

# Airborne

## Newsletter

November 2023



*My highlight of the day was to introduce Dom to the delights of open cockpit taildraggers- Tailskidders? - Jerry Chisum*

*Pilot | Dom Wilson  
Photographer | Jerry Chisum*

## From our President

Isn't our Airfield looking healthy as a result of this weather! It would be very much appreciated if all facility owners are astute in their upkeep of their grounds in keeping the airfield looking tip top. Our tractor driver Dave is relishing with his new blades and managing good straight runs giving he doesn't have the pleasure of GPS guidance. Thank you for keeping the place mint Dave, and likewise Laurie your efforts are far from unnoticed. To Laurie's defence, it was not him that gave certain lawns a serious kina cut – yes Kevin has returned and amongst other things has been busily spraying about the place.

Some will note that our driveway maintenance is now in progress. Please be courteous during this operation and minimise your speed to that of below 20 kmph.

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## From our President - Joe Faram

As previously mentioned Bruce Govenlock is spearheading our Rates Refund Quest with both councils having acknowledged the overcharge and consequently are in the process of calculating these refunds accordingly. Legally they are bound to that of just 5 years so the remaining 15 years will be of benefit come future financial negotiations for facilities improvements. This discovery coupled with Cyclone Gabrielle highlighting our Airfield significance to the region bears promise for outside financial acknowledgement going forward.

Meantime ever increasing costs are very real with maintenance, exchange rates, overhauls, wages and the CPI all compounding to significantly impact our cost of operations. Consequently this has witnessed an inevitable increase in the clubs charge out rates. We will be astutely monitoring these going forward - robbing Peter to pay Paul is not a philosophy which will ensure longevity for our club, so be warned accountability is rising to the top of our agenda.

Air HB ..... 1 December is the scheduled takeover date! It's been a somewhat complex transaction, best I am prudent and leave an official announcement once the money is in the bank! Be it known Barry is earning his keep and believes forming today's Coalition Government would be a walk in the park in comparison!!!

I'm excited by the times ahead, strategic investment, strategy and exposure to that of opportunity all equate to a positive vibrant environment for ourselves to enjoy.

Airspace – our boundaries and ceilings have altered, becoming effective 30 November. Mike and his team are promoting awareness of these changes so please make a point of familiarising yourselves with these to prevent please explain letters from our CAA!

As a gesture of appreciation and consideration to our local community Dom will be donning himself into a Santa Suit with his elf Mike in toe for a helicopter arrival at the Bridge Pa school in part of celebrating the spirit of Christmas which is now upon us.

Lets be careful out there (especially when landing in school grounds!)

Joe

## From the CFI - *Mike Russell*

Hi All,

**Wow, what a great month of flying. Mother nature was still up to her usual tricks but that didn't stop the Aero Club from Hosting a Tail Draggers event, the Frogley Cup and the 13th Squadron for 20 Trial Flights. MAGIC**

### Safety:

Just a note on safety and it's a good one. We had a member who had an incident on the ground. Unfortunately, he taxied out with his towbar still attached to the aircraft. He was alerted by someone who was working in their hanger. The aircraft suffered no damage and the pilot just felt a little embarrassed and grateful at the same time. A piece of steel coming into contact with the prop can be expensive.

Two options here. ..

File a report to the CFI or two people know, no harm, no foul!

It was great to receive the phone call and they told me all about the incident and what had happened.

Through this discussion we talked about what went wrong and what could be done to prevent it happening again.

In short, always preflight the aircraft the same, regardless of what you are doing. Also, the idea of a flag on the towbar was a great preventive as well.

The other option is nothing is said but after being here for six months nothing stays secret for long if two people know. The worst case would be that CAA phone me and I have no idea what they are talking about. They would then rightly assume I may not know what else is happening and we can all see where this leads.

In the past couple of days unfortunately while backing my trailer, I managed to run over my mountain bike. When I took it into the shop they said you are not the first person and certainly won't be the last.

I guess if we apply the same logic here, I hope the chances of it happening again are lower due to me sharing the story.

It's a chance to reflect and think could this happen to me, what can I change? They call this type of reporting, 'Just culture', where you are honest about owning up and the company helps you out with changing and training. 'Just culture' for me is "Just tell me". Then we can sort it.

### Airspace changes:

One word sums it up, **LOWER**

Just to the North of the airfield the airspace has been lowered from 2500 to 2000ft.

Operating to the south and east, airspace has been lowered there as well, please check your maps. We will have a night in December to brief on the changes.

I have spoken to Napier Tower and Benjamin Ripley has said he is only too happy to come over and speak about the changes. Although these changes are effective from 30th November, we thought it best after two weeks of these changes bedding in, we can advise on what we are seeing. If you are out flying, just ask one of the instructors, as we are only too happy to help with briefing our pilots on the changes.

### BP Scholarships:

We are proud to announce that Phil Lowe, Sophie Blokker, Stefanie Bothma, and Brad Stone have received scholarships from BP, well done.

### Farewell:

Sophie has been instructing full time for a year now. She has helped a lot of students along the way with her positive attitude, she is always a pleasure to fly with. Sophie is leaving us for Christmas trees! A plug here if you need a tree just head out to Birdwoods Café and Sophie will sort you out. She will also be working on her Multi Time in the next couple of months and also has a trip planned overseas next year. All the best Sophie, you will be missed.

Work together stay apart.

Cheers

Mike

## Instructors Column - Dom Box-Wilson & Sophie Saathof



Dipsticks at dawn, Hawera Regionals | Photographer—Colin Woolard

### G'day everyone from the instructor's office.

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who's come to support all the events, whether you were out on the landing grid, marshalling aircraft & personnel, helping with food, or competing, it's been great to see so much activity on the weekends!

From Taildraggers, the RWC breakfast, Frogley Cup, No.13 SQN Air Training Corps' Flying weekend, CAA & Oz Runways seminars... It's been a bit of a wild month!

Although these weekends were a great success, it's noticeable all the same people are here. We want to encourage ALL members (YES THIS INCLUDES STUDENTS) to come out and have a crack at these competition weekends!

They're great fun and add a little extra to flying rather than the standard 'brief, flight, debrief' structure of a lesson.

This also extends to the Friday night dinners. It's been amazing running the bar. Seeing & talking to everybody on a Friday night is a good start to the weekend. So, thank you to everyone who comes up every Friday & of

course a special thank you to Molly who absolutely annihilates the cooking every week, it's amazing what you do!

One thing that's been noticeable from questions asked at CAA seminars is, we seem to be caught up on how others flying is affecting us when in the vicinity of the aerodrome. This includes radio calls, how their actions can throw us off from flying an exact procedure like the SOHRJ and a lot of "what if an aircraft is doing x" questions came out at the seminars.

A change in attitude may be required to "how is my flying effecting others?"

It all comes down to being aware of the environment around you, thinking about possible proficiency levels of other pilots, what stage in their training they're at, what's going on in the area, being able to analyse possible outcomes of your aircrafts manoeuvres, thinking which action best effects not only you but the other aircraft in the area and choosing accordingly.

This may require thinking outside the box and doing something out of the ordinary to

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make sure you & others complete your tasks safely.  
If anyone wants to chat about this, feel free to pop in and see us.  
(See the end of the column for a thinking point.)

Secondly, Napier's airspace is changing as of **November 30** so please, everyone get new maps, update your GPS systems & AIRAC cycles, whatever you need, and study up on the changes. It's the 1st change to airspace in forever so it will take some getting used to. There's not a lot that will affect us tremendously but there will be some areas where we could get caught out. Maps are available from Pilotshop Downunder in Napier.

Lastly... we say goodbye to Sophie at the end of the month. She's moving on to try her hand as an entrepreneur, running a business with husband Dave & some would say, Christmas is their busy season. From all of us, Soph, it's been a pleasure working with you. You've laid a great foundation for us to expand & build upon with our current & future students. Your attitude, fun approach to instructing & personality will definitely be missed around the club. Don't be a stranger, Goodluck with the business & enjoy your holiday next year!



Thanks everyone, not long until Christmas... The countdown is on!

## Club Captains Column - *Thomas Hornblow*

### G'day all!

Hope you've all had a good month and made use of some of the fantastic weather we've had.

Firstly a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to our club pilots who managed to retain the **Frogley cup** by a tight 15 points over CHB. Ross Drew, Jan Chisum and John Managh were our top scorers with 110,115 and 110 points respectively.

Thank you to those who helped on the day setting/packing up the grid and providing lunch. Typical of myself I forgot to get any photos of the Frogley comp as I was busy clutching a clipboard but vice club captain Ali Shand made up for that!

And thank you to Dom for running the safety briefing and overseeing the comp for Frogley cup.

A brilliant day and a great atmosphere was enjoyed by all and the day was topped off by a visit from Cirrus NZ with their brand new SR22T.

A brilliant IFR cross country tourer for sure! Full Garmin panel, de-icing for up in the flight levels and supplementary oxygen to make sure you don't pass out.

A good showing from members and students alike and no doubt a few lotto tickets purchased after!

The Saturday before had plenty of VFR arrivals for the Mission concert with two Cherokees, C180 and a C210 Turbo centurion making the trip down in brilliant weather. Great to see visiting aircraft to the field.

The same day I was also lucky enough to go for my first flight in a tiger moth with Jerry Chisum. A true "pinch myself" moment! The manoeuvrability and rate of climb was incredible, truly grateful for the opportunity. Until next month have good one!

Thomas Hornblow  
Club captain



## New Club Members

### New Flying Members:

**Callum Shanks**  
**Sebastian Nilsson**  
**Jake Barber**  
**Welcome aboard!**

Come on up to the bar on Friday nights for dinner and a chat.

You are welcome to join this social aspect of being a Club Member. The bar opens at 5pm with dinner around 6 – 6.45pm. (\$10 covers the meal).

The Club Bar is also open on Sundays from 5pm. It's a great way to meet like-minded people and further your flying experience.

Club Day is last Sunday of the month. Come along for an organised flying activity and social time.



Meantime the Club is open 7 days - great place to picnic and hang out between lessons.

**See you out there!**

## The Hangar Door: *A bit of aviation light side from Glenn Campbell.*



## Young Eagles - Pete Steers & Ian Sowman (Y.E. coordinators)

A visit this month to the model flying club at Awatoto proved very successful with four students taking up the challenge to build and learn to fly a model aircraft. The secretary of the club, Barry Kerr, was very welcoming and demonstrated to the students that for less than a hundred dollars they would be able to construct a polystyrene motorised model aircraft. \$50.00 for a cheap controller gets them flying.



To the other extreme a scale model of a Sukhoi SU26 aerobatic plane runs to \$5000 but is a joy to watch fly fully aerobatic.

All in all a good Sunday morning out for the Young Eagles who learnt a lot in a short time.

On a slightly different note, I would like to know if any club member would be willing and able to take over the running of the Young Eagles. I really would like to step down but need a volunteer to take over. One Sunday a month for three hours. Are there any takers??  
Many Thanks.

Pete Steers 021 235 0260



**Left: Bella Coombe seen here receiving her aspiring Young Eagle award. A Varieze, flyable, model aircraft kit donated by Malcombe Belcher.**



# Hawera Regional Competitions - *Cancelled due to weather*

Sadly the Hawera hosted Regional Competitions were cancelled just as they began.

Mt. Taranaki give a cameo appearance from behind the clouds.



Some of the competition fleet parked up and Hayden Faulknor in RVH taking off for the aerobatic competition.



Hawera Club cat enduring some affection from our Club Captain Thomas



Team still looks optimistic



Optimism wanes as we all wait for lunch



The John Managh stunt double in action



# Frogley Cup - Photo essay



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## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

### Tail Dragger 2023 October 28th – 29th

Just like that - there it was

A Blue-Sky Saturday with a slight cross for the STOL (~ 5kt South easterly), the start of another fun-flying Tail Dragger weekend.

Jan and Jerry had painted a good thick wide white STOL line on 19 and when I arrived were out painting another just in case on 01. Tail wheeled aircraft were lining up bright in the sunshine. Flour Bombs ready filled and waiting in the old frayed cane wash basket. The blue Jail Bar V8 side valve running smoothly ready for its annual mission after a few months head scratching and a fuel related part replacement.



Our first Tail Dragger weekend was held in 2008, run along the lines of the Valdez Alaska Fly In. A recreational competition not held in NZ until then and that first one was a little daunting in the anticipation, having only been exposed to STOL comps via youtube OMG Valdez clips.

The following year (2009) Bruce and I caught up with the founders of the Valdez Fly In, Alene and Randy Maag over coffee in Anchorage to check out their organizing, activities and operational considerations of the Fly In. It was interesting and informative to meet them (warm and generous people) and talk around the comps.

In Alaska, small town informal STOL competitions had been commonplace all over the state for years until they gradually died out due mainly to liability concerns. The Valdez Fly In picked up the baton again in 2004 as an idea to attract visitors to Valdez whose small community at that time was struggling and it has become the GO TO Fly In for bush planes and igniting an enthusiastic sprouting of similar events worldwide.

Our STOL rules are the same as Valdez rules although we only have two attempts rather than the three Valdez have for each aircraft/ pilot identity and not so many aircraft classes to cater for.

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Valdez have a heavy Touring (C 180's etc) light touring (C172 type), Bush (Cub), Alternate Bush (much modified ) and a light sports category.

We have Heavy – C180's C172's – metal machines really. Cub Class speaks for itself, and then if sufficient aircraft, a microlight class and over the past couple of years a vintage class has proven popular. The divisions are a bit blurred at times but THE LINE sorts out a lot of the differences.

The goal is to enjoy the personal challenge. Take off short from the line and land on or just past the line to fully stop in as short a distance as you can. It's a friendly landscape rather than a hard out win at all cost thing.

JailBar bombing is unique to Tail Dragger - flour bombing the deck of our very slowly moving 1947 JailBar truck. Simple right?! A serious amount of fun.

Dom was a gift. Organised and all over the event, presenting a nicely polished powerpoint rules and safety briefing to start the proceedings. So nice to have all the outside operational stuff happening with no niggling concerns- there was a good manager on the spot!



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### STOL

#### **General STOL Rules:**

1. Each entrant will be allowed one run consisting of two sets of T/O & Landings.
2. Score will be based on the best T/O and landing set (no pick and mix) .

#### **Short Field Take-Off Rules:**

1. Taxi into position as directed by the line judge, with main gear stopped on reference line.
2. Begin take-off roll after being given the “thumbs-up” by the line judge.
3. Take-off distance is measured from start line to point at which the last wheel leaves the ground for the last time.

#### **Short Field Landing Rules:**

1. Main gear must land on or beyond the reference line.
2. Main gear touchdown prior to reference line is disqualifying.
3. Tailwheel touchdown prior to reference line is NOT disqualifying.
4. Aircraft must come to a full stop, straight ahead, and remain until judges have had a chance to measure and clear you from the runway.
5. Landing distance will be measured from the reference line to the main gear once stopped.
6. Return to staging area for second attempt and park after second attempt.

#### **JailBar Bombing Rules:**

Note: Flour bombs supplied.

1. Minimum altitude – (250 ft AGL)
2. Solo or team effort – your choice.
3. Two passes only for each pilot/bombardier.
4. Maintain runway heading during “bombing run”.
5. Aim is to land a flour bomb on the deck of a moving Jail bar truck.
7. Each competitor allowed two attempts. Final score is best of the two.

#### **NOTES:**

- No more than 3 aircraft in circuit please.
- Make good distinct radio calls advising competition and run number.  
(eg “Sierra Tango Mike downwind 01 STOL run one”)
- Clear Runway to parking area promptly on completion of competition.



## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

Home baking and good food are a non-negotiable part of the weekend. A deliberate stride away from the usual fly in \$100 supermarket sausage in white bread.

Tail Dragger embraced wild food menus for as many years as we could sustain it (our club hunters providing venison, goat, pheasant, peacock, turkey, duck and rabbits).

Now we try for just good home-made food with at the very least free range and as much as possible organic ingredients.

This year we had:

*Chicken and black beans in enchilada sauce*

*Lamb tagine with apricot and chickpeas*

*Sonoran style sour dough flour tortillas*

*Corn tortillas*

*Chickpea and Fava bean Falafels*

*Spanakopita phyllo hand pies*

*Tzatziki Sauce*

*Coriander plum sauce*

*Grilled Asparagus*

*Mustard mayonnaise*

*Green garden salad*

*Ya Bon sourdough ciabatta*

*With Lemon tart and cream to finish*



Pete Steers and Judy Grant got busy stirring, chopping, grating, grilling, setting up and made sure everything made it to the table with even Bruce spending time thin slicing capsicum between flights. Thank you to those others offering to pitch in and to those cleaning up the dishes.

*Outside down on 19 the STOL from Ali Shand*

### **Taildragger - Ali Shand**

It's a good day when you see so many aircraft with wheels on the right way around.

Especially the mighty Bird Dog flown in by Rob and Caroline from Omaka! Knowing the outcome of our futile attempts, Liam Sutherland and I took to the sky in the Ol' Tomahawk to give the STOL competitions a go. In the words of our chief ground judge, Dominik, we would have won too! ... If it was a competition for the longest landing.

***Congratulations to Hayden Faulknor in the Savage Cub (ZK-SCA) for the shortest combined take-off and landing ground roll, of 94 meters!***

She won't like me mentioning it But, we simply must put our hands together for Stephanie who sacrificed her own STOL attempts to prepare for us a truly beautiful lunch on the day. Thanks to Stephanie and to all those who made the day run as smoothly as it did! (Looking at you, Dom.)

Now I'll hand you over to Caleb Day for his piece on the Jailbar bombing competition;

## Taildraggers Report - *Stephanie Eilers*

### Jailbar Bombing – Caleb Day

The competition started off with me, Bruce Govenlock and Ian Sowman all loading into the cab or on to the bed of the Blue Ford Pickup that was the intended target for the day. Cliff Johnson deftly handling the wheel.

The weather for the event was clear, with a slight wind from the south. Switching to the North later in the day. Starting with runway 19 then with a change to 01 near the end of the competition.

Positioning ourselves to make our runs from the 11/29 cross-vector adjacent grass runway 19, we waited for the competitors to get themselves going.

One by one they started up and taxied out to the 19 holding point, loaded with a willing bombardier and enough flour to dust any unsuspecting insects that happen to be in the way of the bombs... or us in the bed of the Pickup if we unluckily happened to be in the way...

Once everyone had sorted themselves out, the low-level circuit began to fill with aircraft making bomb runs on the poor Ford and its occupants. As the aircraft would line up for final, I would tap the roof to alert our driver to get going and make us a moving target. Can't have it too easy now!

As the bombs fell, the position the bombs hit relative to the truck was relayed by radio to the pilot for their second run, so that they may have a chance to improve their accuracy. Once a run was over, another tap on the roof alerted the driver to step on it as we returned to the starting point for the next aircraft. Often not too far behind, we often managed to reposition just in time to start the next run.

Overall, the accuracy of the competitors that day was quite good. Although we had a few that were far away enough that they could have been using Bumblebee the 4x4 on the far side of the airfield as the target!

In the end the winners were very clear, Gavin Grimmer in the Skylux and Rob Mackley with Caroline as Bombardier in the Bird Dog, with equal shots near enough to the truck that the occupants almost considered diving for cover!

It was a fantastic day with a fantastic turnout, it was great to see everyone get involved. Bring on taildragger 2024!



## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

### Tail Dragger 2023 STOL

#### Heavy Class

1st Place: Rob Mackley DOG Bird Dog 167m

Call Sign	Aircraft	Pilot	T/O 1	LDG 1	T/O2	LDG 2	SCORE
DOG	Bird Dog	Rob Mackley	73	/	67	100	167
RVH	Vans RV4	Mike van de Ven	92	Long	76	Long	
SLX	SkyLux	Gavin Grimmer	91	/	/	/	

#### Cub Class

1st Place: Hayden Faulknor SCA Savage Cub 94m

2nd Place: Jerry Chisum LLX Legal Eagle 99m

3rd Place: Pete Steers SNP Just SuperStol 105m

Call Sign	Aircraft	Pilot	T/O 1	LDG 1	T/O2	LDG 2	SCORE
LLX	Legal Eagle	Jerry Chisum	60	52	61	38	99
SNP	Just Super-STOL	Pete Steers	45	60	45	/	105
DKL	Just Super-STOL	Dan Adgo	63	52	/	/	115
MRD	ICP Savannah	Ross Drew	/	/	33	/	
BQS	SuperCub 90	Sean Husheer	66	101	50	91	141
BPM	SuperCub150	Mike Fleming	50	102	47	62	109
SCA	Savage Cub	Hayden Faulknor	45	82	31	63	94
CSL	Sonex	Steve Campbell	Long	Long	Long	Long	<i>Slippery fast speedster</i>
LDL	Minicab	Ilona Hamer	127	100	150	100	227
BRO	SuperCub150	Bruce Govenlock	66	100	/	/	166
RJK	Minicab	Jan Chisum	76	122	89	144	198
BRO	SuperCub150	Jerry Chisum	47	/	48	70	118
RJK	Minicab	Jerry Chisum	88	/	87	/	/

## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

### Vintage Class

1st Place: Jerry Chisum ADT Gipsy Moth 125m  
 2nd Place: Jerry Chisum BMY Tiger Moth 206m  
 3rd Place: Jan Chisum ADT Gipsy Moth 218m

Call Sign	Aircraft	Pilot	T/O 1	LDG 1	T/O2	LDG 2	SCORE
STM	Stearman	Bruce Govenlock	91	Long	115	155	270
BMY	Tiger Moth	Jerry Chisum	59	Long	65	141	206
ADT	Gipsy Moth	Jan Chisum	86	132	53	/	218
ADT	Gipsy Moth	Jerry Chisum	65	/	53	72	125
BMY	Tiger Moth	Jan Chisum	88	/	76	145	221

### Jail Bar Bombing

1st Place: Gavin Grimmer SLA SkyLux—2m & Rob Mackley (*Pilot*) with Caroline (bombardier) DOG Bird Dog—2m  
 2nd Place: Dan Adgo DKL Just SuperStol—10m & Jerry Chisum LLX Legal Eagle—10m  
 3rd Place: Mike van de Ven SCA Savage Cub—15m

Call Sign	Aircraft	Pilot/ Bomber	Run 1	Run 2	Score
DOG	Bird Dog	Rob Mackley	30	30	30
BPM	SuperCub150	Mike Fleming	100	30	30
BMY	Tiger Moth	Jan Chisum	50	100	50
SCA	Savage Cub	Hayden Faulknor	60	20	20
DKL	Just SuperStol	Dan Adgo	30	10	10
STM	Stearman	Bruce Govenlock/ Stephanie Eilers	30	40	30
SCA	Savage Cub	Mike van de Ven	15	25	15
VGR	Stinson	Hamish Ross	50	20	20
LLX	Legal Eagle	Jerry Chisum	10	10	10
SLX	SkyLux	Gavin Grimmer	20	2	2
ADT	Gipsy Moth	Jan Chisum	150		150
DOG	Bird Dog	Rob Mackley/ Caroline	2	20	2
AON	Tiger Moth	Bill Lamb	35	50	35

## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

### Saturday Night out on the town.

A casual affair. This year centering on Hastings Town Hall precinct where there is a growing cluster of food and pub offerings: Fun Buns, The Common Room, Brave Brewing, Rosie O' Gradys, Cellar 495 to name a few and then Craft and Social where we gathered.

Big Plug for Craft and Social. Phoned them at about 4pm to ask if we could have a few long tables. Sure thing they said, this despite Saturday being the last of the HB arts festival and Toi Toi had a big event on. Craft and Social was really busy, really happy and really accommodating. No problem for us all to order a la carte as we wanted; snacks, meals, shared plates and pay individually or by table. Good food, good wine, beer, cocktails and great ambience.

### Sunday

An extra treat – Dom put on a breakfast BBQ with the RWC on the Big Screen. Thoroughly enjoyed despite the angst of a close game.



On regaining composure tail draggers headed south to Waipuk where much anticipated date scones and cream awaited. Thanks Wendy!

Ross briefed the Henwood Cub Cup precision landing competition. Anyone can participate – but alas only the cubs qualify for the competition trophy.

As you can see – some precise landings.

#### **The results:**

1st Place: KSS, Ross Macdonald +1m

2nd Place: BRO, Bruce Governlock +5m

3rd Place: BPM, Mike Fleming +10m



Mike Fleming in BPM



Ross Macdonald in KSS



Iona Hamer in LDL

## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

And then to checking out local strips. A beach landing not to be as Friday was a tad windy for checking out conditions and Saturday too busy to do same. Ross briefed our first - Lynn and John White's strip at Takapau, gave an overview of the others and then gave a further detailed brief of the next strip before we departed the last, keeping a quiet watchful eye on each aircraft.

John got out on his mower a couple of hours ahead of ETA to provide a sight line down the strip – pretty cool. Serendipitous for Tail Dragger to fall in October this year as is usually held in September when the strip isn't available due to lambing season.

From there on to Otane Tahunga farm, where we needed to take care not to damage the pea crop growing alongside the strip.

Last visit of the day, just down the road to Butler's strip at Tikokino landing to the east. So cool to see the slippery Sonex doing the rounds (nice Steve!)



Tahunga Otane



At James Butlers Tikokino

*Tail Dragger 2024  
Saturday at Waipuk  
Sunday Bridge Pa.  
Come along. Enjoy.*

# Taildraggers Photo Essay - Jerry Chisum



*Hamish takes off from John White's strip past Ilona and Ryan's Minicab. Both Ilona and Ryan's horizons were expanded by the strip experience!*



*Jan touches down on the grid.*



*Socializing at Tiko: What? No Scones and Coffee?*



*Steve did a good job of wedging his speedy Sonex into Tiko.*



*What can be better than Snoopy's 160 horsepower Superstol? 180HP! BOTH Superstols were pipped by "Scar" the Savage Cub flown brilliantly by Hayden.*

# Taildraggers Photo Essay - Club Members





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## Taildraggers Report - Stephanie Eilers

Ps – just in case you were wondering about the Valdez 2023 results. Reminder results are in feet.

# HEAVY TOURING

Place	N#	Name	Make	Model	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	BEST
1	N62JA	Lucas Stutzer	Helio	Courier	102	75	177	108	x	X	80	111	191	177
2	N481D	James Spikes	Cessna	180	122	168	290	114	x	X	136	162	298	290
3	N9751B	Kevin Doyle	Cessna	180	160	242	402	157	244	401	145	148	293	293
4	C-FALG	Ian Costco	Cessna	185E	123	180	303	153	230	383	140	X	x	303
5	N2743X	Wes Erb	Cessna	180	155	195	350	178	206	384	159	X	x	350
6	N9912N	Jacob Williams	Cessna	180	188	200	388	221	163	384	178	X	X	384
7	C-CFBVA	Gert Mannsperger	Cessna	206	129	X	X	151	300	451	130	300	430	430
8	N1576H	Tim Bloom	Cessna	185	149	305	454	198	298	496	171	300	471	454

# LIGHT TOURING

Place	N#	Name	Make	Model	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	BEST
1	N6991A	Stephen Spence	Cessna	172	73	155	228	65	105	170	67	106	173	170
2	N2235D	Mark Hasner	Cessna	Super 170B	103	138	241	82	112	194	80	109	189	189
3	N170JL	Terry Godes	Cessna	170B	126	159	285	138	300	438	121	100	221	221
4	N4336B	Levi Althens	Cessna	170B	130	143	273	149	X	X	123	109	232	232
5	N3091A	Eric Peltier	Cessna	170B	120	X	X	97	152	258	118	140	258	249
6	N419A	Paul Keech	Cessna	170B	161	X	X	118	140	258	96	X	X	258
7	N8603B	Ben Brown	Cessna	172	95	300	395	92	177	269	84	178	262	262

# BUSH

Place	N#	Name	Make	Model	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	BEST
1	N62751	Cashe Carr	Piper	PA18	88	90	178	80	78	158	68	X	68	68
2	N746SD	George Pine	Piper	PA18	63	89	152	62	97	159	43	89	132	132
3	N67KL	Kelth Lange	Piper	PA18	81	162	243	62	178	240	78	114	192	192
5	N1127A	Dennis Serle	Piper	PA18	105	X	X	121	106	227	97	142	239	227
4	C-FLRK	Matthew Wolsynuk	Piper	PA18	82	X	X	106	169	275	71	134	205	205
6	N4099E	Chad Reel	Piper	PA18	80	229	309	102	187	289	82	160	242	242
7	N3129Z	William Barry	Piper	PA22 TriPacer	120	X	X	124	221	345	127	209	336	336
8	NN4696Z	Nih Soto Del Carpio	Interstate	51B1	118	248	336	122	X	X	143	X	X	366
9	N83391	Kyle Sobeck	Aeronca	Champ	224	204	428	202	266	468	235	X	X	428

# ALTERNATE BUSH

Place	N#	Name	Make	Model	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	BEST
1	N2129P	Nathan Rehack	CAW32	Super Cub	76	95	171	91	81	172	70	X	X	171
2	N331AK	Shawn Taplin	Just Aircraft	SuperSTOL XL	81	139	220	96	141	237	105	115	220	220
3	N13NBV	Howard Shepherd	Experimental	Super Cub	158	171	329	162	X	X	175	241	419	329

# LIGHT SPORT

Place	N#	Name	Make	Model	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	Takeoff	Land	Total	BEST
1	C-1BSE	Dan Reynolds	Chinook	Valdez Special	53	40	93	41	35	76	28	38	68	66
2	N7286D	Gary Green	Savage	Norden	75	87	162	80	98	178	90	X	X	162

## Aviation Medicals

Frank Wurmitzer's next pilot medicals at Bridge Pa  
(TBC with Frank via email)

**December 22nd Friday**

*If this doesn't line up with your current medical cycle I could give you an extension for up to 60 days but you must apply before your medical expires.*

Book with Frank by email:

**Frank@asg.net.nz** or **Office@asg.net.nz** or via **SkyCert**.  
(Log in and select Frank as your medical doctor)

**Remember** - 24h stand down after Covid vaccination :-)



Frank is an AME1 Medical Examiner who can carry out examinations and issue certificates for Class 1, Class 2 & Class 3 medicals and a loyal club member since 2009.

<http://flyingsurgeon.com/>

## From the Editor - Mike van de Ven

### Some Clarification on Newsletter Submissions

*Although there's no hard and fast rules, please refer to these guidelines for newsletter submissions:*

- *To be Club or Aviation related content.*
- *Original or royalty-free content (text and/or pictures) to avoid any copyright issues.*
- *If content has come from another publication, then it needs to be from the original author or have pre-approval to re-distribute that content.*
- *Non-commercial advertising (eg. our members noticeboard for personal use is ok)*
- *Links to internet sites need to be freely accessible to all (ie. non-subscription sites)*
- *PDF and scan submissions are very time consuming to extract text from. If you don't have time to do it chances are neither do I. I'll do my best but time is the enemy so .txt or .doc written content is always appreciated.*

*Generally with pictures, if you can provide a brief description of the "who, what, where, when" it makes a nice complete picture for those you are sharing with.*

*New members! Your experiences are equally interesting to all of us. Would love some written content to go with your pictures. Get your creative flow on.*

*Don't wait to send content in...I start editing the next edition straight after this one is out.. Thanks in advance ;)*

**I remind you all this is YOUR newsletter. I don't create the content that goes in it.**

**The HBEACAC Members Notice Board column is for members to offer services, sell or request aviation content.**

**Start a syndicate, find a x-country buddy to share a flight with, buy or sell a headset or aviation exam books, anything aviation related....and it's free to use...so use it !**

# Duty Pilot Roster

**Thank you to all our duty pilots**

**\*\* extending a warm welcome to our aeroclub visitors and members \*\***

*If you can't make it to your slot—can you please arrange to swap with another.*

**10.00 am through to 3.30pm**

<b>Nov</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	Paul Bevin	Regan Smith	Alastair Hay	Terry Smith	Jonathan Lawry	Ryan Plowright	Lisa Johnstone	Nicholas Bell
<b>Dec</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	Gavin Shute	Trent Barton	Graeme Bycroft	Graeme Campbell	Joshua Hawkhead	Hamish Janson	Andrew Tarrant	
	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>						
	Izaac Batista							
<b>2024</b>								
	<b>Sa</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>Sa</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>Sa</b>	<b>Su</b>	<b>Sa</b>	<b>Su</b>
<b>Jan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
	Alex White	Austin Enright	Caleb Day	Chris Hart	Craig Riley	Ewan Atherton	Geoff Vaultier	Grant Johnson
<b>Feb</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	Guy Howett	Hamish McLagan	Hans Doevendans	Holly Barclay	James McRae	James Mist	Jarred Lister	Jason Ludeman
<b>Mar</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	Joao Dib	Joe Faram	John Clare	John Habets	Jordy Thomas	Julia Rothman	Kaleb Woodcock	Ken Mckinnon
	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>						
	Mark Donnelly	Mason Lomas						



## Coming Events

*19<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# First in the World Fly-in 2024



## Hood Aerodrome NZMS

1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 from 1100 NZDT

\$15 Sit down BBQ Lunch

Free landing fees (thanks to Masterton District Council)

CFI Walter Taber 027 502 9095

President Kevin Ormond 021 024 66398

<http://www.wairarapaaeroclub.co.nz>

## Coming Events



### Fellow Aviators

### Kop Fly-in Breakfast Sun 3rd Dec 2023, 0830hr

All aviators & acquaintances are cordially invited to a BBQ breakfast, Koputaroa Airfield Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.

For more information or for what the weather is like on the day, call Peter 021 804 733



Runway 10, NZKP

#### Important Stuff

- Airfield information for NZKP can be found in the AIP, building construction to north does not affect the field operation.
- Left hand circuit please, stick to normal circuit heights thanks...
- Mogas available.

Keep safe, cheers.

## Coming Events



Can you believe it? The Kaikoura Aero Club is hitting a fantastic milestone - we're turning the big 4-0!

To mark this incredible achievement, we're throwing a weekend-long bash, and we'd be absolutely stoked if you could join us for the festivities on December 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Here's a sneak peek at what's in store:

**Friday Afternoon/Evening (Dec 2nd):** Fly on in and kick off the celebrations at the Aero Club Hangar with a sizzling BBQ. Get ready for some high-flying fun and camaraderie!

**Saturday (Dec 3rd):** We're spreading our wings and soaring to Parakawa and Cape Campbell Airstrips OR over the mountains to Hanmer Springs and Culverden (weather dependent).

**In the evening,** we'll gather at Donegal House for a delicious meal and aviation tales.

**Sunday (Dec 4th):** It's not goodbye; it's a "see you later." Share your last laughs and stories before heading back to the skies.

We promise you a weekend packed with adventure, laughter, and memories that'll last a lifetime. So, save the date, dust off your pilot's cap, and come celebrate with us!

Let us know if you can make it by 31 October 2023, you can email us on [info@airkaikoura.co.nz](mailto:info@airkaikoura.co.nz)

If you need help with any accommodation recommendations, sing out and we can give you a hand.

We can't wait to see you in the friendly skies of Kaikoura!  
Cheers to 40 years of flying high!

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## What's Up



*This month's aviation themed image from Studio Ghibli "Porco Rosso". Even the concept art is impressive in it's own right*

### Upcoming Events 2023

December Sun 3rd                      Koputaroa Fly-in Breakfast 0830

December Fri/Sat/Sun 2/3/4      Kaikoura Aero Club 40th Aniversary

### 2024

January      Monday 1st                      FINWFI 2024 Hood Aerodrome NZMS



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