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TIGER MOTH CLUB NZ Inc. TAUMARUNUI SPRING FLY IN 16TH TO 18TH OCTOBER 2015.

It is that time of the year, we are off to Taumarunui again, long may it continue.

If you have not cleaned and polished your plane for a while, now's your chance, also make sure that your serviceability is up to date and bring some good weather with you.

Friday the 16th is arrival day and the good folks of the Taumarunui Aero Club are putting on the usual barbeque at the hostel, so we need to know the number of planes and people that are going to arrive.

The same for Saturday the 17th, the competition day, we need to know how many more are going to arrive so that we can order the dinner for Saturday night at the Golf Club dining room.

Enclosed is a registration form, please fill it out ASAP and send it off.

The Secretary of the TM Aero Club, Jeanette Lei, has arranged for us to "take over" the High School Hostel again and to do so one has to book in. The person to speak to, is Kerry Baker and her contact numbers are as follows. Home phone between (9.00AM and 3.00PM) 07 8957837. Hostel phone (3-10PM) 07 8956320. At other times, Kerry can be contacted on her mobile, by texting, 020 40802483 or by email at neck11@vodafone.co.nz. Kerry will be away the first week of the school holidays, 25th sept. to 2nd October, but can be contacted by texting or by email.

The cost of a bed at the Hostel is \$22.00 per person, there are plenty of pillows and pillow cases, but a limited supply of blankets. So, first in, best served, to be sure bring a sleeping bag. Breakfast will be available for a donation. We have also been offered the use of the Hostel van to run us back and forth, for which a donation is requested. We are very lucky to have been offered the use of the hostel, so please ensure that you keep the place nice and tidy, in other words leave the place better than when you found it. If of course you want to pitch a tent at the airfield, feel free.

At the Golf Club Dining Room, drinks will be served from 7.00 PM onwards and dinner will be served, commencing at 7.30 PM sharp. Dinner tickets will be available from Robert Gordon, so look out for him on your travels, remember, as before, no ticket, no dinner. For those of you that have not been able to register Robert will be only too pleased to take your money, also if you have not managed to pay your membership fees, see Robert.

Now a wee word to the Trophy holders, Peter Bradfield, Graeme Wood and Rupert MacLachlan scooped up one each and Neroli Henwood and Kevin Paulsen shared one apiece. Please make sure that the engraving is complete and that they are all nicely polished when you bring them to TM. If it is not possible to bring them with you, please courier them to Jeanette Lei at RD 4, Taumarunui. 3994.

I could not get to the AGM at Kaikohe, so I am looking forward to meeting you all at Taumarunui, especially as this was the place the Tiger Moth Club of NZ was formed, which was a moment in history. We are extremely fortunate that the members of the Taumarunui Aero Club welcome us back each year to commemorate that event, they are a great bunch of people.

Some Avgas will be available and there will be plenty of Mogas.

Don't forget to bring the good weather with you.

Fly safely.

Jim Lawson. President.



Spin Training and Recovery.

Remember that!

Some years back the Club initiated a programme of spin training for any pilots who wished to complete the course. Everyone who completed it considered it one of the most worthwhile exercises ever accomplished.

The course includes spinning, stalling, unusual attitudes, (to the aeroplane that is) and in-flight engine shut down and restart procedures.

It consists of a short briefing, and a flight of around 40 minutes with a qualified Instructor. The Club wishes to resurrect the course at Taumaranui, over the weekend of the Spring Fly-in.

Whether you are new, or would like to carry out a refresher flight, pilots are encouraged to complete this important safety training.

Advise the President, Jim Lawson, if you wish to partake.

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Mercury Bay Aero Club

Whitianga Fly-In January 2nd 2016.

The Tiger Moth Club have been invited to the Mercury Bay Aero Club New Year Fly-in and Rides Day at Whitianga Airfield on Saturday January 2nd 2016.

The day is becoming a popular event, with a cafe at the airfield, and a function being organised on the Saturday night for those who would like to stay.



Art Deco 2016.

The Club has again been invited by the Napier Aero Club to participate in the Napier Art Deco weekend, to be held on February 19th to 21st, 2016.

There will be some form of sponsorship for those who wish to take vintage planes to Napier for that weekend, and participate in the organised flying displays.

If any members are interested in attending this event, contact the Secretary, at woods@clear.net.nz or mob. 0272932318.

Accommodation is at a premium, and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Annual Fly-in and AGM 2017

In line with the policy of the Club to hold every third AGM in the South Island, the Committee have recommended that the 2017 AGM be held at Omarama, Central Otago. This will be proposed at the 2016 AGM at Dannevirke. Omarama is well positioned for mountain and scenic flying, with many good airfields and strips nearby. It has an excellent Lodge and facilities on the airfield. We have had some interest from overseas pilots to attend the event, and expect to hold a mini rally from Auckland and back, to attend the Fly-in.



First Solo Flight

Ross Brodie, a junior member of the Tiger Moth Club, recently completed his first solo flight in a glider at the age of 14 years. Congratulations from us all at the Tiger Moth Club.

Below is his report of his first flight.



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First Solo Flight

By Ross Brodie, Geraldine High School

A last-minute briefing from my instructor, his last words before I set off sticking in my brain: "And I want to see the best landing you've ever done!"

He walks away and I complete my checks. I tighten my harness and lock the canopy. I am no longer a person sitting in an inanimate structure but instead am one with the machine. I give the thumbs up to my instructor and he connects the towrope. The tow plane takes up slack and when I'm ready, I make the call on the radio, "Uniform golf . . . all out, all out".

All of the bad things that can happen run through my mind . . . What if? But the bad thoughts are left behind as the tow plane throttle opens and we surge forward.

Heart pumping and control stick gripped tightly in my sweaty palm, we accelerate quickly through 10, 20, 30 knots and the glider's long, clumsy arms rip us from the ground, aloft into the great expanse of blue.

As we climb higher the empty place left by the fear is filled with joy and excitement. I smile and laugh, the moment that I have been waiting for, training for my whole life, has finally come, I am flying a glider by myself at just age 14.

When the brown patchwork of paddocks are far below I pull the yellow handle and the long towrope that stretches out in front of me drops away. The tow plane turns back to base. Once I've released, the silence amplifies the feeling of loneliness — no instructor to correct my wrongdoing, no tow plane to cling onto, just me and the glider slicing through the crisp morning air.

As I make my way back towards the airfield I complete some turns and enjoy the freedom of soaring alone, no one to tell me what to do. I'm free.

For just several short minutes I am an eagle, soaring in the middle of the stunning panorama of towering mountains, warm brown fields and the sparkling lake. After what seems like little more than the blink of an eye the approaching airfield and dwindling altitude remind me of the sad truth, that I am just a human manipulating fibreglass wings that aren't my own.

I complete a circuit of the airfield and approach for the daunting landing. I open the airbrakes and point the nose down. As the green expanse of runway nears I ease back on the controls and by some miracle I have done it perfectly. My instructor's final request had been granted.

The wheels gently kiss the ground for what must be my best landing to date. As the glider rolls to a stop I open the canopy and take a deep breath. I have just lived my childhood dream! I cannot even remember when the dream started. And now that dream has been my reality I cannot wait to live it again.



2015 Taumarunui Fly In Taumarunui 16th - 18th October 2015

Name(s)
Aircraft
Names (Pax)
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Address
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Email
Contact Phone

I/we will be arriving on:

Friday, 16th October:

Saturday, 17th October:

Registration Fee & Dinner: \$60.00 pp

Number attending:

Total Payment: \$.....

Please pay by:

Direct Credit to:

ASB 12-3194-0023828-00

Cheque:

Tiger Moth Club of NZ

Please return this form as soon as possible to:

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Postal Centre 14

Papakura 2244

Auckland

Email: janwhite@farmside.co.nz

Phone: 06-879-9493, 021-258-9892



2015 Official Merchandise

	<i>Price</i>	<i>Qty</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>Total</i>
40th Anniversary Pin	\$10		\$.....
Official Club Pin	\$15		\$.....
Embroidered T-Shirt	\$20	\$.....
Embroidered Polo	\$35	\$.....
Donation to Scholarship				\$.....
Postage & Packaging				\$.....
TOTAL PAYABLE				\$.....

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Please include your name as a reference and email notification

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