

## **Technical Report 2023.**

The past year has been most important as we have tried to visit as many IAs' as possible for the purpose of catching up, assisting and educating where necessary.

We have used this opportunity to audit log books and get a feel of the general standard of annual inspection audits carried out by our IAs'.

The results have been varied.

The single most important challenge for the IA has been the lack of understanding on the part of the owner/operator that they are totally responsible for the maintenance of their aircraft.

To assist the IAs' to make this point clear, we have provided an on line questionnaire form for owners/operators to complete prior to presenting their aircraft for annual flight permit validation. Log book keeping has improved since the "on condition" program came on line and many are better understanding how easy it is to carry out proper maintenance as required by CAR 103.

However, more effort is required in this area.

The IAs' in the field are doing a great job of lifting their game and assisting with education which is essential in today's climate.

Another ongoing challenge is that owner/operators are not reading the requirements for applications to become an IA. The forms are simple and all fields are required to be completed in legible writing.

The same applies for modification requests.

Without all the information, these applications cannot proceed and will not be actioned.

I wish to express thanks to all those who have assisted to improve our systems and help ensure that all our members fly well maintained aircraft. Our IAs' do an amazing job and we should all be most grateful.

I really appreciate the great positive vibe that I have received from many of our IAs'. It is truly heartening to witness both the enthusiasm and professional

commitment to never ending improvement and assistance in the creation of a safer environment for our aircraft and pilots.

The coming year is going to be one of education and improvement and we are really looking forward to being part of it. It is great to see a few more people putting their hands up to assist in all areas of recreational flying.

My thanks also to a very hard working executive committee for all the work you have done and are doing. Our CEO is heading up the drafting of a new constitution and our Training Officer is doing a sterling job with the new exam system to mention a couple. Many of you also attended a most professional seminar for flight Instructors by Rodger and Scott as well.

Enjoy a great summer of safe aviation and remember that a little anxiety is a healthy way of being safe.

All the very best for the festive season.

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