

November 2009

**Stephen Chubb in happier times, during one of our Early morning Flights.**

# **HAWERA AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER**

IT'S YOUR ATTITUDE THAT COUNTS



# NEW MEMBERS

We have a couple of new members, we at Hawera Aero Club would like to welcome and introduce —

**David Pearce**  
**Ian Griffin**



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See our Newsletter online on FlyingNZ website.



## STEPHEN CHUBB

Died as a result of an accident  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**“WILL BE MISSED GREATLY”**

### OFFICERS/COMMITTEE/ STAFF

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Patron             | Ray Babington   |
| President          | Ralph Gibson  |
| Snr Vice President | Tony Muller   |
| Jnr Vice President | Graeme Bycroft  |
| Club Captain       | Julie Ingram  |
| Vice Club Captain  | Rajen Gosai   |
| Committee:         | Rodney Harrison<br>John Roberts-Thomson<br>Mike Jones<br>Steve McKay<br>Chris Schoen<br>John Veldthuis<br>Jacob Maddren |
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## Applications for iPhone and iPod Touch

A lot of you will have seen my new toy in the shape of my new phone, I have since found many perks of this phone that are worthwhile to aviation so I will note them here for anyone that has a iPhone or iPod touch to download themselves. They'll probably all be free!



**PilotWizz**

Pilot Wizz has been designed by GA pilots for GA pilots. It provides all of the basic conversions, calculations and key functions to keep you flying safely. Provides weight and balance and most of the wizz wheel calculations.



### Microlight Price increase

Due to increasing cost of fuel and maintenance we have unfortunately had to increase the hourly rate of the Tecnam Microlight. The increase is only \$10 extra per hour which still make our rate very competitive. Making member rates:

Dual \$115.00 per hour  
Solo \$100.00 per hour

# Friends of the Hawera Aero Club



**Do you know someone who is in love in Aviation but hasn't yet caught the bug to learn to fly, well maybe they would like to join "Friends of the Hawera Aero Club". This has been established with the recent demand, it is a great opportunity for people who are not in the region but still want to know what is happening in Hawera.**

**For only \$10 a year they will receive the newsletters in the mail, and kept informed for any other events.**

### New Cupboard in hanger

We now have a white cupboard in the "New hanger". All of the oil, cleaning products, competition bombs and many other products from the briefing room are now to be stored in this cupboard. So if you are unable to find something, maybe it will be in this cupboard.

Hopefully this will make the briefing room tidier and maybe in the future better organised.

### New hanger for Hawera

The first sod has been turned on the newest building at Hawera Airfield. The hanger will be smaller than the other hangers here at Hawera, but will still house two aircraft comfortably.

The kitset hanger arrived on Wednesday and will be complete in no time at all. If you would like to help with the construction, give Chris Schoen a call.



## Regionals 2009 in Hawera

The weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> of October arrived and the time to prepare the field and club were over and it was time to host the arriving clubs, and to enjoy the competitions.

The first arrival was just before lunch, an RV6a from Tauranga, the rest of Tauranga arrived as well as Waikato Aero Club (Hamilton) and Taumarunui Aero Club. During the afternoon many of the teams did some flying, checking out the area and doing some practicing. We had a very successful BBQ in the evening, (thanks to our talented cooks). New Plymouth and Waitomo (Te Kuiti) arrived first thing on Saturday morning. The weather wasn't as good as expected but good all the same. We were informed at morning briefing that our region is the largest regional competition, and this was the largest ever. The day was very successful and the competitions were complete in plenty of time. The prize giving dinner was well attended and good to get some placing's especially the Wigram Cup. Everyone safely left on the Sunday morning and our fuel lasted...just!



### The Results

|   |                 |                         |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Bledisloe Navigation Trophy               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Daniel Buhler           |
| Ivon Wormington Lifteraft dropping Trophy | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Graeme Bycroft          |
|   |                 | DISPATCHER Julie Ingram |
| Jean Batten "Circuits" Trophy             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Tad Leach               |
| Airwork Low Flying Cup                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Kent Weir               |
| New Zealand Herald Navigation Trophy      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Julie Ingram            |

### WIGRAM CHALLENGE CUP

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Overall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place  |
| Non Instrument Circuits        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Graeme Bycroft |
| Junior Landing                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Daniel Buhler  |



### The Lucky Spot prize Winner

On Friday Kevin Jane offered the chance for someone to have an Aerobatic flight in his Yak-52.

There was a lot of interest but the winner was Jim Sharp of Otamatea Aero Club, in Ruawai.

He attended our regional's as they are hosting Northern regional's so wanted to see how it all happens.



## CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

### What's Coming up!

**November 21**

**Fly In  
Matamata Aero Club**

**December 4-6**

**75th Jubilee  
Motueka Aero Club**

**December 6**

**Scott's Trophy  
Hawera**

**December 18-19**

**75th Ann. of NZ's first airline  
Hokitika and Haast**

**January 14-17**

**50 Years of Piper Cherokee  
Ashburton**

**January 16**

**Aero Club Open day  
Turangi**

**January 30-31**

**Tiger Moth Club  
Annual Fly In  
Waipukurau**

**Waitangi Weekend**

**February 5-7**

**SportAvex  
Tauranga**

**February 27-28**

**Central Hawkes Bay Aero Club 75th  
Waipukurau**

**February 27**

**Annual Fly In  
Parakai Airfield**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November dawned to be a great looking day and I was wrapped as I was to be flying to New Plymouth to pick up my cousin for a taxi flight back to Hawera after he flew in from Auckland.

The day ended being the saddest days in the recent history of the Hawera Aero Club when one of our hardest working well respected pilots, Stephen Chubb died in a Gyro accident south of Normanby. There is not a person that would say a bad thing of Stephen, he was always there for our working bees, and there were many times he was the saving grace for my newsletter with an interesting article, joke or photos.

His joy for flying was reached far and wide, whenever you read of a gyro Fly In, it was often noted that Stephen had given joy rides to inspire and encourage new or young aviators. Almost every instructor we have had in Hawera has been eventually convinced to go flying with Stephen and all have come back absolutely buzzing about the experience.

His skill in flying his machine was spectacular, he knew his and his Magni Gyro's capabilities amazingly well, and always maintained his gyro to an extremely high standard.

A service for Stephen will be held and Cleggs Funeral Service on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, followed by an interment at the Okaiawa Cemetery.

I would encourage as many club members as possible to attend.

Labour weekend Taumarunui hosted another successful Tiger Moth Fly In, (The Tiger Club celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) I called in on my way through on a cross country and its great to see such a large variety of aircraft.

Taumarunui and Dannevirke has expressed an interest in having mini competitions with the Hawera Aero Club, we will keep you updated as details come available. I envisage a BBQ lunch will be a common theme.

There are a number of Aero Clubs emerging again, Turangi and Matamata for example, these clubs are trying to promote themselves and they need other clubs support. They are promoting themselves via Open Days and Fly Ins and are looking for support from other clubs. So we would like to encourage our members to support them and they will support us.

We are hosting the Scott's Trophy in Hawera on December the 6<sup>th</sup>, we will need helpers for the cooking and comps.

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Julie



## Black Sands 2009—Les Worsley

After attending the last seminar and beach landing during the 2007 Black Sands Fly-In, it was decided to do it all again this year.



Because of the tides this year it was only favourable early on Sunday, so

at 6:30 on a cold clear morning, Julie & Guy in EOS and myself in CAW departed Hawera and headed for Raglan to attend the beach landed briefing before heading to Gibson's Beach 8nms north of the airfield.



A total of 20 aircraft parked by the cliffs with a number deciding not to land and heading back to Raglan. We stayed on the beach for about an hour enjoying some west coast scenery including one passenger from Auckland who enjoyed some seafood from the nearby rocks.

Once back in Raglan we walked the rows of parked aircraft then headed into town to sample some local cruizen, unfortunately our local "Tongue & Grove" was shut due to alterations.



The conditions this year were very different from two years ago, with the landing area smaller with trickles of fresh water running towards the tide and while the sand was firm it was a little sticky making you have a good clean of the foot wear before getting in the aircraft.



Back to the airfield for a last look around, we departed for Te Kowhai for a refuel and cup of tea, this is another great grass field.

We arrived back in Hawera around 5pm with plenty of interesting tales, great photos and sunburn looking forward to attending next years Black Sands Fly-In.



## DC3 Tour

In spring 2008 Southern DC3 had a very successful Heartland Tour of the South Island.

Over 2000 passengers enjoyed this unique experience in 21 different rural locations.

This success, and plenty of good feedback, has led us to embark on another tour in February 2010.



The North Island didn't feature in the 2008 tour, but it will be a key part in our planning for 2010.

A documentary is being made as we tour in conjunction with Mike Tamaki and the 'Global Storytellers' brand. They will be interviewing local and national identities as they uncover 'Tamaki - Tales of the Heartland'.

In conjunction with the Christchurch Engine Centre we aim to have a 'Road Show' type environment highlighting opportunities in the Aviation sector. Air New Zealand and Pratt & Whitney have a great partnership in the Engine Centre and they are keen to be part of an exciting tour.

Pilots and Engineers have wide-ranging career paths in New Zealand and offshore. We would like to open doors and inspire young kiwis to consider aviation.

Recruiters in several sectors of Air New Zealand acknowledge the connection between this country's aviation history and the rural sector. They are thrilled to be part of the 2010 'Legend of the Skies' Heartland Tour.

The tour will again be crewed by volunteers contributing to keep this wonderful piece of New Zealand aviation heritage operating. All the staff will be on leave from their professional aviation jobs.

It is pleasing to have a number of different airfields added to the tour this summer after the success of the inaugural Heartland Tour in spring 2008.

Each flight is 30mins, and still priced at only \$100 per seat for adults, \$50 for children under 15.

| Sunday               | Monday                     | Tuesday            | Wednesday          | Thursday            | Friday                 | Saturday                       |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                      |                            |                    |                    |                     |                        | 30-Jan<br>Rangiora             |
| 31-Jan<br>Darfield   | 1-Feb<br>Twizel<br>Oamarua | 2-Feb<br>Wanaka    | 3-Feb<br>Cromwell  | 4-Feb<br>Flexible   | 5-Feb<br>Queenstown    | 6-Feb<br>Alexandra             |
| 7-Feb<br>Dunedin     | 8-Feb<br>Idaburn           | 9-Feb<br>Flexible  | 10-Feb<br>Roxburgh | 11-Feb<br>Manapouri | 12-Feb<br>Invercargill | 13-Feb<br>Invercargill<br>Gore |
| 14-Feb<br>Gore       | 15-Feb<br>Flexible         | 16-Feb<br>Oamaru   | 17-Feb<br>Timaru   | 18-Feb<br>Ashburton | 19-Feb<br>Flexible     | 20-Feb<br>Hokitika             |
| 21-Feb<br>Greymouth  | 22-Feb<br>Flexible         | 23-Feb<br>Westport | 24-Feb<br>Nelson   | 25-Feb<br>Blenheim  | 26-Feb<br>Flexible     | 27-Feb<br>Dannevirke           |
| 28-Feb<br>Waipukurau | 1-Mar<br>Hastings          | 2-Mar<br>Napier    | 3-Mar<br>Wairoa    | 4-Mar<br>Flexible   | 5-Mar<br>Gisborne      | 6-Mar<br>Gisborne              |
| 7-Mar<br>Rotorua     | 8-Mar<br>TBC               | 9-Mar<br>TBC       | 10-Mar<br>TBC      | 11-Mar<br>TBC       | 12-Mar<br>TBC          | 13-Mar<br>TBC                  |
| 14-Mar<br>TBC        |                            |                    |                    |                     |                        |                                |



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