

TIGER RAG

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TIGER MOTH CLUB AGM AND FLY IN – 1 – 3 MARCH 2013: OPOTIKI

The club this year returned to Opotiki for its Annual General Meeting Fly-in and the consensus amongst those present definitely seemed to be “why has it been so long”

Over 70 club members, friends and family (and innumerable local spectators) enjoyed spectacular blue skies, soaring temperatures, light winds and our sort of aviating at an immaculate, wide grass airfield with some fantastic kiwi hospitality. The Opotiki team, led by Terry Rogers made us very welcome – Terry even allowing his residence to be taken over by goggle bedecked and helmeted aviators.

Our President, Jim Lawson established a beach head by arriving on the Thursday in Chipmunk 27 and as often seems to be the case, a couple more brother Chipmunks muscled in to claim their prime position possies on the flightline, followed by a couple of Harvards and the Beaver. However, like the irresistible high pressure zone that was also moving on to the region, the Tigers were not far behind.

A number of early arrivals took the chance to check out their accommodation at the local hotel and found to their delight a splendid “catered” balcony to watch another club member using the opportunity of a lull in the arrivals to have a bash at some aerobatics resembling the club’s competition routine – some sly practicing going on which served to announce our arrival to the town.

Gradually the sound of Gipsy engines could be heard arriving from varying directions and by close of play on the Friday there were 7 Tiger Moths and a Gipsy Moth, 4 Chipmunks, 2 Harvards, a Beaver, Piper Cub and a couple of other types tied down.

What every vintage aviator likes to see — a blue summer sky and limp windsock. It has to be said, though, that members were starting to resemble the windsock’s state and welcomed the later sea breeze, even if it meant a gentle crosswind on runway 27. Jim Schmidt’s ZK-CCQ warms up too.

Jim Lawson



John King

The usual Chipmunk gang were the first to arrive on Friday, and put up an impressive static display for the rest of the weekend.

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The informal BBQ at our host club has become a most welcome part of our fly-ins and the Opotiki team did well to exactly cater to the needs of hungry and thirsty aviators.

As the last nanoseconds of daylight were clicking by, all in attendance were thrilled to see a very fast, sleek new taildragger make an impressive arrival.

Committee member John Baynes' latest toy, an F1 Rocket had barely had time for the ink to dry on the CAA paperwork when Ryan Southam eased it off the grass at Mandeville and our heroes made an epic, split-second timed journey from the deep south to make it in time for the weekend.



John King

It may not be vintage, but it does have its wheels in the right places — and provided owner John Baynes and Ryan Southam with speedy transport after a late-afternoon start from Mandeville, arriving at Opotiki the same day. Try that in a Tiger Moth! Mind you, a Tiger Moth doesn't have a tinted canopy to hasten the onset of ECT.

Saturday dawned bright clear and calm and without further ado the competitors were briefed for the Aerobatics and sent on their way. Having the aerobatics as the opening act of the club competitions was introduced at the Taumarunui Spring Fly-in and certainly has its benefits. Light winds and fresh participants help to achieve better performances and perhaps it helps to encourage spectators to get along to the airfield early. Ryan Southam narrowly edged out Jerry Chisum as these two continue to dominate this most exacting of competitions, with Rob McNair and Paul Doherty working hard to narrow the gap.



John King

Les Marshall, Alan Land, Jenny Gordon and Graeme Wood prepare themselves for judging the aerobatics, won by Ryan Southam against stiff competition.

Remember this man. This is Terry Rogers, the kingpin of the Opotiki light aviation movement who so ably organised the Tiger Moth Club's AGM fly-in weekend, to the extent of opening up his weekend bach (attached to his hangar) for our use. In doing so, he ensured our return to Opotiki one day — before long, we all hope.

John King

The drought in the North Island is clearly apparent as Bevan Dewes in his Chipmunk eases out to loose echelon left in order to snap this picture of Jerry Chisum leading in his Gipsy Moth



Bevan Dewes

And the view from the other side...



Jerry Chisum

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Garry Butler turns final in the behemoth (aka Beaver) as he competes in the Heavy class (as a minority of one) in the bombing and spot landing

John King

As the day progressed there was a great turn out of locals to see what all the fuss was about. It's always great to see lots of youngsters at our events and also to see so many members taking the time to make them welcome and to talk about our aircraft.

There is nothing quite like seeing a future Tiger Moth pilot being hoisted into the cockpit and the beaming smiles and eager parents snapping pictures is really a big part of what the club is all about.

Word has got around about how good a Tiger Moth club fly-in is and there were many visitors in various types who came to see what all the fuss was about.

Whilst there was varying quality of joining procedures by some, hopefully the experience raises skill levels of those that come and participate, and foster their enthusiasm for what we do.

Tiger Moths serve a particularly useful purpose in Opotiki – welcome shade as the mercury soars on a brilliant Saturday



Bill West

Three more Tiger Moths arrived on Saturday, to bring the weekend's tally to 10, plus a Stampe to confuse a few, and Tim Galpin's beautifully restored Rearwin – an admirable line up of interesting aircraft for anywhere in the world.

Before too long Opotiki became a very busy place with many more aircraft than usual in the circuit competing in the bombing and spot landing competitions.

This is a great feature of club get togethers and whilst being great fun, the trophies are very keenly sought after. However the standard of airmanship is a credit to all involved.

The judges are particularly to be thanked this year for this was the hottest place on the airfield. Not only were temperatures getting into the 30s, they also have to keep an eye out for errant bombs, and over eager competitors who are determined to get as close to the spot as possible.



Jeannie Sharland

Future youngest competitor, Angus Edwards waits patiently for his father, Wayne before the air race, for which this year competitors were equally handicapped with a passenger



A future Tiger pilot, checking his six

Debbie Robertson

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We are most fortunate to have some particularly skilled people in the Tiger Moth Club, and preeminent amongst them is John King, aviation publisher and photographer without peer whose words and images were kindly provided for this and the next page.

A sort-of new shape at our fly-ins is the Belgian Stampe, a Tiger Moth contemporary with 140hp Renault engine, flown by Lars Fellman who has kept as much of the original F-BBVM registration as possible.



The previous owner was Xavier Maniquet with a New Zealand connection — he was one of the French commandos who attacked the *Rainbow Warrior* in Auckland Harbour but died in a crash in the French alps in 2009.



Peter Bradfield (left) and Graeme Wood, who share Tiger Moth ZK-BLI with some others, catch up in relaxed mode.



Something happens almost every time to provide spectator sport. ZK-BJO's starboard magneto takes a rest and requires a supporting cast of supervisors.

Jan Chisum takes note of husband Jerry's advice during briefing for the time trial, the last competition run at Opotiki.



Jerry Chisum tops up the family Gipsy Moth under the supervision of Ken Olsen



Newish member Keith Skilling's name is familiar to every airshow spectator in New Zealand and Europe. Having established that it's not really feasible to heave bombs out of a Chipmunk, he spent the Saturday out on the runway, judging the bombing and landing competitions.



His protestation of "I'm not really an aerobatic pilot" was belied with a neat bit of ground acrobatics, dodging the Tiger Moth that scattered the entire row of cones marking the landing grid.

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The AGM Fly in prizegiving dinner is the social event of a Tiger Moth Club members year. Always a scene of much hilarity and dubious stories, strategies are compared and plans are hatched whilst the victors from the day's competitions bask in their glory and the vanquished drown their sorrows.

The Opotiki RSA put on a magnificent spread and your club members ensured nothing went to waste.



Ryan Southam bested his rivals in a close-fought match to earn the aerobatics trophy. President and vice president Jim Lawson and Jan Chisum look on.



Bevan Dewes is presented with the award for non-instrument circuit. As the youngest member competing, he also earned the Murray Neich Memorial Trophy.

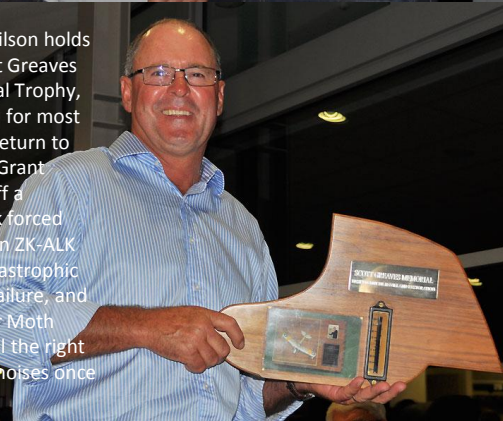


Robert McNair accepts the Most Magnificent Moth trophy from Jan Chisum. His grip on this trophy for the state of ZK-AUD is almost unbreakable.

The Opotiki RSA proved an excellent venue for the annual dinner and prizegiving, capping off an excellent day.



Grant Wilson holds the Scott Greaves Memorial Trophy, awarded for most worthy return to service. Grant pulled off a textbook forced landing in ZK-ALK after catastrophic engine failure, and the Tiger Moth makes all the right sorts of noises once again.



Jerry Chisum has just been presented with the Windy Trophy, by wife/vice president Jan, for greatest cunning/best ability and fastest Tiger Moth in the air race/time trial.



John Baynes (left) relates the tale of a late start from Māndeville (and even later landing at Opotiki) in his F1 Rocket, which earned pilot Ryan Southam the John Crosbie Memorial Trophy for most interesting method of getting to the fly-in.



Trevor Hart has been deemed by the committee as a useful sort of bloke for helping organise the Opotiki fly-in, worthy of being awarded the Ted Harvey trophy.



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Sunday saw a great turnout for the AGM held outdoors, in a cornfield, with hay bales for seating – quite appropriate really. The minutes of the meeting follow this summary.

There was much discussion on the scholarship fund with many opinions shared. Regardless of your opinion on this matter, it is important that club members are involved in the decision making of the club, and that there is clear direction given to the committee for the future direction of the club.

Taumarunui spring fly-in will be the weekend of the 18th – 20th October and the next AGM will be at Mandeville on the weekend of the 22nd – 23rd February 2014 and there is a rally proposed to get there. A lot to look forward to this year.



Hi Folks,

Although being heavily engrossed in my helicopter aviation business here in Wanaka, and enjoying on a daily basis, the incredible scenery that others only get to visit once in a life time, I seldom get to venture further north than that deep bit of blue, creature inhabited water separating our two islands. We have quite a bit of Tiger Moth activity here in Wanaka with Classic Flights operating two Tigers on commercial scenic flights but most of the Tiger flying appears to be done in the North Island these days.

It is most heartening from my position as Patron, to see the club being looked after and administered by such a great bunch of enthusiasts and I congratulate the committee, and in particular Jim Lawson, for the amazing effort put into running the club through out the year.

It was great to see such a great turn out of DH's at Masterton, with I understand a variety of DH aircraft together that will probably not be repeated again in a long time, if ever. Mosquito Day at Ardmore was a very high profile day and the success of the day was ably enhanced by the Tiger Clubs formation of 7 Tigers plus the Gipsy.

There are a few changes taking place in the rules department, where what we once considered normal flying practices now require a ground course or an endorsement to do, and of course the cost of aviating continues to rise with everyone wanting their piece of the action. It's a shame CAA seem to be leading the way in this respect. On a positive note, it is great to see other aviators and clubs helping each other out in terms sharing their expertise, such as the instructors who gave their time with formation flying at Taumarunui.

Continue to fly conservatively and professionally, that is doing it right even if no one is looking!

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ARRIVALS

PLACE: Opotiki

Date 1st – 3rd March 2013

Registration	Aircraft	PIC	PAX	Home Base
Thursday 28th February				
UAS	Chipmunk	Jim Lawson		(A/C) Te Kowhai
Friday 1st March				
TWA	Husky	Jack Schulty		Whakatane
TAZ	Chipmunk	Jenny Gordon	Robert Gordon	Tauranga
JDJ	Cardinal	Grant Drinkrow		Ardmore
CVM	Chipmunk	Keith Skilling		Tauranga
91	Harvard	Derek Williams	Edith Robinson	Tauranga
98	Harvard	Ace Edwards	Jeannie Sharland	Ardmore
CKH	Beaver	Garry Butler	Graeme Wood, Eddie Doherty John King Barry Kane	Ardmore
	Car	David Calder		Auckland
ALM	DH82a	Paul Doherty	Lindsay King	Ardmore
DH82A	Car	Loretta McGarry		Weymouth
BEF	DH82a	Ross McDonald	Wendy Milne	Waipukurau
	Car	Alan Land	Syd Gilmour	Taupo
	Truck	Les Marshall	Ken Olsen	Papakura
ALK	DH82a	Grant Wilson	Denise Wilson	Ardmore
AUD	DH82a	Rob McNair	Corin	Ardmore
ELY	172	Allan Boyce	& wife	Pukekohe East
	Car	Lorraine Strong		Bainesse (Foxton)
CCQ	DH82a	Jim Schmidt	Sheryl Schmidt	Kaipara Flats
ADT	DH60g	Jerry Chisum		Bridge Pa
N861WP	Chipmunk	Bevan Dewes		Masterton
BMV	DH82a	Jan Chisum	Des Strong	Bridge Pa
BEC	DH82a	Wayne Edwards	& son Angus	Puni
BQY	Piper Cub	Tim Dennis	John Geary	Ardmore
	Car	Dave Devine	& wife	Gisborne
FIZ	Harman Rocket	Ryan Southam	John Baynes	Gore
	Camper Van	Paul Corrin	& wife	Gisborne
	Car	Colin Adams	(Bev Galpin's brother)	Te Puke
Saturday 2nd March				
BAL	DH82a	Paddy Callaghan	?	Gisborne
	Car	Lionel Robinson		Gisborne
JAN	Tecnam	?		?
BLI	DH82a	Peter Bradfield	?	Ardmore
	Car	Colin Sutherland		Rotorua

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Date 1st – 3rd March 2013

Registration	Aircraft	PIC	PAX	Home Base
Saturday 2nd March (continued)				
KFC	?	McChesney	?	?
	MGF Car	Russell Ward		Pukekohe
AGQ	Rearwin	Neville Worsley	Tim Galpin (owner)	Welcome Bay
	Camper Van	Bev Galpin	Tim's mother	Welcome Bay
BBV	Stampe	Lars Fellman		Parakai
EJS	172	Jeanette Lei	Kevin Vile	Taumarunui
	Car	Tony Hogg		Whakatane
PRV	RV	Kevin Paulson	Leanne Butler	Ardmore
BJQ	DH82a	Phil Welcome	Trevor Hart	Whitianga
	Car	Keith Trillo	Carol Trillo	Papakura

Attention all members

Wayne Greaves is on the hunt for 1 x H35483 Reinforcing Plate at Joint L for the restoration of ZK-AQC. If anyone can help Wayne, please contact him by email

bigglesway@gmail.com

I apologise for missing so many aircraft & people but I was "out of action" for quite some time (on the Saturday for about 1 ½ hours) due to illness and heat exhaustion!!!

Loretta Mc Garry

Club archivist/historian

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 Your contribution of words, images or requests and comments are always welcomed

OPOTIKI AGM FLY-IN COMPETITION RESULTS SUMMARY

Bombing			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	BMV	Jan Chisum	5
2	BQY	John Geary	6
3	BAL	Paul Corrin	9

Spot Landing			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	BEC	Wayne Edwards	10.5
2 =	ADT	Jerry Chisum	12.5
2 =	N861WP	Bevan Dewes	12.5

Non-Instrument Circuit			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	N861WP	Bevan Dewes	93
2	ADT	Jerry Chisum	88.5
3	BMV	Jan Chisum	81

Aerobatics			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	BEC	Ryan Southam	
2	BMV	Jerry Chisum	
3	AUD	Rob McNair	

Perfect Loop			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	BEC	Ryan Southam	
2	BMV	Jerry Chisum	
3	AUD	Rob McNair	

Air Race			
Place	Reg'n	Pilot	Score
1	BMV	Jerry Chisum	8.27
2	BLI	Peter Bradfield	9.08
3	BEC	Wayne Edwards	9.15

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THE PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2012.

Weather wise, 2012 started out badly with our Annual General Meeting at Stratford getting blown away. Only two Tiger Moths got there in the capable hands of Wayne Edwards and Paul Doherty, they just managed to hangar their aircraft before the weather bomb struck. Trees were uprooted, power lines brought down and roads blocked, so we had no option but to cancel all the competitions.

Two weeks later we arranged for the competitions to be held at Centennial Park, Taupo. Again the same thing happened and we had to cancel again. A big thanks goes out to our intended hosts who put in a lot of work, all for nothing.



The Club were invited to join in the tribute to the first flight of the De Havilland Mosquito, the only flying one in the World and well made in New Zealand.

The Tiger Moth pilots did a great job, of formation flying, closely followed by the Chipmunks, in front of a large crowd, which included many Air Force veterans, some of which had been Mosquito pilots.

Well done to the participants.

Stan Smith, one of our members, is to be congratulated when he was presented with the Masters Commendation award from the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators (GAPAN) .

This is an award, made at the discretion of the Master, for commendable achievement in any sector of aviation. In Stan's case, his dedication to maintenance and restoration of vintage aircraft, in both the Northern and the Southern hemispheres.

The official presentation took place at the GAPAN annual Awards Ceremony at London's Guildhall. An honour indeed.



L to R Admiral Sir George Zambells KCB DSC, G. Stanfield Smith, Air Marshal Cliff Spink CB CBE

Photo: Gilly Smith

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The LeBlond radial engine tends to need spark plug changes before each flight, but the restored condition of Tim Galpin's Rearwin earned him the Loretta McGarry Rose Bowl for best vintage aeroplane at the Opotiki AGM. The supervisors are temporarily distracted by a takeoff from the runway. Tim was a recipient of the first "Moth Ltd" scholarship grant.

This year the Tiger Moth Club NZ Inc., have successfully advertised for applications to a Scholarship Grant, designed to encourage and assist young people to become involved and qualified in our type of aviation and aviation in general. We have two applicants worthy of the Grant. This is a follow on from the, very successful, Moth Ltd., Annual Grant, kindly put forward by Gerald Grocott, in 2007. The two successful applicants, from that year, are now highly qualified in their field of aviation and both fly vintage aeroplanes.

Our Spring Fly In at Taumarunui this year was a great success. The weather was extremely kind, before, during and after the event and we were able to complete our competitions which we had tried so hard to do on two previous occasions. Our Annual competitions with the Taumarunui Aero Club were also competed for with much rivalry, ending in the usual draw. Our thanks go to that worthy group of people in the TAC, who work so hard to make our weekends there, such a success.

We also had some worthwhile extra visitors from the New Zealand Warbirds Association, in the form of the President, Frank Parker and the CFI, Dave Brown. They had offered their services to give the Tiger Moth Club pilots instruction on the finer points of formation flying. The lectures were so well patronised that at one point, nobody was doing any flying. We thank them very much for their interest and they would be here today if they did not have other commitments.

I take this opportunity to thank the Committee for their continued support. It is this Committee that make the Club what it is, we are in good shape financially, with a strong membership and good future. Also, I offer sincere thanks to the many volunteers, who step forward when things need to be done.

Jim Lawson. President.

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... and its objectives.

Eddie Doherty

I, and some other members were troubled by the discussion at the Annual General Meeting centred on a proposal for allocation of club funds for training purposes for young people in the form of a scholarship.

Whilst the proposal seems admirable enough, what troubled me was it did not seem the best way to use members funds which have been provided over the years.

This caused me to consult the rules and in particular the objectives which provide as follows:

2 OBJECTS

- (a) To foster the sport of aviation
- (b) To encourage the ownership, restoration and use of older and interesting aircraft
- (c) To attain and maintain the highest degree of safety in all phases of operations
- (d) To provide a source of technical information and assist in the location of spare parts
- (e) To maintain a friendly liaison between the private owner and the Civil Aviation Authority of New Zealand
- (f) To publish a regular newsletter on the activities of the club
- (g) To organise national, regional and local fly-ins for vintage aircraft
- (h) To liaise with other classic and vintage aircraft clubs and associated organisations as required for combined events and exchange of information
- (i) To purchase, lease, hire or by any other means acquire real estate or personal property or chattels necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society
- (j) To sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, improve, manage, develop or otherwise deal with all or any part of the real and personal estate of the Society or in such property which the Society has or may hereafter have any beneficial interest
- (k) To promote, hold or manage any gathering or conference that the Society desires either by itself or in collaboration with any other society, club, association or organisation
- (l) To hire or employ all persons whose services may be necessary for the purposes of the Society and pay them such salaries, wages, gratuities and/or pensions as the Society shall determine
- (m) To invest the monies of the Society not immediately required for any of its objectives in such manner as may from time to time be determined by the Committee
- (n) To raise money by borrowing, mortgage, debenture, competitions, lotteries, trading or in any other lawfully possible and in such manner and in such terms and conditions that may from time to time be determined by the Committee
- (o) To seek redress of wrongs from which all or any of the members may from time to time suffer and to make representation by way of deputations or otherwise bring to the notice of a person or constituted authority or body, such matters as in the opinion of the Society require attention or alteration
- (p) To make donations to such persons, societies, bodies, associations, organisations, companies or corporations as the Society may think, directly or indirectly, conducive to any of its other objects or otherwise expedient
- (q) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects and the exercise of the powers of the Society
- (r) The object of the Society set forth in any subparagraph shall not except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited or restricted to or inference from the terms of any other subparagraph or by the name of the Society, and that none of the subparagraphs or the objects therein specified or powers confirmed hereby shall be deemed subsidiary or ancillary but the Society shall have full power to exercise all the powers set out

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The nearest objective to what was being proposed seems to be

- (p) To make donations to such persons, societies, bodies, associations, organisations, companies or corporations as the Society may think, directly or indirectly, conducive to any of its other objects or otherwise expedient

Frankly, after reading this the proposal still troubles me.

I am more certain than ever that we should always encourage the “ownership, restoration and use of older and interesting aircraft”. Surely our members funds need to be held for something which has more focus on the “interesting aircraft” rather than providing funds for the benefit of individual persons.

Without limiting any other objects (including payments of donations where appropriate) I believe we should invite the Committee to look more closely at promoting the society by encouraging the preservation of other interesting aircraft.

If as part of that policy it enabled more of our members (including new and younger members) to have the opportunity to use such aircraft then that would be fine.

It may then even be possible for the Society itself to provide and operate such aircraft – it does not necessarily mean it has to own or purchase the aircraft.

Perhaps the time has come for us to look at the operation of a syndicate aircraft for our wider members group (young and old). We certainly have the people, the experience, desire and skills to do this without exhausting our financial resources but holding this as a reserve.

Whether the Society has the ownership or merely the right to access one or more aeroplanes it seems important to first consider setting up an operating structure.



The Beaver is a regular participant at Aviation events throughout the country and is almost always flown to club events by one of a number of Tiger Moth Club members who have a “right to fly” – usually with other club members coming along for the ride.

At Opotiki, Garry Butler flew fellow club members, Graeme Wood, Eddie Doherty, John King and Barry Kane to the event.

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Eddie Doherty

For example, NZ Warbirds have a number of syndicates (as of course do our members) but not all aircraft are individually owned.

The Beaver is owned by a Charitable Trust and has been for almost 20 years. New members are able to apply to join and have the “right to fly” with other members, rather than share ownership.

The STM Ryan is owned by MOTAT and operated by NZ Warbirds who also authorise members to have a “right to fly”.

This keeps costs at a limited amount calculated by syndicate members paying proportionately fixed costs and flying costs.

The Ryan example could easily apply to one or more Tiger Moths.

What we need, and I believe we have the people to do it, is to develop a syndicate providing an operating structure available to all members.

The ultimate outcome being a structure whereby a suitable interesting aircraft, administered by the Tiger Moth Club, is available to members at an affordable rate.

Thereby achieving not only our object of “encouraging the ownership, restoration and use of older and interesting aircraft” but also making the usage of said aircraft accessible to all members – particularly to younger people.

A real reason for them to become involved with the Tiger Moth Club, hence ensuring the future of our club.

PRESIDENTS NOTE: Your committee would welcome further comment from all members on this subject

The MOTAT owned and NZ Warbirds operated Ryan STM S-53 is an example which could easily be applied to a Tiger Moth as both the fixed and variable operating costs are very similar. The syndicate members, with a “right to fly” pay a monthly contribution towards fixed costs and as a result actual flying costs are kept to under \$150 per hour

