



Club Update--- August 2018



Aviation Heritage Museum- Perth

Photos and article by John Miller

We recently returned from an overseas holiday which started in Perth -Western Australia. Just south of Perth is the Aviation Heritage Museum located at the Air Force Memorial estate, Bull Creek Drive. Displays were set up in two large pavilions -NORTH WING and SOUTH WING and an open courtyard between. On display were various restored planes from the world war eras and those with Australian Heritage .The display also included helicopters, many motors, (some in cutaway form to show the workings), also included were many models and artefacts. The museum is run by volunteers who have a passion for restoring aircraft. The highlight was when they fired up and ran a restored Merlin Engine. Well worth a visit. - Thanks to Ross who informed me of the museum.

From the Prez:

Not a lot to report this month. Club night went well and is reported on elsewhere. We seem to be getting greater numbers now that we have shifted to the Kotare room at QEP. It certainly is a pleasant place to catch up with everybody. When the car park is built, and access way updated in the future, access will be easier.

It's working so well, that the committee are now meeting there for committee meetings.

This saves the guys from further South quite a bit of travel time.

Opportunities to fly have been scarce with only the odd decent day.

I had thought the maiden for the Smith mini plane would have happened well by now. The electronic problem has been well sorted, but the only decent day that I had confidence in got very windy about lunch time, which was the earliest I could get there.

Be aware that I will be off overseas from 22nd August.

During the time I'm away, contact either Alastair Rivers or Don Lynn if you need something.

Steve

July Club Night

Another really good turnout with some 22 members in residence. A really good turnout when you consider at least 3 members – who are normally regulars – called in sick.

Steve had pulled some video off you tube which was a compilation of some serious R/C crashes. Some were highly amusing, especially where one guy who put his helicopter on the strip for take off just prior to a fixed wing landing, which ran over the 'copter, totally destroying it and destroying the plane as well. Another incident where a crash landing almost took out 2 other models which probably shouldn't have been where they were. There were a few pilots relegated to the walk of shame, returning with armfuls of bits!

The main event for the evening was a DVD on the Vampire. In this case, one of 2, 2-seater Vampires based at New Plymouth. The video was put together in 2007, so I am unsure if those aircraft still exist in New Plymouth. It is part of the Classic Cockpits series of videos, 2 of which we had seen before covering the Lancaster and Sunderland.

The Vampire sure is an amazing aircraft and perhaps well ahead of it's time. I had always heard about the Germans flying jets towards the end of the war but hadn't realised that the Vampire prototype took to the air in 1943. Also, of interest was that the front part of the fuselage was based on Mosquito technology and made of wood, or that the reason for the twin boom design was because of the jet engine design in those days having a very short tail pipe.

Part of the Video was from within the cockpit of the demonstration aircraft, practicing formation flying with it's sister 'craft. That was amazing.

Peter Brown came down from Otaki because he loves the Vampire, and as you know has decent model of one himself. David Treseder had a grin from ear to ear all night. David went solo in the Vampire around 1957/58. He reckoned what we saw was pretty special and shared that it brought back many happy memories. I noted as he went out the door he had borrowed the DVD from Mike Hall, who it belongs to.

Steve

Upcoming Club Night – August.

Wayne Boness will talk to us at the August Club Night.

He'll give a presentation about the Park, what is happening on the Park and answer any questions.

There will also be some more You tube footage.



Vintage Car Club Daffodil Day event.

The VCC are holding a Daffodil rally for cancer day throughout New Zealand.

The Wellington club are holding theirs at QEP on Sunday 26th August from 10:00am.

They've been in touch with all park users to get them on-board. They are not looking at anything from us, other than to welcome anybody to the strip that's interested in having a look.

Many members may also want to have a look around the cars etc. that will be on display.

Steve

Tree Planting at QEP... by Steve

Thanks to those who were able to come out and join the Spade Aid day at QEP.

The forecasted rain didn't arrive and although a windy day, most of the planting are was fairly sheltered.

Most of us put in a couple of hours, but the Farrowes were heading back to do more after stocking up from the sausage sizzle.



Intrepid planters. Peter Kettle, Kerry Nichols and Alastair Rivers.



Planting on the hill behind the club house



Planting HQ and free sausage sizzle.

Photos above by Steve

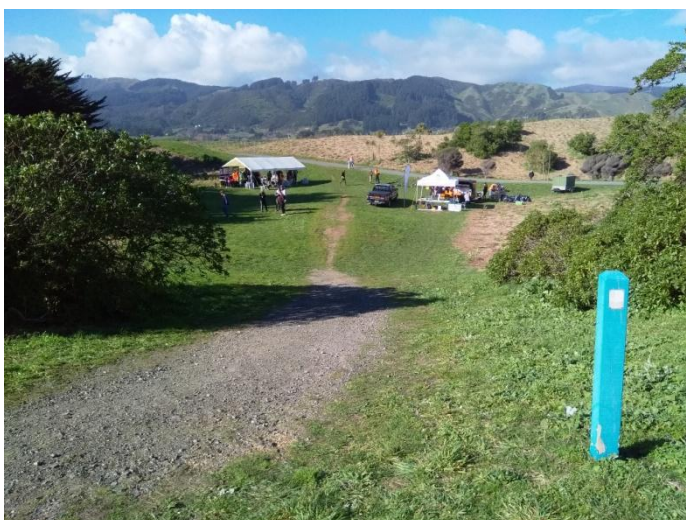


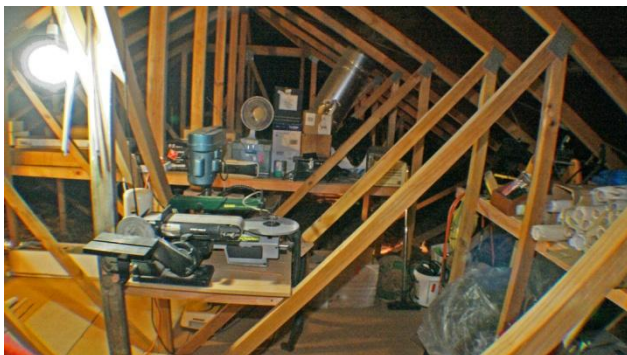
Photo alongside by Wayne Elley

So!! What's going on in your shed? ... Words by Ian Crosland, Photos by Alastair Rivers

This is the second of a series that Alastair and I are doing for the newsletters over the winter period. So if you would like us to do an article on your latest or any interesting project then contact Alastair or myself.

Alistair & Ian's visit to John Ellison's.

John has been aero modelling since he was around 7 years of age and is right at the top for standard of workmanship and knowledge gained over the years. Moving from a large home into a life-style retirement village means one has to down size on chattels somewhat which can include our hobbies, bugger! With only a single garage and being able to fit a car as well, some careful thought is required for a workable building area and storage. John has managed this by having a floor built in the ceiling above the garage. Most of his work stations and a vacuum cleaner are up there along with storage of building material, kit sets, plans and some models. Most of the building is done in the garage and models in general use are hung around the walls. Picture one shows a Lazy Ace fuselage under construction, the wings already finished. Picture two shows the frames of an 88" Tomboy. One wing half is on the building board, John is holding the other half and tail plane and the fuselage sides are leaning against the wall. The last two photos are his machine shop in the loft and a stack of plans retained over the years. Like most people in the club, John is another of those helpful people to seek advice.



For sale:

Bob McGrath is selling this on behalf ...

Great Planes Super Sportster (40 size I think) ... excess to requirements. It has not been flown for a few years and really had minimal airtime even when it was new. It comes complete with servos & motor and is in really nice condition. He wants about \$200 for it and given his building skills I think it is worth that.

If anyone is interested please contact Bob 04 5898779 or 021 0400214



And that's it for this month.

Thanks to those that sent in their contribution, especially Steve who did the lions share.

If you have any articles or photos to share, please send through to Steve or myself.

If I missed something you sent me, just send me another email reminder, and I'll try fit it in sometime.

Till next time.

Fly hard... land soft.

Cheers

Don