Waikato Chapter of Sport Aviation Assoc (SAA) of NZ

*(Dedicated to building, flying, designing, modifying - and talking about -* ***home-built aircraft****)*

Extra to the Newsletter - February 2025

**A submission from Andrew came in just after I sent out the Newsletter and I figured you would all find this interesting too, so I have done a couple of pages extra to cover it…**

**Currently Building:**

**Andrew Campbell: Asso V Champion ZK-CFS, new plans built, reports: –**

**As I am part of this almost extinct clan I have recently finished or**

**at least thought I had finished my Asso Champion V, so I invited the CAA**

**to my party in the hope that they would issue a Flight Permit on the**

**spot, this was not to be.**

**David Gill from the CAA was the inquisitor that I had the ordeal in**

**conversing with, we all know how we in the flying community really love**

**and hold these government paid officials in high esteem, however I was**

**not a little surprised to discover that he was in fact a member of the**

**human race and was genuinely interested and knowledgeable about aircraft.**

**Before the arrival of the CAA at Matamata Aerodrome I had set up a table**

**and chairs so they had space to work, this possibly helped to portray**

**some signs of professionalism, I made available the drawings of the**

**aircraft that he actually looked at, comment was made on the high**

**quality of the drawings, nothing to do with me, I also put a ton of pics**

**onto a memory stick as the project progressed, these he downloaded to**

**his PC. Make no mistake this guy is no fool he asked many questions**

**about the aircraft and its construction, I am only the second of type in**

**NZ, I was not expecting to have to go into as much detail as I did, but**

**answering his questions with conviction and sound logic seemed to help**

**the process go moderately smoothly.**

**It was requested that I give him some more in depth information on**

**the engine, not surprising as I a running a single rotor 13B from Mazda,**

**well not from Mazda, from NZ, this I did. I took the trouble to give him**

**as much information as I thought he could use and understand without**

**getting too technical or condescending, this is important.**

**I am in the dilemma as to weather the CAA are really trying to look out**

**for our safety, or covering their backsides.**

**I was aware from the start that this might not be a walk in the park,**

**however I tried to answer all his questions as best as I could without**

**loosing my cool, Ensure all your paperwork is presented and correct, if**

**you are not sure about this get some help. this is important.**

**Although I did not get a Flight Permit straight off the 3 requirements**

**made by the CAA were only minor in the scheme of things, and all had merit.**

**As to the cost of the visit that is another matter, I am of the opinion**

**the CAA needs revamping and bringing into line with reality.**

***Below: Andrew taxing at Matamata getting ready for a visit from CAA a few weeks prior***

