

# TIGER RAG



NEWSLETTER OF THE TIGER MOTH CLUB OF NEW ZEALAND INC

## 50th JUBILEE ON FINALS



This is a sight you won't see at Taumarunui. Alan Land refueling his beloved ZK-ANQ. Seen here at Masterton on 29 January 1984. But at Taumarunui 2019 you will see much much more. Once again the Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand is hosted by the Taumarunui Aero Club at Taringamotu airfield. For those who have never been there, this is no ordinary airstrip. It's massive. Built so DC-3 topdressers could safely get off with 5 tons of super on board, it has to be long enough for any private aeroplane (jets excepted). The fuel supply is now strictly jet fuel and locals have to go to Te Kuiti to fill with 100 octane but for the Anniversary weekend both 91 and 100 octane will be available for members. As always the Taumarunui Aero Club have made their clubrooms available and we sure appreciate that. So register and come. Being there is what its all about.

# SO WHAT'S HAPPENING

## THURSDAY

You can guarantee that some Committee members will be working flat out to make sure the 50th anniversary Celebrations go according to plan. Yes a few "early birds" do come on Thursday and they are of course most welcome. They also get the best tie down spots but that's to be expected.

## FRIDAY

This is arrivals day especially from mid-day on. Expect to be welcomed if you arrive by Tiger Moth or in some other vintage aeroplane. The whole afternoon is dedicated so folk can rest up after their flight, perhaps arrange their accommodation, get ones bearings so to speak, but most of all meet up with friends. Naturally some will want to make a short local flight so they can get used to the surroundings. A BBQ will be held at 7 pm at the local high school hostel, where a number of members will be staying. The price for the BBQ is \$20 pp.

## SATURDAY

The serious side of the weekend has arrived and so proceedings have to take account of new arrivals throughout the day, many of whom will not be members. For all those competing for the trophies there will be a briefing in the Taumarunui Aero Club clubrooms at 9 am sharp. This is to ensure the competitions get underway at 9.30 am. It is expected there will be more than the usual number of entrants so getting the bombing and spot landing events underway is paramount in the minds of the organisers.

So what are Tiger Moth Club members competing for:

1. Hikurangi Challenge Trophy for bombing and spot landing
2. Ross Duncan Red Tiger Trophy for spot landing (Tiger Moths)
3. Piper Cub Trophy for spot landing (Piper Cubs)

Lunch is available from the Taumarunui Aero Club clubhouse courtesy of a local caterer. Bring some cash.

After lunch, when there are expected to be few new arrivals, the competitions continue with the perfect loops

There are two trophies:

1. The Grant & Karen Drinkrow Trophy for Tiger Moths
2. The Ralph Saxe Memorial Trophy for other aircraft types.

Leisure flying will continue for the rest of the day.

The 50th Anniversary dinner will be held at the Taumarunui Golf Club starting at 6 pm (dinner will be served at 7.15 pm) after which the Trophies will be awarded.

## SUNDAY

No starting time has been announced for flying activities at the airfield. At 10am, in the Taringamotu Hall, not far from the airfield, a commemorative meeting celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand will be held. It is expected that several foundation members will be present as well as others who have been members of the Club for a significant number of years. This is an opportunity to meet and talk to some of the stalwarts of the Club in a relaxed atmosphere.

If other years are anything to go by flying will continue at the airfield until the afternoon by which time many will be heading off home happy that they have enjoyed another of the wonderful fly-ins organised by the Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand.

## **ACCOMMODATION.**

Motel accommodation is available in Taumarunui. The Taumarunui High School Hostel is available at \$25 per person per night. It has 36 beds available, in rooms with 4 persons per room. There are NO pillows or blankets available this year, bring your own sleeping bag or bedding. Breakfast is available at the Hostel for a donation. Kerry Baker is the contact if you wish to stay at the hostel; [keribaker100@gmail.com](mailto:keribaker100@gmail.com) or phone mob. 02040802483.

## **TRANSPORT.**

The High School has kindly offered their van for transport. This will be available as a shuttle to the airport, BBQ, Dinner and meeting. Minimum charge for use of the van over the weekend is \$5.00 per person.

## **LUNCHES.**

Caterers will be on-site at the airfield for lunch purchase both Saturday and Sunday.

## **REGISTRATION.**

The Registration Form is printed in this Tiger Rag. We are expecting an increased number attending this event. The Golf Club has a limit of 100 persons as a safety regulation. Early bookings and payment are recommended to ensure your attendance.

Preferred Registration is by online form at <https://forms.gle/7pdPYM51zqUSJmPz9>

### **FOR SALE**

#### **TIGER MOTH REBUILD PROJECT**

I have in my hangar the skeleton of a DH82A – About 15 years ago I picked up this dismantled aircraft from Bill Dittmer and over the years I have been cleaning, glueing and collecting parts with the anticipation that one day it would be flying again. The airframe has been completely stripped down, opened up by an engineer, and inhibited with ‘fishaleen’ There is all new wood over the fuse and every piece of wood has been dismantled and re-glued and repaired. I no longer have room to continue with this project and would like it to go to someone who is prepared to put the time into it and finish the project. I have rebuild all the wings ribs etc with new wood and glue all the tail planes have been rebuild including rudder etc. I purchased a lot of new parts when I was in South Africa - new rudder spars – new elevators complete and so I have thousands of items – new condition to go with this project . New undercarriage parts – bearings – springs collars etc and several wheel hubs. The engine has been an instructional air force motor so is a bit suspect. Also, I have no fuel tank, propeller or flying wires, control wires etc. I have many photos and I am looking at \$23,000, which this Tiger Moth owes me. I had an Engineer looking over my shoulder during the rebuild - but unfortunately he has now moved out of the country and this is another reason for selling.

Contact Phil Patterson, Masterton

A few notes from Loretta McGarry, long time archivist of the Club.

Loretta McGarry states in no uncertain terms that the Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand was founded by Bob McGarry, Loretta McGarry and Ian Bennie and that all other members were not added until the inaugural meeting in the Taringamotu Hall on 26 Oct 1969

Those present on that historic day were:

|                    |  |   |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Bob McGarry        | Auckland   |   |
| Loretta McGarry    | Auckland   |   |
| Mrs M. Hann        | Auckland   |   |
| Ian Bennie         | Auckland   |   |
| Len Southward      | Paraparaumu  |   |
| Peter Blakeborough | Auckland   |   |
| Darcy Sterling     | Matakohe   |   |
| Don Noble          | Auckland   |   |
| Peter Harris       | Napier   |   |
| Vic Brown          | Tuakau   |   |
| Dudley Payne       | Napier   |   |
| David Lilico       | Auckland   |   |
| Max Lewis          | Auckland   |   |
| Mark Robertson     | Thames   |   |
| Jeanette Reid      | Paeroa   |   |
| Peter Bates        | Auckland   |   |
| John Galpin        | Pongakawa  |   |
| Chris Williams     | Rotorua  |   |
| Ron Schrivener     | Mount Maunganui  |   |
| Yvo Neill          | Dunedin  |   |
| Rob Shewry         | Tahora   |   |
| Ken Wells          | Nelson   |   |
| Charlie Bensemam   | Nelson   |   |
| Don Billingham     | Whakatane  |   |
| Vic Wilkins        | Whakatane  |   |
| Maurice Jensen     | Auckland   |   |
| Ray Deerness       | Wanganui   |   |
| Myles Robertson    | Wellington   |   |
| John Bragg         | Whenuapai  |   |
| Bill Forbes        | Auckland   |   |
| Arch Finch         | Rotorua  |   |
| Ron Fechny         | Aylesbury  |   |
| Tom Cook           | Taumarunui   |   |
| Maurie Willis      | Wellington representing the Department of Civil Aviation |   |
| Bill Pentecost     | Rotorua  | gave an aerobatic display in ZK-CZX   |
| Tim Evans-Freke    | TV newsreader  | He had been a de Havilland production test pilot at Hatfield in the 1935 to 1938 period |



The Tiger painted on the cowl of Myles Robertson's Tiger Moth ZK-AVI

Once upon a time, in the days and months before the Tiger Club was founded, a pair of knitting needles controlled by Loretta, couldn't help but make a Tiger shaped mascot for the club. Stitch by stitch, knit one, pearl one, etc, the bright yellow mascot grew into a real tiger. It even had an internal structure made of Tiger Moth bracing wire to keep itself upright which even gave it a spring in its tail.

The mascot was a great talking point at the inaugural meeting in Taumarunui but then it mysteriously vanished from the table where it had so proudly stood. Members of the newly founded Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand searched high and low but the mascot was nowhere to be found. It had gone.

Months later Loretta received a photo of her beloved mascot sitting at the controls of a Piper Cherokee ZK-CNZ, then owned by the "fun-loving" Rodney Aero Club at Kaipara Flats. There was a note accompanying the photo which said that having purloined the mascot as their own, the Rodney folk had decided to return it. The little tiger mascot was no longer guarding the bar at Rodney but was now guarding the bar at the North Shore Aero Club at Dairy Flat. Soon after the little tiger found its way home. It had been quite an adventure for the little chap.



## Approved Instructors

May 2019.

The names of the Club approved instructors who have agreed to issue type ratings based on the syllabus by Dave Phillips are:

Dave Phillips,  
Ryan Southam,  
Peter Hendricks,  
Phil Welcome,  
Simon Spencer-Bower,  
Peter McCombe,  
Ross MacDonald,  
Martin Burdan,  
Bevan Dewes,  
Andrew Love,  
Ross Crawford,  
Bill Lamb.



# Taumarunui Fly In

## 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2019

### REGISTRATION FORM

|  |   |   |  |
|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Pilot Name</b>                                  |   |   |  |
| <b>Names (Pax)</b>                                 |   |   |  |
| <b>Address</b>                                     |   |   |  |
| <b>Email</b>                                       |   |   |  |
| <b>Contact Phone</b>                               |   |   |  |
| <b>Aircraft Type /Reg</b>                          |   |   |  |
| <b>Payment for:</b>                                |   | <b>people attending</b>   | <b>Payment by Direct Credit to:</b>  |
| <b>Registration Fee per person</b>                 |   | <b>\$20.00 each</b>   | <b>ASB 12 3194 0023828 00</b><br><small>(Please ensure you include your name as reference when making an internet deposit)</small> |
| <b>Dinner</b>                                      |   | <b>\$45.00 each</b>   |  |
| <b>Donation</b>                                    |   | <b>\$</b>   | <b>Or... Make Cheques payable to:</b>  |
| <b>Total payment</b>                               | <b>\$</b>                               |   | <b>Tiger Moth Club NZ Inc</b>  |
| <b>I will be arriving on (please indicate one)</b> |   | <b>Please return completed form with payment by 6pm Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct to help with caterer requirements. Cancellations notified by 6pm 16<sup>th</sup> Oct will be refunded.</b>                |  |
|  | <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | <b>Amanda Rutland</b><br><b>Tiger Moth Club</b><br><b>Postal Centre 14</b><br><b>Papakura 2244</b><br><b>Auckland</b><br><b>EMAIL: <a href="mailto:tigermothclub@gmail.com">tigermothclub@gmail.com</a></b> |  |
|  | <b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> | <b>Online Registration: <a href="https://forms.gle/7pdPYM51zgUSJmPz9">https://forms.gle/7pdPYM51zgUSJmPz9</a></b><br><b>Phone: 027 247 2029</b>   |  |

# UP COMING EVENTS

## 2019

18-20 October 2019 Taumarunui Fly-in

This is a special event for it marks the 50th Anniversary of the Tiger Moth Club. Founded at Taumarunui there is no better place to celebrate this event. Once again our thanks to the Taumarunui Aero Club for their support.

## 2020

January The Tiger Moth Club has been invited back to the Walsh Memorial Flying School at Matamata.

February The Tiger Moth Club has been invited back to the Napier Deco celebrations

### SAFARI Rally

28 February 2020 The Safari from North Cape to Bluff, finishing in Ashburton in time for our annual AGM and fly in. Planning is well underway. The overnight stops have been confirmed, and potential excursions each day are being investigated. The route is outlined below:

Meet in Kerikeri on Friday 28 February 2020.

Saturday 29 February fly up around North Cape and back to Kerikeri for the night.

Sunday 1 March Kerikeri-Whitianga. Options along the way include lunch at Kaipara Flats, Waiheke Island, Great Barrier Island, Raglan.

Monday 2 March Whitianga-Opotiki. Options include visiting the museum at Tauranga for lunch, White Island, Rotorua.

Tuesday 3 March Opotiki-Gisborne. Those who wish to can go up around East Cape.

Wednesday 4 March Gisborne-Dannevirke. Options include lunch in Hastings, Hawkes Bay wineries, Waipukerau.

Thursday 5 March Dannevirke-Omaka. Options along the way include lunch at the museum in Masterton.

Friday 6 March Omaka. Day off from flying to allow for rest and potential weather delays. For those keen to keep flying optional day trips include Cape Campbell, Nelson, Golden Bay, Marlborough Sounds.

Saturday 7 March Omaka-Hanmer Springs. Options include lunch at Lake Station or Kaikoura.

Sunday 8 March Hanmer Springs-Haast. Options include lunch in Greymouth, Hokitika.

Monday 9 March Haast-Manapouri. Options include Big Bay and down the Hollyford to Glenorchy for lunch.

Tuesday 10 March Manapouri-Invercargill. Options include day trip to Doubtful Sounds, Puysegur Point, Stewart Island, Bluff, lunch at Mossburn, Mandeville.

Wednesday 11 March Invercargill-Taieri. Options include the Catlins, Gore, Balclutha for lunch.

Thursday 12 March Taieri-Cromwell. Options include lunch at Clyde, Alexandra.

Friday 13 March Cromwell-Ashburton. Options include Wanaka, the Mackenzie country, Omarama, lunch at Rangitata Island.

Accommodation is proving to be the matter requiring the most urgent attention so to that end we have been contacting accommodation providers at each location on your behalf, and we've managed to secure deals and hold rooms until 30 April 2019. Please note we're doing it differently this time and you need to book your own accommodation at each stop. If you're committed to coming on the safari we recommend getting on to this soon to take advantage of the deals we have secured for you and avoid missing out. Amanda

14-16 March 2020 AGM Fly in at Ashburton

## 2021

Labour Weekend October 90th Anniversary of the Tiger Moth Celebration at Rangitata Island. For those members who think this far ahead, rest assured that the 2021 Taumarunui Fly-in will not be held at the same time and your committee will discuss and make their decision known. Dates and details will be published in due course.

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### **ACCOMODATION**

If you are travelling in the North. Tiger Moth Club members and aviators in general are invited to contact Mesa and Debbie for accommodation in their Air BNB. Pick up and drop off can be arranged from NZKO or NZKK contact 09 405 9715 or 0274 426 847 or e-mail: [adventurestay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:adventurestay@xtra.co.nz)

### **Wanted by Tiger Moth Club**

#### Archivist:

Volunteer needed to take over the archives and to convert all the minutes into an electronic format.

#### Safety Officer:

The Club wishes to instigate a Safety Management System to alert members and third parties of the inherent dangers at our events.

The Safety Officer position is for a person with experience around aircraft and public events. The suitable



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## Official Merchandise

| <b><u>Item</u></b>                                 | <b><u>SIZE</u></b> | <b><u>Price</u></b> |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| Adult T-Shirt (Navy with club logo)                | Small – 2XL        | \$25.00             |
| Adult Polo with pocket (Navy with club logo)       | Small – 2XL        | \$40.00             |
| Club Shirt with pocket (Pale Denim with club logo) | XL only            | \$50.00             |
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| Men's Fleece Vest (Navy with club logo)            | M-2XL              | \$45.00             |
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