



Signature Engines in the South Island

FOLLOWING the article in the last issue of KiwiFlyer and the launch of Aeromotive's new Signature Engine range at the Aviation Industry Week Trade Expo during July, Greg Mundell at Aeromotive in Hamilton received several enquiries from South Island operators. Some of these were unaware that the company has in fact also operated a dedicated engine shop in Timaru since 1986. Headed by Terry Wilson, 'Aeromotive South' offers all engine services from minor maintenance and troubleshooting to full overhauls in accordance with Aeromotive's new Signature specification.

At the top of the Signature offering is an 'Elite' option which includes new cylinders, rings, pistons, camshaft, cam followers and ignition harness. Every ancillary component is also nil holed regardless of what its time in service was. A Signature 'Overhaul' option offers the same basic features as the Elite but includes additional flexibility of choice for the operator in terms of whether or not to overhaul components such as the carburettor, fuel control system, magnetos, etc. All Signature engines come with an enhanced cosmetic appearance that includes powder coated induction manifolds, special paint and Signature badges. Part of the Signature Series package is the offer of a fixed price quote within 24 hours, valid for 30 days and with no hidden or surprise costs.

Terry and Aeromotive South provide engine services to an extensive range of large and small, fixed and rotary wing South Island operators, currently at the rate of 30 plus engines per annum. The business has been built on personal relationships and

when Aeromotive Hamilton salvaged Piper Cherokee DLN after it had a tailwind landing accident, then discovering that it had one of Terry's engines in it. Aeromotive retained DLN as the "company jet" and note that it is still performing well.



Terry Wilson from Aeromotive South with a Signature engine on display at the Aviation Industry Week Trade Expo in July.

A mutually beneficial collaboration exists between Aeromotive South and Avtek (Aviation Teknology Ltd), who share the same hangar as well as many customers. Avtek has been owned and operated by LAME Bruce Robertson since 1987 and also has a customer base that is spread throughout the South Island. The company maintains over 100 aircraft and regularly passes engine work on to Terry, who in turn hands enquiries for general maintenance over to Bruce. Avtek holds CAA Part 19F and Part 145 certificates and currently maintains a large range of aircraft including DH82,

quality of service over a long period of time, greatly helped by Terry's 50 years of aviation experience in engines, propellers and instruments (he started with Aero Engine Services in 1960).

The operation at Aeromotive South is focused on engines and components and also acts as a conduit to the wider range of specialist services at Aeromotive Hamilton, particularly in regard to propellers and fuel injection systems.

An indication of the small aviation world we live in occurred a few years ago

Austers, Piper singles and twins, Cessna singles, pressurised singles, C404, C421, C441 and Beech 200.

For more information

Contact Terry at Aeromotive South for all South Island engine requirements on 03 688 2828, email: terry.wilson@aeromotive.co.nz or visit www.aeromotive.co.nz

For general maintenance enquiries in the South Island, contact Bruce at Avtek on 03 688 2189, email: bruce@avtek.co.nz or visit www.avtek.co.nz

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