



HAWERA AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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The year of 2007 is over, lets hope that 2008 doesn't race along quite as fast. I hope everyone has enjoyed the festive season and has not had too much to drink over the New Year's.

Our new instructor Amelia Crowley has settled in well and is a hit with all the students. She will shortly be ready to instruct on the Tecnam, I hope this delay hasn't disrupted anyone too much.

We still need articles for the Newsletter and there are heaps of fly In's coming up so if you go to one, whether it be by land or plane we'd all like to read about it!

I hope to see you all at the club BBQ on the 19th, and enjoy the good flying weather while you can!





CLUB BBQ

January 19th 2008



Flying Videos
& Competitions



New Year's at Great Barrier 2008

So I decided to go to Great Barrier Island for the New Year's but not in enough time to book the 172. The Tecnam was a good replacement to the 172 besides the fact that I could only take one person and little weight.

I had decided to get to the Barrier with two others, my



sister and her boyfriend so I was one seat short. This is where Les Worsley and the RV4 ZK-RVG

came to the rescue. Les had never been to Great Barrier before so he was keen to visit the island.

We left Hawera on Monday afternoon and although the weather in Hawera looked a bit menacing the weather forecast and what we encountered was much better than Hawera was.

We stopped for a very short time (longer for the RV4, wow the Tecnam seems slow in comparison) at Raglan and found our new instructor Amelia camping by her plane. We were quickly back in the air heading for Thames and then up the Coromandel Peninsula. We picked a cruising height of 5,500ft to stay clear of the

terrain and were in extremely smooth air. There was many aircraft on the radio in the Pauanui and Whitianga area but once we got on the Great Barrier frequency it was just Les in the RV4 landing and us. Great Barrier is a Mandatory Broadcast Zone and includes all of the Island and its three airfields.

There were quite few private planes on the field, but still room for us to tie down the two planes.

We walked to our bach and got ready the car out, although not warranted the most driving it got was when I drove it out of the shed, and then when it was backed back in before we left.

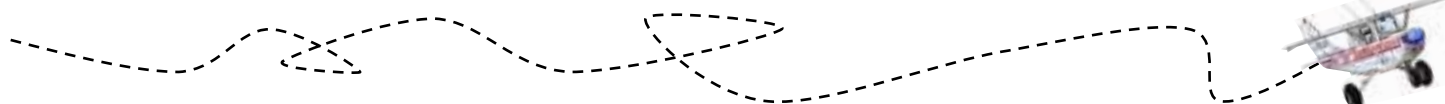
The sports club we went to for a few drinks for new years was quite busy with a British covers band.

We flew home on Wednesday morning, after a great breakfast from the Island's "Texas Cafe". The wind had dropt off from what it was the day before. It's a bit of a struggle checking the fuel quantity in the Tecnam without a step ladder, so I had a helping back!

We flew onto Thames for fuel and then back across the Waikato to Raglan for lunch. There's a great cafe in Raglan called the "Tongue and Groove" that sells curly fries, wow they are the best!

The trip was mainly smooth until we hit Taranaki, the wind in Hawera was much worse than elsewhere. We had a great few days on our tropical paradise... well on Great Barrier.

Julie Ingram.



Club BBQ

The club BBQ is to be held on Saturday 19th of January with some competitions and videos and some great food. This is a invite to all members, whether you have been with the club for two weeks, two years or twenty....or more. It's a good opportunity to "Chew the fat" with some seasoned pilots.

I was thinking we could change the usual competition from spot landings to Forced Landings Without Power, onto the field for a landing onto a grid, just like is competed for at the regionals. It is a great skill to practice so that you are as proficient as possible at, should the unlikely occur. For students who haven't learned this skill yet it can be a time to have a go or you can just do a spot landing.

I have organised to borrow a projector so that we can watch the video (or two) on a larger screen than the clubs TV!

How the BBQ usually works is that the club provides the meat and the venue and all you have to bring is a salad or dessert of your choice and your family if you wish. We usually start the competitions around 3pm and then I thought we could watch one of the videos or the first half of one.

Congratulations

Something that was missed from the last newsletter as I didn't know that it happened. We have a new PPL in our club as Andre De'Ath passed his flight test with Wayne in New Plymouth near the end of November last year.

I hope you enjoy using your licence when it arrives.



What's Coming up!

January 12-20

**Vintage Kiwi North Island Rally - Gliding
Taupo**

January 19

Club BBQ Hawera Aero Club

January 26-28

Great Northern Air Race

February 7-9

**National Championships
Timaru**

February 15-17

**SportAvex—Biennial sport aviation expo
Tauranga**

February 15-17

**Art Deco weekend Napier with NZ
warbirds**

Taranaki Anniversary

March 7-8

Airshow NZ at Hamilton

March 8-9

**RAANZ 2008 National Fly-In in
Waipukurau**

March 15-16

**Proposed Great Barrier Island trip with
Wanganui Aero Club**

March 14-16

**RNZAF Ohakea open day
Air displays March 15-16**

Easter

March 21-23

Warbirds over Wanaka



Trial flight \$49.00

- You are the pilot on this introductory flight.

Starter Packs

- Three lessons, log book, Flight training manual and a six month membership.

Private Pilots \$199.00

Microlight Pilots \$159.00



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