

Registration Now Open for 2018 IAOPA World Assembly

AOPA New Zealand started life as the Kittyhawk Flying Club in 1969, adopted the AOPA banner in 1978 before joining IAOPA in 1985. It has an active membership totaling just over 1,000 members and not only organizes regular fly-ins that can attract 100 planes, but also plays an active and leading role in advocating for the pilot's rights with our Government regulator.

New Zealand is a country with a proud history of flight and has played its part in aviation activities throughout the world in both the civil and military arenas. We are a country with a population of just 4.5 million but have an aircraft register with over 4,700 aircraft including 870 helicopters. That is one aircraft for every 965 people. We have a strong vintage aircraft collection based at several museums and an approved aircraft restoration and manufacturing company whose primary aim is to build WW1 aircraft, engines and propellers to the same exacting standards they were originally made to over 90 years ago. Warbirds over Wanaka is a world-renowned air show set in the most spectacular scenery you could imagine.



We are delighted to be hosting the 2018, 29th International AOPA Assembly in our world renowned resort of Queenstown. This most scenic of destination resorts has a reputation for providing the best recreational facilities in the world where everything from bungee jumping to white water rafting or just relaxing is at your fingertips. Omarama, one of the world's best gliding areas, is a short one-hour drive from Queenstown and is a place where the excellent soaring has set many records. Fiordland National Park is the largest of the 14 national parks in New Zealand, with an area of 12,500 km² protected heritage landscape housing Milford Sound and many other renowned scenic places which are all within one hours flying of Queenstown.

AOPA New Zealand has put together a great program and by choosing Queenstown as the venue, we will be locating you right where all the activities are. Starting on 25th March 2018 and finishing on 29th March 2018, the 29th World Assembly coincides with the start of the "Warbirds over Wanaka" air show. We have organized a follow-on event for the two-day air show.

On behalf of our AOPA New Zealand organizing committee I invite you to join us in New Zealand for the 29th IAOPA World Assembly and enjoy our hospitality in stunning surroundings while working to achieve some more milestones for our general aviation community. For more information and to register go to www.iaopa2018.com.

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