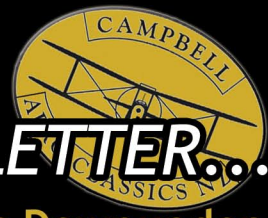




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...Campbell Aviation February '10 NEWSLETTER...

Your T-51 Mustang, Mk-26 Spitfire, and R-80 Tigermoth Agents Downunder

Mustang owners gather at Tauranga Airshow Feb 2010

Hi for the first time this year from the Campbell Aviation team here at 'Loburn Abbey' Airfield. Those of you reading the last issue of Kiwi Flyer would have noticed the many Mustangs around the country starting to spread their wings. It is great to see so many magnificent machines come to life thanks to their dedicated owners and builders. Our first airshow for 2010 was the Tauranga Airshow which ran over Waitangi weekend. It was great to see so many Mustang owners at the show, over a dozen were in attendance. A special thanks to Mikey and Marty for thier efforts over the weekend, whose very noticeable almost complete T-51s were parked on our tradestand. The two aircraft are wearing paint schemes of the 357th Fighter Group and certainly look impressive, as you can see for yourself here. We cant wait to see the pair take to the skies and buzz the bandits out of Tauranga in 2010...



Also on display was Jeff Pascoe's shiny T-51 attracting attention in the SAA hangar, and Mike Crene's T-51 put on a display by Phil Hooker. Unfortunately our T-51 'MSY' was still having propeller pitch cycling issues so could not make it to the show. We are pleased to report that we are finally having some positive progress on this subject. The two V-6 Mustangs here are getting closer to finish with the installation of the Hintz gear drives taking place, and another V6 Mustang is underway. We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Warbirds over Wanaka Easter airshow.

...IN BRIEF...



The end of 2009 saw Spitfire #70 leave the hangar to its new owner, Richmond Harding in Wanganui. There it will undergo the LS2 V-8 engine installation. The camo paint scheme was quite a mission however proved well worth it. We have another two Spitfires underway in the hangar, both Mk26B models which will run LS2 V-8s also.



The first UK T-51 Mustang has been built and flown by David Stephens. Dave had to undergo far stricter testing and compliancy for certification, and is still in the process of doing so. Check out his U-tube clips, Loop Aero TV clip, LAA article, and other online material to see for yourself!

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