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RAF AVRO SHACKELLTON AEW AIRCRAFT – THE LAST OF THE LANCASTER LINE (from the AIRFIX website)

Another website that is well worth a look is that of Te Matataua the RNZAF Air Power site where there are some great articles and a backlog of previous issues. The latest article is titled A2AD – Anti-access/Area Denial (Issue 47).

Our August meeting was addressed by Mike Harold, a Dannevirke-based Painter, Author and Historian who talked about Dannevirke's rich aviation history. It was an excellent presentation and Mike sold quite a few of his books to our Members (and we raffled one off – there is a further book to be raffled at our next meeting – whenever that is!).

Well, the Covid is still amongst us and Auckland dropped back to Level 2. And we remain in Level 2 for how long? Time will tell if that was a good idea.

As we cannot access our normal meeting venue whilst we remain at Level 2...

Your Committee has decided to cancel our September 8th meeting.

We hope to be 'back to normal' for our October Meeting.... Fingers crossed!



SEVERSKY / REPUBLIC 2PA / AT-12 GUARDSMAN AT PLANES OF FAME AVIATION MUSEUM, CHINO, LOS ANGELES USA

Our Programme for the rest of the year, God willing, is as follows: -

October 13th – Member Hugh Francis is going to give us a presentation on “**The Bristol Freighter and No.41 Sqn RNZAF based in Singapore.**”

November 10th – New Member Claire Walton is going to tell us of her recent experience flying Cessna Grand Caravans and Pilatus Porters in the

jungles and mountains of Irian Jaya (Indonesian New Guinea).

December 8th – our usual pre-Christmas meal meeting at a local restaurant (further details in due course).

And then we are into 2021! 2020 has certainly been an 'interesting' year.

PLANES OF FAME



US MARINES GRUMMAN J2F DUCK AMPHIBIAN

The **PLANES OF FAME** Aviation Museum is situated at Chino Airport in Los Angeles. Chino is one of LA's many cities and is about a 40-minute drive towards the mountains from Anaheim (of Disneyland fame) where I was staying.



USAs FIRST JET FIGHTER PROTOTYPE - THE BELL YP-59A AIRACOMET BEING RESTORED TO FLYING STATUS!

Just down the road and co-located on the field is another great aviation museum, **YANKS**. Bit of a hassle to get there but well worth the effort!



BEAUTIFUL BOEING P-26A PEASHOOTER AT PLANES OF FAME (The fought Zeros in these in the Philippines at the beginning of the Pacific War!)



NORTH AMERICAN QF-100 SUPER SABRE DRONE SHOWING WHAT THE MICE CAN DO WHEN A MISSILE IS EXPLODED NEAR YOUR REAR END! IT OBVIOUSLY KEPT ON FLYING!



HERE'S A DRONE FROM WWII – A CULVER PQ14

AIRSHOWS COMING UP...

Wings Over Wairarapa 2021 at Hood Aerodrome, Masterton is being held on 26-28 February.

Yealands Classic Fighters Airshow 2021 at Omaka near Blenheim is being held on 2-4 April.



NORTH AMERICAN B-25J MITCHELL WHICH HAS BEEN USED AS THE PHOTO-CHASE PLANE FOR A NUMBER OF AVIATION MOVIES



STAFF SAFE! KEEP IN TOUCH.
Till next time!

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