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**At the Turakina Highland Games**, *photographed by Ross Nolly*

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On 18 December 1934 legendary pilot, Captain Bert Mercer, flew two passengers from Inchbonnie to Hokitika and then to Waiho (Franz Josef Glacier). December 2009 will mark three-quarters of a century since New Zealand’s first licensed scheduled air service, Air Travel (NZ) Ltd, was established on the scenic West Coast of the South Island. The Rev Richard Waugh, Auckland Wesleyan Methodist Minister and aviation historian shares some of his research findings and invites readers to submit additional information and images for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary book he is writing.

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