

TIGER RAG

NEWSLETTER OF THE TIGER MOTH CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC

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TAUMARANUI SPECIAL

Weather or not you came by car or plane there was no question, members and friends all had a great time. Geoffrey de Havilland would have been proud of you all for the spirit of flying de Havilland aeroplanes and having a great social gathering had always set de Havillands apart from the rest. Long may this tradition continue and who better than the Tiger Moth Club to do it. Our hats off to those intrepid flyers who managed to reach Taumaranui. For those who took part in the competitions, conditions were far from ideal, and the strong wind made flying quite a challenge.



Jerry Chisum and the Gipsy Moth, ZK-ADT, the oldest aeroplane at the fly-in.

FRIDAY'S ARRIVALS



Why didn't we think of that? Keith Skilling and Jim Schmidt stand in amazement at how John Pheasant managed to tie down his Tiger Moth behind the hangar out of the wind beside Grant Drinkrow's Cardinal. John Pheasant explains.



Once again the task of recording the arrivals and organizing the aircraft parking was done by Ken Jones and his brother Colin. Well done guys.



The golden rays of the setting sun on Friday evening were false hope for what was to come. Kevin Paulsen and Leanne Butler in the iridescent blue Vans RV-6 were among the few who braved the weather that day only to find Taumaranui windless.



Close behind, not that it was a race, came Woodsy in the big Stearman. Just out of sight in the front cockpit was Roshan. Those already at Taumaranui could not believe how they had battled the weather, turned back, tried again, and made it.



Roshan explains their flight down. He must have enjoyed it. Look at his smile as he explains his flight to Kevin Paulsen and Leanne Butler.



It's not a Tiger Moth but who cares. Woodsy's Stearman got just as much attention. Tying down this big biplane took a lot of planning but once Roshan stopped talking he got the job done.

TIGER MOTH CLUB of NZ Inc				
ARRIVALS				
Thursday 11 Oct 2018				
JDJ	Cessna 177B	Grant Drinkrow	Karen Drinkrow	Ardmore
KMK	Cessna 180	Keith Skilling		
	Motor Home	Ken Jones	Jannette Jones	Rotorua
BMY	Tiger Moth	Jan Chisum	Des Strong	Hastings
ADT	Gypsy Moth	Jerry Chisum		Hastings
CCQ	Tiger Moth	Jim Schmidt	Cheryl Schmidt	Kaipara Flats
	Car	Jim Lawson	Janic Geelen	Wattle Downs
	Motor Home	Colin Jones	Dianne Jones	Hamilton
Friday 12 Oct 2018				
	Car	Robert Gordon	Jenny & Josh	Tauranga
	Car	Alan Pheasant	Scott & Oliver	Gisborne
	Car	Alan Land		Katikati
	Ute Fuel	Les Marshall	Mike O'Grady	Auckland
	Car	Edith Robinson	Derek Williams	Tauranga
BFF	Tiger Moth	John Pheasant	Gary Hoekstra	Tauranga
PRV	Vans RV6	Kevin Paulsen	Leanne Butler	Ardmore
	Car	Gary Graham	Carter	Ardmore
BOE as "77"	Stearman	Graeme Wood	Roshan	Ardmore
	Car	Grant Wilson	Denise	Ardmore
CPG	Air Tourer	Dave Brown	June Brown	Ardmore
Saturday 13 Oct 2018				
	Car	Sue Mealing		Pirongia
BQV	Super Cub	Jacob Stead	Bill Henwood	Te Kowhai
	Car	Martin Burdan	Nicki Turner	Porirua
	Car	John King		Auckland
	Motor Home	Ian Lewell		Cambridge
BTU	Super Cub	Nathan Maurchline	Stuart	Whanganui
BEC as "42"	Tiger Moth	Pete McCombe	Derek Smith	Ardmore
JFH	Hansen Deuce	John Hansen	Basil McGan	Te Awamutu
AON	Tiger Moth	Amanda Rutland	Wayne Tantrum	CHCH/Blenheim
BEN	Tiger Moth	David Phillips	John Saunders	Clevedon
	Car	Robert McNair	Vivian	Clevedon
Sunday 14 Oct 2018				
CAW	Acro Sport	Les Worsley	Neville Worsley	Hawera

COMPETITIONS DAY



Jerry Chisum gets some last minute tips while to his right Peter McCoombe explains the finer points of just how to make that perfect spot landing.



John Pheasant prepares to go up again but this time, he explains, his flight will be an earnest attempt to show the others how it is done.



“Have you got the bombs on board?” is one of those helpful suggestions that are better left unsaid.



What do you mean, do one wheeled landings count?



Winner of the Super Cub spot landings



The final spot landing of the day.

THE RESULTS

TAUMARUNUI TROPHIES.

Date Presented. ...13/10/18.....

John & Val Hainsworth, Hikurangi Challenge Trophy.	Bombing and spot landing.	Tiger Moth Club
Ross Duncan Red Tiger Trophy.	Tiger Moth spot landing.	Jerry Chisum.
Ross Duncan Memorial Cup.	Committee decision.	Derek Smith
Ralph Saxe Memorial Trophy	Perfect loop for Chipmunks and others.	Kevin Paulsen.
Grant and Karen Drinkrow Trophy.	Perfect loop for Tiger Moths.	Graeme Wood.
Piper Cub Trophy	Spot landing	Jacob Stead.

Comments from the Editor

One day our school class was allowed outside to watch the fly-past over Hamilton of the first all white Vulcan bomber to visit down under. I have been an aeroplane “nut” ever since and when I was at secondary school I regularly biked out to Rukuhia on Saturday afternoons when the Waikato Aero Club still had a Tiger Moth, ZK-BBV. I can still recall looking out across the swamp south of Melville and marveling at seeing this aircraft, no doubt with CFI Ken Fenwick at the controls, performing a “falling leaf”.

My interest in aviation never waned and after years of research and traveling and writing, out came the book “The Topdressers.” It was really nice to meet up with some of the pilots I had chatted to years ago at the Tiger Moth Fly in at Taumaranui. After years as part of the New Zealand Wings team with Ross MacPherson and Ross Ewing I took on a new challenge. This was a book on de Havilland Aircraft which appeared as “Moths Majors & Minors”. Somehow, in spite of requests from John King and Jim Lawson, I never did join the Tiger Moth Club. But at Taumaranui those same chaps greeted me with “I see you’re part of the Tiger Moth Club,” followed by: “What took you so long?”

Honestly the welcome I received at Taumaranui was overwhelming. When I wandered around among the aircraft I felt completely at home. This was how it had been when I hung around aeroplanes at Rukuhia more than 50 years ago. Everybody was enjoying themselves, those that wanted to fly, did so. Those that wanted to talk about flying, and those that wanted to watch or photograph were all able to do so. Aeroplanes were all around and safety was something that everybody took seriously and collectively took responsibility for it. There was always somebody who took it upon themselves to explain what should be done and why it was necessary. No yelling. No fences. Taumaranui was like that. Everybody did what had to be done and many went beyond the call of duty. The result spoke for itself. It was a great get together and I was privileged to be included.

Something needs to be said about the weather for it presented a massive challenge. First of all to those who flew in but also to those who took part in the competitions. My thanks to all of you for that. Now is as good a place to quote the ex-President, Jim Lawson, who stated that the Tiger Moth Club never cancels its meetings. Those nearby were ready to challenge but Jim replied quite simply that if the weather was so bad that flying in was not possible, “you can always come by car.” Considering that the organisation for the fly-in was entirely in the hands of volunteers, and had taken months of preparation and planning, this was a pragmatic approach. The decision not to cancel or postpone did nothing to make the event less enjoyable. For it is not the aeroplanes themselves that make for a memorable fly-in. Sure they help but the core of the Tiger Moth Club are its members. Folk who share a common interest. They love old aeroplanes and they don’t have to be Tiger Moths. I think I have found a new family. What’s more is I can’t wait to see what happens at Hawera next March. I suggest you start planning to be there. It will be great.

Janic Geelen

DINNER & PRIZE-GIVING



Mike O'Grady, Alan Land, and Les Marshall



Janette Lei, Keith Skilling, and the two Grants



Paul Gellatly with his wife Joan (left) talking to Denise Wilson



Edith's daughter with mum Edith Robinson and Derek Williams



Grant Wilson, the Vice President, in charge of the prize giving



The "Perfect Loop" trophy about to fly solo. Keith Skilling looks on. A few moments later, when Graeme Woods picked up the tiny biplane, he looked at it and said: "it's the same bloody wing!" Below: Peter McCoombe very pleased to receive his prize – a copy of the classic aviation book: "Mac's Memoirs"



Below: Bill Henwood delivering the explanation behind the trophy and the winner much to the delight of Grant Wilson

THE PERFECT DAY FOR FLYING—HOME THAT IS



Dave Brown chatting to Robert McNair with June Brown looking on.



The Worsley family in front of Neville's Acro Sport.



Jim Schmidt in front of his Tiger Moth ZK-CCQ



The refueling team of Les Marshall and Mike O'Grady.



John Saunders in the cockpit of ZK-BEN getting some useful tips from David Phillips



Contact! David Phillips gets ready to swing the prop— again!



Taumarunui airfield at it's sunny best. Look at the blue skies and lovely tail draggers



A noisy Hughes 500D flits in behind the Stearman to a fuel tank that just provides Jet fuel.



John King in an earnest discussion with one of the keen aviation photographers at Taumarunui.



Jan Chisum in her fathers Gypsy Moth which he flew from London to Sydney in 1934.



John Pheasant refueling his Tiger Moth with the help of Les Marshall and Mike O'Grady.

HAWERA Selected for 2019 AGM

Next year the Tiger Moth Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary. To mark the occasion, the Annual Fly-in and AGM will be held at Hawera over the weekend Friday March 1st to Sunday March 3rd. We will be hosted by the Hawera Aero Club. Those who are familiar with Hawera will be aware of its central location as far as North Islanders are concerned which makes Hawera the perfect location for our 50th Anniversary. The Aero Club is supportive and has perfect amenities and facilities with a large field and good grass runways.

Quality accommodation is available at Kerry Lane Motel, just a few minutes drive or an easy walk from the airfield. Located in a quiet rural setting, the Motel has great mountain views.

Website is: www.kerrylanemotel.co.nz

Motel host Lynette Barnes recommends booking direct with the motel for the best price, and advises that you mention you are registered for the Tiger Moth Club Fly-in.

Contact details are: 0800 537795, or book@kerrylanemotel.co.nz

Recommended alternative accommodation for those on a budget is at the Furlong Motel, 256 Waihi Road, Hawera. Ph 06 2785136, or e-mail manager@thefurlong.co.nz

This Motel is approximately 3km from the airfield. Website is www.thefurlong.co.nz

The committee are striving to make this the best fly-in ever to celebrate our 50th Anniversary Year. Plan ahead, book early, and encourage all those owners of 50 year aeroplanes in your district to fly over to Hawera and join the Tiger Moth Club for this great occasion.

THE DE HAVILLAND FAMILY IN NEW ZEALAND

If you have read the book on the Tiger Moth published by the Aviation Historical Society of New Zealand you will be aware that Peter de Havilland, the middle son of Moth designer Geoffrey de Havilland, was test pilot at Rongotai from 1940 til 1943. He was sent to this far outpost of the de Havilland empire not because local production of Tiger Moths needed an accomplished test pilot, but rather to remove him from an attachment to a singer-dancer that the family considered unsuitable.

Peter the pilot, as he was known here, was not only a damn good pilot, but proved to be a great asset to the de Havilland organization in Wellington. He made sure that there were social get togethers even in the austere days of wartime Wellington. One must remember that there were two things the de Havilland organization was good at. One was designing and building first class aeroplanes and engines and the other was holding memorable social events. In 1943 Peter de Havilland was recalled to England where he participated in the all important production of the Mosquito fighter-bomber alongside his brothers, father, and uncle Hereward, youngest brother of Geoffrey.

The only other de Havilland to visit New Zealand was Geoffrey's younger sister, Gladys, who took on the challenge of driving a tiny Austin Seven car around the World. Not the entire distance because the car was taken by ship across several oceans but it was nevertheless an epic journey. Shown below is a photo of Gladys, standing next to the drivers side of her Austin Seven on a street in New Plymouth.



An Appreciation of my Tiger Club Scholarship by Olivia Henwood

I would like to give a huge thanks to the Tiger Moth Club for the scholarship funding I received earlier this year. I used this funding to gain a rating with Peter Hendriks in his beautiful Tiger Moth ZK-ALJ.

Flying the Tiger is an amazing thrill and feels like true grassroots flying. It is a rare opportunity for my generation to gain stick and rudder skills in these vintage aircraft and it is a privilege to be able to do so. The skills I learned from Pete were invaluable and will carry through the rest of my flying. And as always in our trade, the learning never stops! I look forward to continuing to develop my skills with more training and glean knowledge from the experienced instructors and pilots in our group.



Training with Peter Hendriks and ZK-ALJ at Te Kowhai



About to go flying with Jim Schmidt in ZK-CCQ at the Taumaranui Fly-In

I would also like to thank Jim and Cheryl Schmidt for so generously offering me a flight in their Tiger Moth ZK-CCQ at the Taumaranui Fly-In. Sunday brought a stunning day and the flight topped off another fantastic Tiger Fly-In weekend. Bring on next year!

Cheers

Olivia

The President's Report

What a great turn out we had for the Taumaranui fly-in. The weather forecast was appalling but in the local area the weather was flyable all weekend, getting there was the problem. It was very heartening to see a lot of members arrive by car and the rest either cancel or wait for a break in the weather, all sensible decisions. The club made a small profit over the weekend and thanks to all who helped, with the parking Ken, and refuelling Les, and our sober driver, Robert.. A big thank you to Karen and Grant Drinkrow who arrived early and organized the shop, food, drink and functions etc, their job made more difficult by having little idea of numbers due weather. Thanks John for the flyby and Jeanette and the Taumaranui Aero Club for their help and hospitality. The highlight of course was Jim's joke, make sure that you are there next year for a further episode!

Because of the weather forecast there was a lot of discussion about postponement and/or cancellation. Because of the prior organisation and commitments required it was decided that in the future we will continue with planned functions regardless, after all it is the people and social activities that really are important to the club.

On that note, the committee is considering a southern safari in 2020 to celebrate 50 years of the Tiger Moth Club. Any thoughts and ideas, volunteers etc. would be greatly received. This will be discussed at the AGM, so your thoughts please.

As well, in 2020 the AGM will be held in the South Island at a yet to be decided venue. We are open to all suggestions and this will be discussed at Hawera. The committee is also considering third party liability insurance for the Club. Any comments or advice from members will be gratefully received. This was highlighted with an incident during the landing competition with ZK-BEC, luckily with no injuries, repairable damage and only dented pride. These things do happen to the best of us so make sure you are covered. The Club does not insist on aircraft being insured, overseas it is compulsory, so maybe that time is approaching for the Club.

Janic Geelen has kindly offered, with some persuasion, to publish the Tiger Rag for the club. I am thrilled to have a member of his ability and reputation to take on this task so many thanks Janic.

The AGM is at Hawera on the 2nd and 3rd of March, it is the highlight of our calendar year. See you there.

Keith

President

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor,

In your July 2018 issue of the Aviation News I was interested to read Terry Moyle's article headed A National Aviation Day? Terry's research into the Walsh Brothers revealed the true date of the first powered flight in New Zealand in their aircraft named "Manurewa", which took place in Glenora Park, Papakura/Takanini on the 5th February 1911.

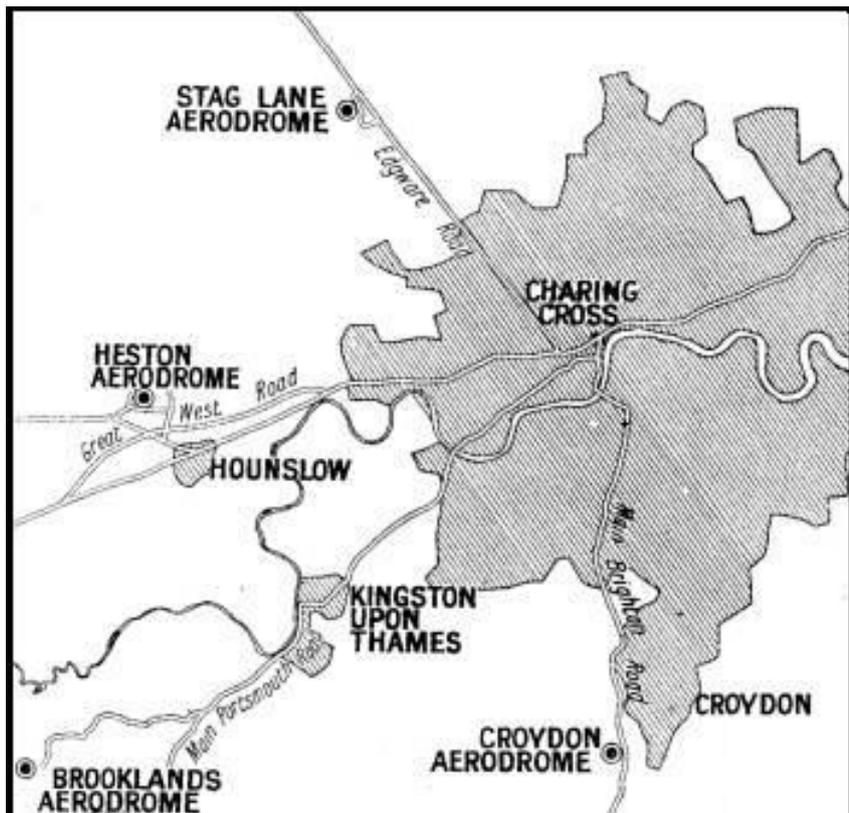
I was present on the 5th February 1986 at the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of this event where a large stone with a plaque attached was erected on the site, with the date of the first controlled flight being the 5th February 1911. Many dignitaries were present and Sir Richard Bolt was the principal speaker. As I knew very little of the background to this monument I turned to an acquaintance of mine, Nev Hay, Capt. Retd, FRAeS whom I knew had been involved with the erection of the monument. Nev informed me that the stone with plaque attached, was installed by the New Zealand Aeronautical Trust Ltd. (NZATL), in association with the RAeS (NZ Div.). Since then the site has been purchased by Addison Development Ltd., who have been very supportive of retaining the Plaque within the development and who have been in discussion with the NZATL and the Auckland City Council about re-siting it in stage 3 of that development. The monument is now resting in a splendid position as is evidenced by the attached photographs.

Terry Moyle's article concludes with the suggestion that it would be appropriate if the 5th of February became New Zealand's National Aviation Day.

As a member of a Nation Wide sport flying organisation, the Tiger Moth Club NZ Inc., I am all in favour of further promotion of Terry Moyle's proposal that we make the 5th February New Zealand's National Aviation Day and call on like organisations to get behind a drive to accomplish this.

Jim Lawson.

London's aerodromes familiar to a Moth pilot. The location of Heathrow is not far from where the aerodrome of Hounslow is shown on this old map.



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Cap (Navy with club logo)	Child	\$20.00
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