



HAWERA AERO CLUB NEWSLETTER

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From the President

I felt the 80th anniversary celebrations were a great success. The flying during the day saw a lot of interesting visitors and the dinner at night, with Bruce Aitken as the after dinner speaker, certainly kept us entertained. With Bruce's numerous crash stories and other tales that went right back to the pioneering days of the industry, it was all in all a good evening. Most of us hope we never have even one crash story to tell. A big thank you to all those that put a lot of time and effort in getting ready for the day. This was a significant occasion in the club's history and I think it went off very well, helped by such beautiful weather. The club has made a large investment in a fuel tanker and although not as convenient as what we had before it seems to be working well. Anybody that has not used it yet needs to get a briefing first, there is a right way of going about things. Thanks to Mike and Ray for going to Hamilton to collect the tanker.

Congratulations to Derek on his first solo and to Ben Dickie on becoming a PPL, well done.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of our club member, Paul De'Ath. Les Worsley and I did a flyover at the cemetery during the service for Paul as requested by the family. The Club passes on its sympathy and condolence to Paul's family.

Ralph Gibson



All that attended the 80th Celebrations Dinner

NEW MEMBERS

We have a new member we at Hawera Aero Club would like to welcome and introduce –
D. Piers

PPL Law Class

Hi, Brent your new Instructor here, I'm planning to carry on with PPL classes on Wednesday from 7.30pm to 9.30pm first class being Law.

Please leave your name and number on the paper next to the booking book or call Vikki at the Aero Club on Tuesday or Thursday between 11am to 3pm or me on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday if you want to attend.

Thanks
Brent

Derek Wyllie First Solo & Ben Dickie PPL

Big congratulations to Ben Dickie on gaining his PPL and to Derek Wyllie on his first solo.

Ben has raced through his PPL gaining it in just over a year, Instructor Craig having a huge help in helping Ben get his cross countries tidied up quickly.

Derek has been flying for a little while, but stalled on getting his medical but completed his first solo on Wednesday 18th March 2009 in C-152 UNB. Derek has worked really hard to achieve this goal and the big grin after the solo flight said it all.



After Solo, L-R Derek, Brent & Mark



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See our Newsletter online on FlyingNZ website.

Websites to check out

<http://www.takeabreak.co.nz/new-zealand-webcams.asp>
Up to date webcam photos

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SOCIAL DRINKS

Every Friday night from 5pm at the Club

All welcome



80th Anniversary



Watching in the Sun

We had a great 80th Anniversary on the 21st March 2009 with plenty of public around and lots of club support. Not to mention really great weather. Thanks to all the aircraft for flying in The dinner at the Gables was a great occasion also with guest speaker Bruce Aitken an ex local Ag pilot with many harrowing stories to tell.



Some of the many cars



Impressive Fly Past



Irene and Manie, preparing for busy day



All the way from Auckland



Cricri from New Plymouth



Norfolk Road @lders



Giddy From Australia

Giddy All,

How is everything going down at the Hawera Aero Club? I have been meaning to get in contact for awhile but have just been rather slack you could say.

Well I have been over in Townsville now for 6 months. Townsville is an interesting place. When i first arrived the temp's were early 30's and kind of bearable, you could swim in the sea and cool off. Now they are mid 30's plus a high humidity and not that nice at all, and the beach is out of the question, stingers are out and the water is not that refreshing.

I'm flying for a small charter company who also have a flight training school attached. We operate Chieftains, an Islander (which in the wet weather is the Range Rover of the skies), C210, C206, and in the flight training C172. Until early Dec we did have a couple of C150's but in a gust of wind they got tipped over and smashed. Not the best but i didn't really enjoy flying them as they are soooooo gutless especially in this heat performance is very poor.

For the charter company our main run is across to Palm Island: An indigenous island which is about 35nm NNW of Townsville. We have 5 scheduled runs daily and then take charters over when ever they are needed. We take teachers, builders, plumbers and many more labours, Nurses (who are mainly all from New Zealand), Police etc, to and fro and of course the locals backwards and forwards. The Island is rather pretty in places in saying that it is also a government funded aboriginal community, the population is about 3000 and seeing is believing i had heard of stories before i came over and thought yeah right but now i have seen it all.

We also do a few mining runs's but have lost a couple of contracts with a few of the mines shutting down. And then there is also the scenic flights out over the Great Barrier reef.

The flight school is starting to get busy, most of the students are just going for their PPL's with a couple heading towards their CPL's.

Generally i end up doing 2-3 Instructing flights a week the

rest of the time it's over to the island, mainly in the twins. It's good having a bit of variety and keeping in on the instructing still.

It has been a busy few months over here in the Ville. The "Wet" season was the wettest on record; it rained every day from Dec 31st up until three weeks ago!!! And all this time it was still hot and muggy. I thought Taranaki was bad for rain! All this rain meant that there were floods everywhere and pretty much everyone was isolated due to road closures busted bridges etc. So Bluewater (the company I work for) came to the rescue and we flew in Newspapers, ciggies, food and all of the Queensland emergency people into a lot of places. As far north as Carins,inland to Charters Towers and down to Mackay. It was a full on few weeks, loading the planes in the rain and flying in "interesting" weather. I did say I was heading over here for the experience and that I now have. One of the strips we went into had roo's on it almost every time we went in, as it was the only dry part of land for miles. In amongst all the rain was also a cyclone, Townsville was lucky to miss a lot of the really high winds Palm Island did feel the effects a bit though so this meant the barge couldn't travel across with all of their daily supplies so we took over about 3 tonnes of fruit in vege for them, Potatoes, Potatoes, Potatoes I tell ya, sooooo many sacks of them, I can't wait till I work for an airline and not have to load my own plane.

In saying all of this the sooo called wet season is probably over /hopefully and now we are just in cyclone season. A large one (cat 5) brewed a few weeks ago it was tracking to cross the coast at Townsville but it changed its path and headed out to sea. Sooo fingers crossed that was the last one, and we can now enjoy the sunny days with hardly a cloud in sight for a few months.

Well that is about all from me, hope all is well and the summer weather is treating you with some nice flying weather.

Happy Flying

Amelia

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80th Anniversary Bucket hats and Caps

If you want your own anniversary hat you need to get in touch with me as soon as possible. They are selling very fast, but don't worry if we get enough interest I can put in another order.

\$21 each



What's Coming up!

Easter

April 10-12

**Classic Fighters Airshow
Omaka**

April 19

**NZAWA BBQ
Wellington**

May 3

**Scott's Trophy
Wanganui**

May 17

**Dawn Raid
Waipukurau**

May 22-23

**Ag Reunion Masterton
www.agreunion2009.co.nz**

Queens Birthday Weekend

May 29—June 1

**NZAWA Rally & AGM
Ashburton**

July 10

**Winter FlyIn
Omarama**

July 27—August 2

**EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh USA**

Labour Weekend

October 24-26

**Tiger Moth Club 40th Anniversary
Taumarunui**

November

Regional Competitions Hawera

CLUB CAPTAIN'S CORNER

What a great success our 80th Anniversary Fly In and Open Day was, the weather played the part as well, on Saturday we couldn't have asked for any better. We had plenty of public turning up, many seeing it in the South Taranaki Star and a few just seeing the planes flying around. We offered short introductory flights for \$40 which thanks to Brent many people purchased.

Manie and Irene van Zyl spent all day cooking the BBQ for the public to purchase and we need to thank them for being such great PR ambassadors. I would like to thank everyone else who helped to make the day great.

We had a good number of aircraft present with a good presentation from Stratford and New Plymouth clubs. We had some very notable and interesting aircraft attend, Wayne Butt's new Cricri, John Luff's Glassair, Craig Langlands Taylor Monoplane and A 172 Cutlass retractable flown in by weather man Jim Hickey to mention a few.

Kevin Jane and Les Worsley did some great flying displays with the most enjoyable being their smoke on take off.

The Dinner in the evening was a very enjoyable meal, thanks for that go to Tony Muller for organising that and organising our great guest speaker Bruce Aitken who had a very enjoyable speech which had most if not all the group laughing.

The cake was cut ceremonially by Ray Babbington (Patron) and Eric Scott (Ex President). L-R



So if you weren't at our 80th, "Where the \$#&@ were you".

There will be some winter Fly In's in the next few months starting with Waipukurau in May. If you are keen to attend these, get in touch with me, they have the same format of early starts and breakfast.

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Julie



Tokoroa fly in

Saturday the 4th of April dawned fine and clear which was good for the flight to Tokoroa. Three planes from HAC got ready, Graeme and Christina Bycroft in EOS, Les Worsley in CAW and Julie Ingram and myself in LJW. The conditions were clear and smooth for the flight over. Navigation over the centre of the Island is interesting with not many features to mark off on the map.

The airfield at Tokoroa has a good length bitumen runway and a lot of hangars. We arrived around 10.30 and there were quite a few aircraft already there. As the day wore on other aircraft arrived in steady numbers.

There were three gyrocopters, a Titan T51 Mustang, two homebuilt Bell helicopters, a Mooney and several Cessna's.

The team at Tokoroa were friendly and a sausage sizzle lunch was laid on.



Graeme, Christina and I were given the tour of Tokoroa by Graeme's daughter Fiona.

Les took off with a cloud of smoke and we were accompanied to Taumaranui Aerodrome by Les's brother Pat flying the RV4. We had a stopover there while Pat had his first flight in CAW. After about half an hour Les started looking a bit nervous but eventually Pat came in for a perfect landing.



James Lobet Ganagobie Mousebird

We left for the final leg of the flight around 4.30 and all too soon we were landing at Hawera. It was a great way to celebrate the last day of daylight saving.

Guy Oakley



Is the old Adage “Red sky at night, sailor’s delight. Red sky in morning, sailor’s warning” true, or is it just an old wives’ tale?

Answer:

Within limits, there is truth in this saying.

Have you ever heard anyone use the proverb above? Shakespeare did. He said something similar in his play, *Venus and Adonis*. “Like a red morn that ever yet betokened, Wreck to the seaman, tempest to the field, Sorrow to the shepherds, woe unto the birds, Gusts and foul flaws to herdmen and to herds.”

Weather lore has been around since people needed to predict the weather and plan their activities. Sailors and farmers relied on it to navigate ships and plant crops.

But can weather lore truly predict the weather or seasons?

Weather lore concerning the appearance of the sky, the conditions of the atmosphere, the type or movement of the clouds, and the direction of the winds may have a scientific basis and likely can predict the weather.

In order to understand why “Red sky at night, sailor’s delight. Red sky in morning, sailor’s warning” can predict the weather, we must understand more about weather and the colours in the sky.

Usually, weather moves from west to east, blown by the westerly trade winds. This means storm systems generally move in from the West.

The colours we see in the sky are due to the rays of sunlight being split into colours of the spectrum as they pass through the

atmosphere and ricochet off the water vapour and particles in the atmosphere. The amounts of water vapour and dust particles in the atmosphere are good indicators of weather conditions. They also determine which colours we will see in the sky.

During sunrise and sunset the sun is low in the sky, and it transmits light through the thickest part of the atmosphere. A red sky suggests an atmosphere loaded with dust and moisture particles. We see the red, because red wavelengths (the longest in the colour spectrum) are breaking through the atmosphere. The shorter wavelengths, such as blue, are scattered and broken up.

Red sky at night, sailors delight.

When we see a red sky at night, this means that the setting sun is sending its light through a high concentration of dust particles. This usually indicates high pressure and stable air coming in from the west. Basically good weather will follow.

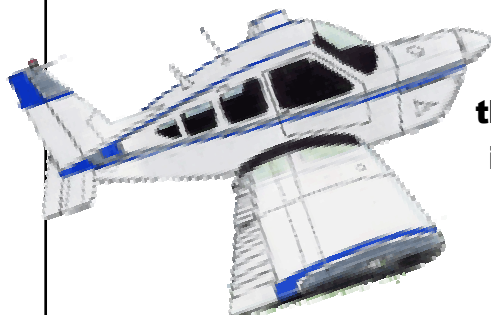
Red sky in morning, sailor’s warning.

A red sunrise reflects the dust particles of a system that has just passed from the west. This indicates that a storm system may be moving to the east. If the morning sky is a deep fiery red, it means a high water content in the atmosphere. So, rain is on its way.



Sunset at Hawera

FOUR SEAT AIRCRAFT SYNDICATE BASED AT HAWERA



Would you like the convenience of your own plane, that’s available when you need it. If you are interested in being involved in a syndicate have a chat to me.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Airways NZ have recently announced changes to services and phone numbers for flight planning services.

This included the decommissioning of the Fax on Demand Service and the changing of the 0800 NBOPLN (0800 626 756) free phone to a chargeable 0900 number.

The provision of NOTAM and Pre Flight Briefing is CAA function which Airways NZ provide under the Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) contract.

The CAA has meet with Airways to advise these services are provided under the current AIS Contract and require CAA agreement before any changes or charging can be made.

The result of the meeting was that the decommissioning of the Fax on Demand service and the change from an 0800 to 0900 number is on hold until CAA and Airways finalise discussions around provision of these services.

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