



## Kapiti Aeromodellers' Club Update --- September 2016

Spring Edition



### **Eenie , Meenie, Miny and Moe**

patiently waiting their turn to get airborne.

Sometimes it pays to have at least two models at the strip, just in case one of them has a problem or simply refuses to fly ,( like the "Birddog" in picture) in this case it looks like Alistair covered all the bases and brought them all out for a day in the sun, and as an additional backup he had a helicopter in the boot of his car. Now that's what I call keen to fly.

### **From the Presidential Parlour... well not quite**

I'm sure that Steve has had a wonderful holiday , he sent us an email saying that he was "spying" on us from the other side of the world via the weather station, so he must have still been thinking about flying. I have let him off writing anything for this edition and won't bug him for any stories... yet, but did get him to send out the newsletter. I'm sure he will have plenty to talk about. Just wondering when he will tell us how many engines or parts he brought back from his trip.

### **From the Club Captain's Cabin**

As you may or may not know we are once again holding a model aircraft exhibition on the 8/9 October 2016. We are getting things underway as far as equipment i.e tables and display equipment etc including simulator and handouts to the public. If any of you have ideas to enhance the exhibition in any way we would welcome suggestions.

At this stage we would also welcome from members indications of models they intend to present for display. I think at our last display we presented around 90 plus models so we would anticipate somewhere around the same number being available this year. The site is quite secure and we don't anticipate any problems re security but if members do not wish to leave their models overnight on Saturday they may remove them and return them on the Sunday. Any models that contain LI-PO batteries and are left overnight will need to have the batteries removed as a safety precaution.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist with setting up and removal on Friday and Monday. Also a team to man the display over the two days will be required so have a think and advise a member of the organising group of your availability. The success of events such as this rely on the cooperation and goodwill of club members so don't be shy, every little helps.

We are still on the lookout for tables, also if anyone knows of a source of eight or so large panels which we need for the central floor display please let us know. Any aviation memorabilia or suchlike suitable for decorating the walls would also be welcome. We will be setting up from 3 pm Friday 7th and concluding the packing up on Monday 10th till 10am. No models will be accepted on the Friday. models will be accepted from 7.am Saturday till 9.30 am. doors open to the public on both days at 10.am.

We look forward to a successful event and once again our thanks go to the Kapiti school for their generous use of their premises and again we will be donating proceeds from this event to the school. So spread the word among your friends that we have an event well worth a visit.

Contact members of setup crew for further details: Ian Crosland, John Miller, Warner Summerton.

There will be further updates as we get things in place and I'm sure that the generous nature of our club members will once again ensure a great event .

Cheers, Warner

## Club Night-- July 2016

**Terry Beaumont** gave a talk about a vintage model that he got from the late Terry Bannister. A very interesting model, and a bit of discussion developed as to what the model actually is. Comes from the era circa 1935 and if I was listening correctly it was originally free flight , but now has rudder and elevator control. If anyone knows what this model is , please let me or Terry know.



Photo - Alastair Rivers

**Roger White** , gave us a safety briefing on how to stay safe at the strip, including a demo on how to use a defibrillator as well as going through CPR and some other first aid basics. He covered things like applying a finger bandage, ( which is in now in our first aid kit) and this was kindly demonstrated by Alastair Rivers, ( how he knew so much about them I'm not sure ) I hope it was from reading and not using them on himself.

The most common injury is, cuts to fingers. Several of us have got first hand ( excuse the pun) knowledge of this. Even if you use a "chicken stick" when starting your glow, petrol or any engine that needs to be flipped over, it is still advisable to wear a glove. In the event that the model runs forward or worse still, slips off it's tether, at least you have some further protection. I've seen members starting large engines without any protection whatsoever. This is totally insane. Please get a glove, much easier and less painful than getting the fingers chopped.





Warner found a new "best friend" and looked quite cosy with the CPR training manikin. Roger had him wired up to the defibrillator just in case his new friend got too much for him.

*Please note that no one was harmed during the taking of this photograph, and that the defib. and the manikin are training aids only.*

Photo - Alastair Rivers

Alastair Rivers demonstrating how to apply a tubular finger bandage



Photo - Don Lynn

Once again a great evening, topped off by the excellent spread, complete with tea and coffee put on by Ron.

## WW1 Dog fight over Kapiti ... by Baron Von Rich-Crosland

On the 18th of August 1916, [2016] flying officer Snoopy McEllison took off on a sortie across the lines,[fence]. In the air at the same time was Manfred Von Rich-Crosland. A raging battle developed in the skies above the fields of plantain, neither pilot giving way until the inevitable had to happen, as the picture shows. Upon landing close to the crash of Mc Ellison, Von Rich-Crosland discovered McEllison had survived and escaped to fight another day.

Rumour has it McEllison's next aircraft will be a cast iron SE5A to fix these bloody foamies once and for all.

Von Rich-Crosland's pilots report states :- "Mein gotten, I get i'm on the ground, I get i'm in the air, the bloody Red Baron get i'm anywhere".

Back to reality:- The moral of this story is, if two people decide to dog fight the inevitable could happen. The surprising thing is that the depron DR1 flew home with only a scratch on the top main plane.



Photo - Baron Von Rich-Crosland ...(aka Ian Crosland)

### **Cluhouse Security:**

Unfortunately there are always some scumbags out there that ruin everyone's fun. While we will never eliminate them we need to stay vigilant. We have recently changed the gate and clubhouse combination numbers as some dodgy characters were seen hanging about near the gate.

Thanks to the club member that alerted me to this, and to Paul and Ross for actioning it and getting the combo changed asap.

If you see any suspicious looking people hanging around, let them know that you have noticed them, say hello or even introduce yourself to them, this makes them think twice as you now "know them" .

I think that we should also keep the shed door closed , so if we do have any visitors that have "just come for a look" we do not have all our worldly goods on display.

### **Interesting link...from Ernie..**

<https://youtu.be/67fpOi5i9mM>

### **Weather station woes.**

We are currently experiencing some technical issues with the camera, please do not change clubs, our senior technician( Alistair) has been in contact with Holfuy, and other members of the technical trouble shooting team are working on it.

And that wraps it up for another month. Until then let's hope for some good (weekend ) weather.

Remember , if you have anything for the newsletter, stories or photos, please send through to me .

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"Fly hard, land soft"

Cheers  
Don