

TIGER RAG



NEWSLETTER OF THE TIGER MOTH CLUB OF
NEW ZEALAND INC

DECEMBER 2018

CHRISTMAS EDITION

When I took on the task of editor, it was suggested that the Tiger Rag come out four times a year. That sounded like a sensible suggestion especially since the two major events are more or less six months apart. One issue to provide good coverage of each event seemed entirely logical. But the members also wanted an issue prior to the AGM and Taumaranui for last minute updates. Again entirely reasonable. So you are going to see changes. Up coming events calendar and a Buy, sell or swap section has been added for the benefit of members.

Expect to see material of bygone days when there is little else of news, but if you want to know what's going on then, alas, somebody has to let the editor know. The easiest way to contribute is to send in any snippets of news from your neck of the wood. You will be surprised how many folk don't know what's going on at your place. All the better if you are privy to local knowledge.

Apart from news items there are also opinions, stories of flying adventures, and of course, photos. Just think of the photos you have taken recently. They may seem quite ordinary to you but could be of great interest to others. None of us can be everywhere at once even in this small country so your camera helps all of the members see what is going on. For example, many members know that there are two big beautiful classic Cessna 195s in the country and one made it to Taumaranui as shown below. But according to the United States Civil Aircraft Register there is a third one owned by a chap in Northland. Really? So how about it members, send something to the editor, it only takes a few clicks.



Not your usual Cessna. The six-seat 195 has a performance comparable to the much more familiar Cessna 185 Skywagon, not bad for a luxury all-metal aircraft built from 1947 to 1954



Even the greats in the aviation world need a helping hand. Here a QANTAS pilot explains to Amy Johnson where some of the landing places are inland from Darwin. The QANTAS man, having flown the route several times, was none other than C.W.A. Scott, who later won to Mildenhall to Melbourne Air race.

The de Havilland Aircraft Company was not just famous for its aircraft and engines. Their in house magazine, the beloved Gazette, not only provided news of de Havilland products but sponsored a number of cartoonists and writers whose task it was to show the lighter side of aviation, often at the expense of de Havilland itself. The following few pages contain material first published in the Gazette, that not only reflect bygone days, but also show us that not everything has to be taken seriously.



All de Havilland employees who started with the company in 1930 and were still employed twenty years later received a mounted print of this painting as enrollment to the esteemed Twenty Year Club. The image depicts Amy Johnson and the Moth she flew from England to Australia, the first woman to achieve such a feat.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

2019

20 January: Walsh Memorial Scout Flying School. The Club has been attending this quality flight training programme for young pilots, for the last 5 years. We attend for one day only, usually family day, and offer students a ride in a Tiger Moth or other vintage aircraft. It is extremely well received by students, and organizers of the event. The Club expects to have aircraft at the 2019 school, on Sunday 20th January. Members are invited to attend this day, and assist with the flying activities. Advise the club : email, tigermothclub@gmail.com

15-17 February: ART DECO NAPIER

The Club has again received an invitation from the Napier Aero Club to attend the 2019 Art Deco festivities, over the weekend of Feb.15th to 17th , 2019.

This is a regular and popular event for the Club. Accommodation and some fuel is sponsored to members who attend, and display their aircraft by organized flights over the city area. It is available to Club members only, and not restricted to Tiger Moth aircraft only. Accommodation is limited, and is allocated on a first come first served basis. Members planning to attend the event please advise the Secretary by email, ruffchops@gmail.com

1-3 March AGM and Annual Fly-in 2019, Hawera.

A reminder the 2019 event is fast approaching. The recommended accommodation at the Kerry Lane Motel is reported to be nearly fully booked. Don't miss out. To aspiring aerobatic pilots, there is a new trophy to be competed for. The Novice Aerobatic Trophy has been presented in memory of the late Tony McDonald, and will be competed for in limited aerobatics. The sequence has yet to be formalized, and will be published prior to the Fly-in.

Quality accommodation is available at Kerry Lane Motel, just a few minutes drive or an easy walk from the airfield. Located in a quiet rural setting, the Motel has great mountain views.

Website is: www.kerrylanemotel.co.nz

Motel host Lynette Barnes recommends booking direct with the motel for the best price, and advises that you mention you are registered for the Tiger Moth Club Fly-in.

Contact details are: 0800 537795, or book@kerrylanemotel.co.nz

Recommended alternative accommodation for those on a budget is at the Furlong Motel, 256 Waihi Road, Hawera. Ph 06 2785136, or e-mail manager@thefurlong.co.nz

This Motel is approximately 3km from the airfield. Website is www.thefurlong.co.nz

Committee Meeting Report

A meeting of the Committee was held on Sunday Dec. 9th at Ardmore. There were ten members in attendance with John Baynes and Amanda Rutland phone patched for their input. Also present was Loretta McGarry, our retiring archivist, and Janic Geelen, our new Editor of the Tiger Rag. Among the many items discussed was; Club Insurances, Wayne Edwards Memorial recognition, Scholarship receivers progress, 2020 AGM venue, de Havilland Support situation, and club support of a proposed National Aviation Day. These items will be reported on fully at the 2019 AGM in Hawera.

Tiger Rag

Our new Editor Janic Geelen, is now publishing a new look Tiger Rag on a more regular basis. Members are invited to contribute articles, photos, or suitable material for publication.

Send your contribution to tigermothrag@gmail.com

Seasons Greetings and Safe Flying from your Committee

Patron: Simon Spencer-Bower. President: Keith Skilling. Secretary Graeme Wood

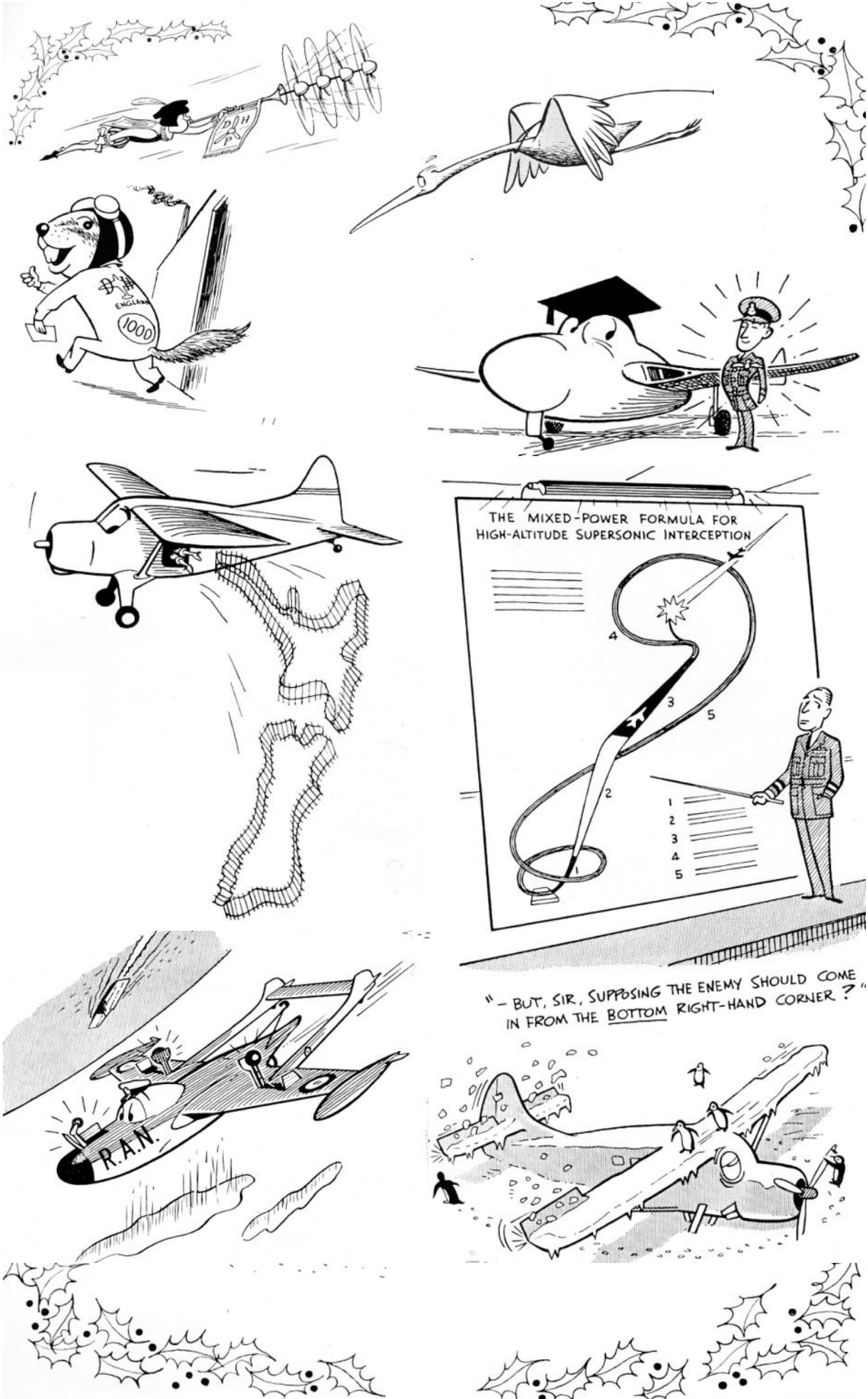
Secretarial address: The Secretary, Tiger Moth Club of New Zealand Inc, Postal Centre 14, Papakura 2214

Phone: (09) 2665044 Mobile: 0272932318 Email: ruffchops@gmail.com

Website: www.tigermothclub.co.nz Club email: tigermothclub@gmail.com

LIFE MEMBERS: Simon Spencer-Bower, Jim Lawson, John Pheasant, Loretta McGarry, John King, Alan Land, Les Marshall, Eddie Doherty, Jeanette Lei

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE DE HAVILLAND GAZETTE DECEMBER 1955



New Zealand's shortest lived Tiger

One Tiger Moth I never expected to see a photo of was ZK-AFX purchased by the Government as a loan machine for the Western Federated Flying Club that operated in Taranaki and Wanganui. Built at Hatfield and test flown there on 6 December 1937, this Tiger Moth arrived at Auckland with six others all destined for various Aero Clubs. On 26 Feb 1938 an RNZAF pilot took off from Hobsonville and soon after the engine cut and the Tiger Moth ended up in the sea. Pilot and aircraft were dragged ashore and ZK-AFX never flew again.



What was left of ZK-AFX on the wharf at Hobsonville, after its one and only flight in New Zealand .



My thanks to Ron Ark of the NZ Aviation Historical Society for the use of these photos from the Robert Kerr collection. Question is: Did the Gipsy Major No. 80278 fitted to ZK-AFX ever fly in another Tiger?

Don't
be unemphatic
ask for
Hydromatic



The First Manufacturers
of variable-pitch
propellers in
Great Britain

Somebody's airline isn't using
**DE HAVILLAND
PROPELLERS!**



Ma tante âgée
MY ELDERLY AUNT
maintient
MAINTAINS
que les trois
THAT THE THREE
éléments d'aviation
ESSENTIALS OF FLYING
sont une chaise longue,
ARE AN ARMCHAIR.
les hélices de Havilland,
DE HAVILLAND PROPELLERS,
et point d'imagination
AND NO IMAGINATION AT ALL
Elle a raison!
SHE'S RIGHT!

Flying in an aeroplane fitted with
de Havilland Propellers fills you with
the joy of living but never leaves you
liverish. Try it today!

DE HAVILLAND PROP.

Group-Captain Julian
Ffooley-Pheathard,
D.S.O. (and two bars)
gave his wife, the Hon
Constance Speke
de Havilland prop
for Christmas



There was no more need for me
to buy any more of these
de Havilland propellers
as they were so good.

the smooth
Pitch-change
in the
ROUND dome



smoothness you look for
A good propeller is rather like a good
arrangement. It is a blend of many single
components. As a sword is a mixture of
metals. And, like well-kept tools, your good
propeller must above all be smooth, in
"round", in use the technical term. Then
there is no loss of speed or power. In
fact, smoothness is a joy. In
de Havilland propellers is due to the skill
of its manufacturers, who merge the best
selected single parts in perfect harmony.
That is why there is no loss of speed.
DE HAVILLAND PROPELLERS



BORN 1935
STILL GOING STRONG

PROPELLER ADVERTISING RE-STYLED

Would our advertisements be more effective
if we emulated the experts?

John Haig

By courtesy of:

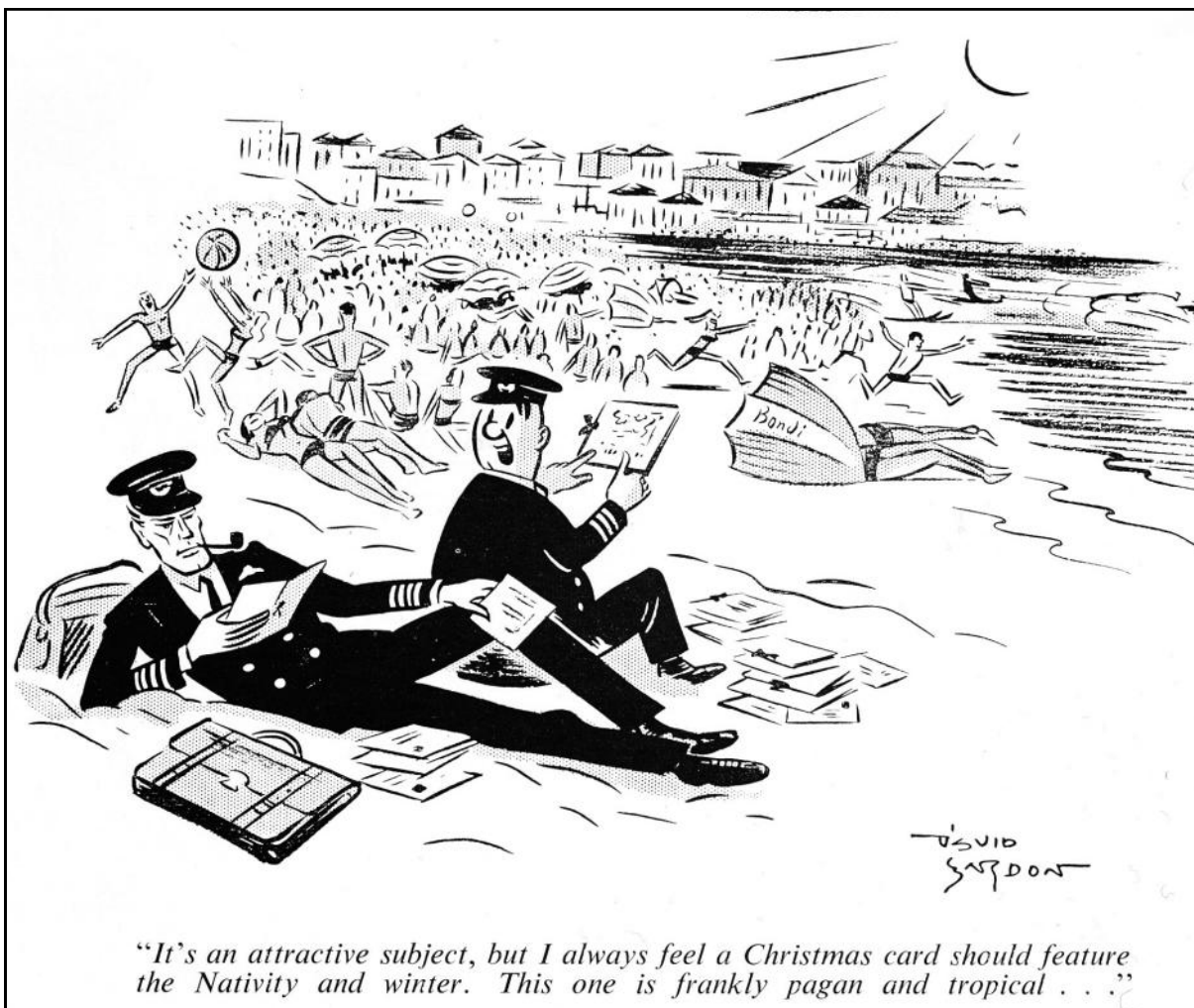
Johanne Walker

Dubonnet Aperitif

Persil Soap Powder

Parker Pen Co. Ltd.

from being sunny in
of my mind was in
these messages in
the machine was in
as a useful note



"Trim wheels set for take-off?" "Set."
 "Flaps fifteen degrees" ... "Flaps fifteen degrees."
 "Pitot heaters" ... "On."
 "Gyro set" ... "Set."
 "Teddy-bear mascot on hook" "On hook."

* * *

Another little nature story for birdmen:

A gentleman on shikar (safari) came across a poor wounded elephant caught in a trap. He released it, nursed it back to health and set it free in the jungle. Several years later he was home on leave and went to the circus not far from Hatfield. He was in the cheapest seats. There was an elephant act and one of the elephants, seeming to recognise him, walked purposefully across the arena, lifted him gently out of the one-and-threepennies with its trunk, and strangled him. It was a different elephant altogether.

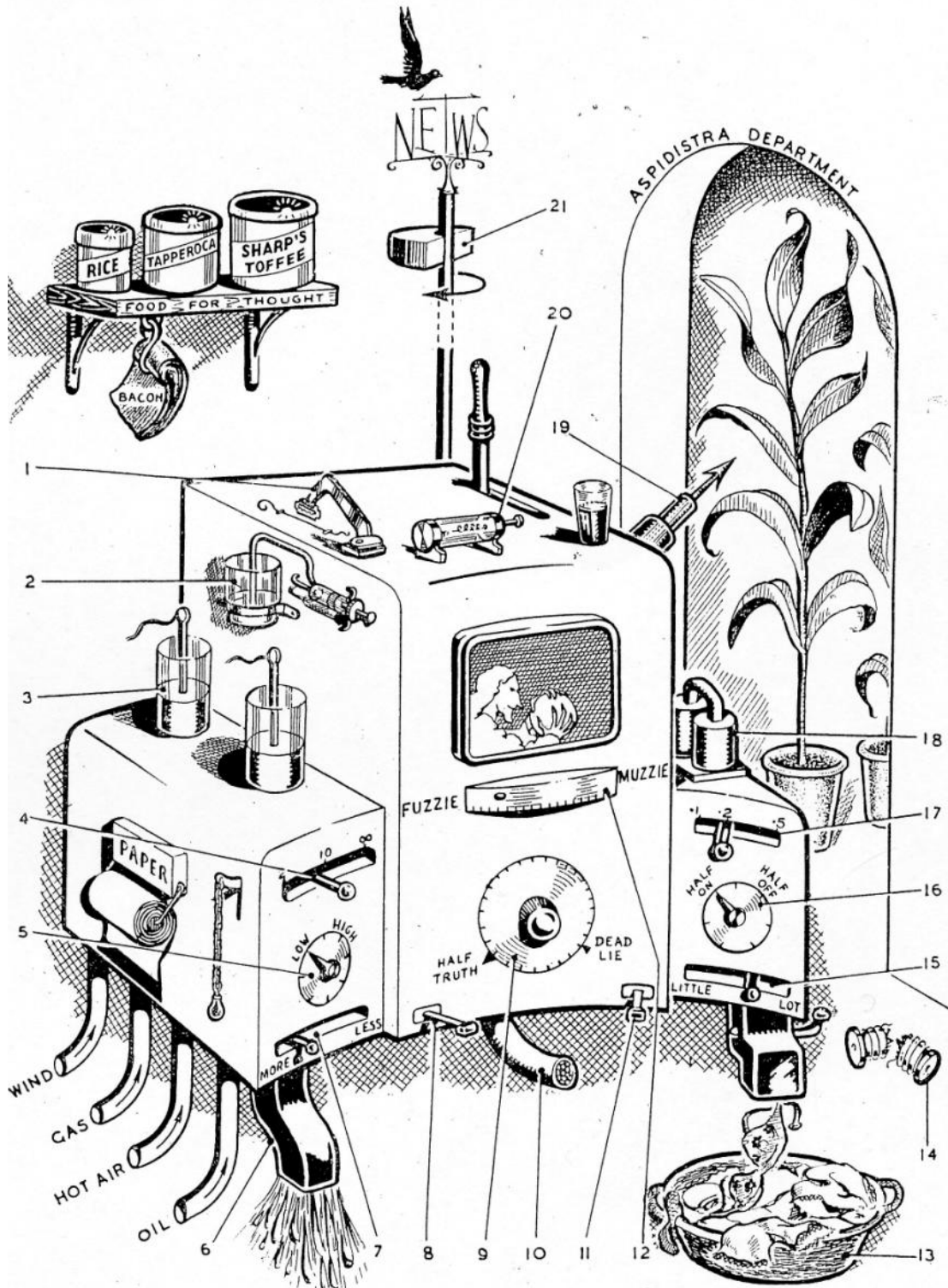


ANNOUNCING THE 1951 MODEL P.R.O. SYNTHESISER

(Guaranteed to do tomorrow what could have been done three months ago)

Output — Pure fiction : Pleasant dreams.

Note — Only normal intelligence required.



- 1 Hair-splitting device.
- 2 Venom injector.
- 3 Condenser (infinite capacity).
- 4 Thrust multiplying control.
- 5 Tone control.
- 6 Dirty water.
- 7 Bilge control.
- 8 Soft pedal.
- 9 Distortion control.
- 10 Main cable to engineers, technicians, galley slaves, etc.

- 11 Eliminator pedal.
- 12 Sharpness control.
- 13 Dirty Linen.
- 14 Sales resistance.
- 15 Innuendo.
- 16 Tripe suppressor.
- 17 Consumption dividing control.
- 18 Complete transformer.
- 19 Line-shooting attachment.
- 20 Just the cat's whisker.
- 21 Sap Locator.



Official Merchandise

<u>Item</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>Price</u>
Adult T-Shirt (Navy with club logo)	Small – 2XL	\$25.00
Adult Polo with pocket (Navy with club logo)	Small – 2XL	\$40.00
Club Shirt with pocket (Pale Denim with club logo)	XL only	\$50.00
Cap (Navy with club logo)	Adult	\$25.00
Cap (Navy with club logo)	Child	\$20.00
Children's Polo (Navy with club logo)	4-16	\$20.00
Ladies Fleece Vest (Navy with club logo)	10 – 16	\$45.00
Men's Fleece Vest (Navy with club logo)	M-2XL	\$45.00
40 th Anniversary Pin		\$5.00
Official Club Pin		\$15.00

We also carry stock of:

Tiger Moth Tyres & Tubes
NGK Spark Plugs

Send requirements or enquiries to:

Email:

tigermothclub@gmail.com

Or

Tiger Moth Club of NZ Inc
Postal Centre 14
Papakura 2244
Auckland
New Zealand

HANDY HINT DEPARTMENT

FITTING BTH MAGNETOS.

Check timing of magneto being removed.

Remove defective magneto complete with distributor cover, points cover and advance and retard lever.

Fit replacement magneto complete with all the above items, checking for correct timing.

Exchange advance and retard lever if necessary.

NOTE. Do not, under any circumstance, exchange the cam ring to do so.

THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

Change only the lever.

FOOT NOTE. All removable parts on a magneto are not interchangeable with any other magneto.

BUY SELL OR SWAP

**Aircraft Control Cables
Manufactured**



**Martin
Aviation Services Ltd**
19 Village Way
Ardmore Airfield
PDC 14 - Papakura, Sth Auckland
PO Box 88067

CALL US FOR ASSISTANCE

For all swaged or nicopress cables from
1/16" to 3/16". Cables and fittings in stock.
Same day turnaround - Competitive prices
Hand splicing also available.

Contact John Geary
Bus/A/hrs 09 298 6698
Fax 09 298 5225
Email johnge@slingshot.co.nz

SPECIAL

It's time to clear the remaining blue denim dress shirts from the South Island Safari last year.

Now reduced to \$35.00 postage included.

Limited sizes available –

Small to X-Large.

Orders to tigermothclub@gmail.com



AIRCRAFT FOR SALE - TIGER MOTH



RAAF trainer A17-114, then VH-SSA, Vic, Aust., later restored in NZ as ZK-SSA. Excellent condition. Just 45 hrs since rebuild, new wood and fabric throughout. Engine 125 hrs SMOH, [Alloy heads](#). Invincible prop. New Fuel tank, Long range tank, new brakes, Kannad ELT, Microair VHF and TXP, Thompson Aero Shoulder Harness. Includes Barnes/Gibson noise cancelling headsets in Leather helmets. Comes with spares too numerous to list but including prop, reground crankshaft, Heads, rebuilt impulse Mag etc, etc, etc, etc.

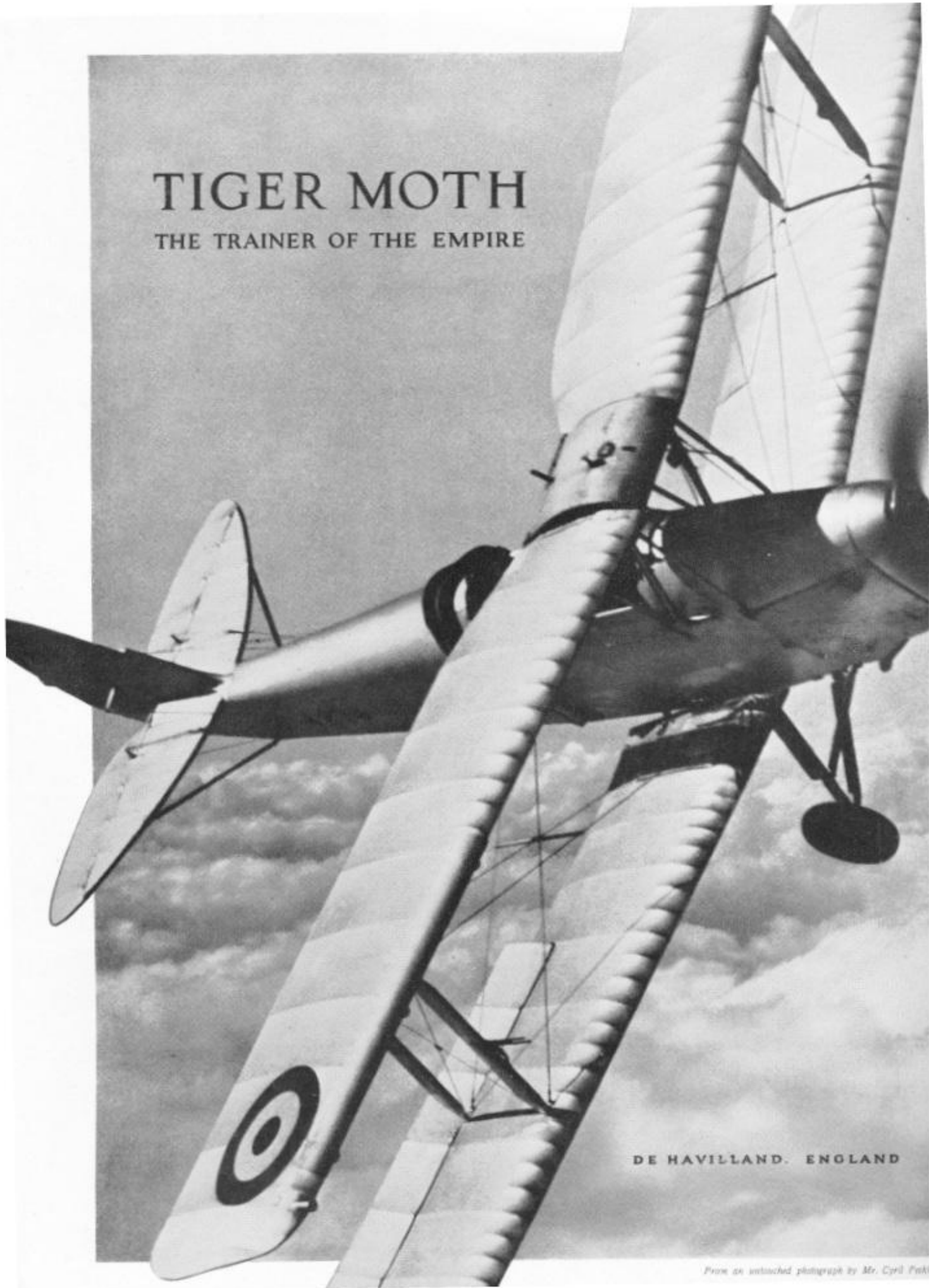
Winner, 'Best Trainer [restoration](#)' Award Classic Fighters 2013 Airshow.

Price NZ\$125,000.

Contact: Frank Frost e-mail <Franklyn@kinect.co.nz> or phone (NZ) 03 545 0124
or cell (NZ) 0274 369 250

TIGER MOTH

THE TRAINER OF THE EMPIRE



DE HAVILLAND. ENGLAND

From an untouched photograph by Mr. Cyril Peck

De Havilland advertisement in AERONAUTICS December 1939. The Tiger Moth Club of NZ Inc wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year