



NAC 60th Anniversary Celebrations 1947 - 2007

History Publication, Aerial Tour Flights and other Events

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NAC was the acronym for 'New Zealand National Airways Corporation', our leading airline from the early post-war years until the late 1970s, and became a Kiwi household name. The airline experienced spectacular growth and was instrumental in ushering New Zealanders into the age of mass air travel.



DC-3 Skyliner ZK-AOD over cloud covered Canterbury in 1963. NAC operated 29 DC-3 aircraft from 1947 until 1974 (*Manning & Associates*)

Change and development was continual and exciting, exemplified by the introduction of increasingly advanced aircraft.

NAC began official operations from 1 April 1947 with a variety of pioneering aircraft including DH83 Fox Moths, DH89 Dominies, Lockheed L10 Electras and Lodestars, DC-3s and Sunderland flying boats and finished in 1978 flying turbo-prop F27-500 Friendship and pure jet Boeing 737 aircraft.

Over more than 30 years of operation NAC earned an enviable international reputation for efficiency and reliability as the airline served more than 25 cities and towns throughout New Zealand.

The 60th anniversary on 1 April 2007 cannot be allowed to pass without a celebration of what was achieved by thousands of dedicated employees who worked for the "NAC Family" in this never-to-be-repeated era.

An organising committee is already advanced in its work for a photographic history publication and an aerial tour following many of the old NAC routes. Other commemorative events on a regional basis are being encouraged as the anniversary draws nearer and momentum increases. This newsletter announces the anniversary and begins the 60th anniversary countdown!

The first of 10 NAC Boeing 737-200s was introduced on main trunk routes from October 1968 (*Manning & Associates*)

LOOKING FOR NAC STAFF ...

If you can help with names and mailing addresses of former NAC staff, please contact the Anniversary Committee as a database of the 'NAC Family' is currently being compiled so newsletters like this one can be sent to as many people as possible.

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