



Kiwi Aviator Honoured with International Award

KiwiFlyer is delighted to congratulate Mark Woodhouse for being awarded the Pike Trophy by the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (GAPAN) at a formal awards banquet and ceremony held at Guildhall in London on the 27th of October.

Mark, who contributes to KiwiFlyer (see his article on the Air NZ Aviation Institute in this issue), is known to most everyone in our aviation industry thanks to his various roles as CFI of the Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School, Airline Pilot, A Cat Instructor, GA Flight Examiner, and owner of training provider Waypoints Aviation.

According to the Guild award descriptions, the Pike Trophy is "Awarded to the individual who, in the opinion of the Court of the Guild, has made an outstanding contribution to the maintenance of high standards of civil flying instruction and safety, taking into account working conditions and opportunities."

Mark is the first New Zealander to receive the Pike Trophy and is one of only four or five New Zealanders to have received an award from the Guild (apart from the Jean Batten



Mark Woodhouse receiving the Pike Trophy at the GAPAN Awards Ceremony in London.

Memorial Trophy which is for New Zealanders) over the past 70 years. Michael Murray from GAPAN says that; "The award of the Pike Trophy to Mark Woodhouse is of special significance and international recognition of his achievements in flying training. It is not always awarded annually."

The Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (GAPAN) was established in 1929, prior to which the future status of air pilots and air navigators was very much in doubt. The small group of commercial pilots who formed the Guild were virtually responsible for ensuring that their successors enjoyed a professional status, and one of the Guild's objectives has been to foster and improve that standing. From the beginning the Guild was modelled on the lines of the old City Guilds and Livery Companies and its constitution and by-laws reflect that foundation, although its activities and work today is very much contemporary.

GAPAN Citation for Mark's award

The following is the actual text from the GAPAN Citation for Mark's award. It's a glowing testimonial for an aviation professional and enthusiast who contributes extensively to flight instruction and safety in New Zealand.

"Since graduating as a Qualified Flying Instructor in the RNZAF in 1988, Mark Woodhouse has clearly established himself among the elite in the aviation training community in New Zealand. Since leaving the RNZAF, he has served as the Chief Flying Instructor at the Massey University School of Aviation and as a training Captain on the Saab 340 with Air Nelson. During this time he also established, and maintains, a very sound reputation for writing and

conducting ground courses for ATPL subjects and instructional techniques for the industry, and consulting to the Civil Aviation Authority on syllabus development and flight test standards guides.

He is an A category instructor and civil Flight Examiner with about 16,000 hours flight time. He was awarded the CAA Flight Instructor Award in 2007.

But it is for his outstanding achievements as the Chief Flying Instructor at the annual Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School for the past 15 years that he is most renowned. The 'Walsh' is now in

its 46th year of safe and successful operations. Each year, approximately sixty-five 16 to 19 year-old students, accommodated in single tents, camp on Matamata airfield for two weeks of intensive introduction to flying operations.

Volunteer instructors, from some of the most experienced in the country, to the most junior, give their time and skills freely to provide the students an outstanding exposure to aviation. Most, sometimes all, of the ab initio students fly their first solo in this time.

Mark programmes and manages all flying operations, 16 aeroplanes, airfield marking and safety protocols, 25 instructors, the refuelling team, air traffic control liaison, meteorological services liaison and the rescue/fire team. He has written an excellent Flight Operations Manual (policy, procedures and rules for 'the Walsh') and a Flight Training Manual Supplement that are second to none in New Zealand flying schools. These he reviews and amends as necessary each year. All this he does voluntarily in his own time.

Intensive operations using parallel runways permit up to 800 hours flying and 8,000 movements at the school during the two-week period, making the grass airfield one of the world's busiest for those two weeks of each year. Mark's impeccable personal example, decisiveness and leadership style generates spontaneous respect and authority and is manifest in a high standard of discipline and safety awareness at the school. Given the conditions under which he works - a scout camp on a country airfield, with a new team each year - the achievement of an immaculate safety record over all these years can be laid squarely at his feet.

Mark Woodhouse has made, and continues to make, an exceptional contribution to the maintenance of high standards of civil flying instruction and safety and is accordingly awarded the Pike Trophy."

Mark however, humbly sums up the honour, saying that "I don't see myself as any different to an infinite number of Senior Instructors in New Zealand. I see this award more as international recognition for aviation training in New Zealand."

Congratulations Mark. Very well deserved.

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