2011 to select team for event in South Africa April-May ?? 2011 yet to be confirmed

Notice of AGM

The Association Annual General Meeting will be held at the Waikato Aero Club on the 6th June at 13:00 NZST. Please pass this information on to any members, ex-members or other parties who may be interested in attending.

An agenda will be circulated before the meeting date. If you have any items for discussion that you wish to have on the agenda, please email them to agenda@nzpfra.org.nz by the 31st May 2010

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NZPFRA Secretary.