



Club Update --- November 2018



Vintage day at Levin - 22 October.

Some very happy looking fellows after a brilliant days flying at Levin.
(I'm not sure who took the photo so can't give credit to them)

I've taken the liberty of using an extract from Allan Knox's email.

"Warner and I had a shot at Precision for fun. We both maxed out but he won in the fly off, just 2 points off perfect with me another 2 points back. Things got exciting in this event. Warner banged the Playboy down on the spot and rekitsetted it. Something to do this week mate? On my last flight my dear old Scram got run over on the roll out by a much larger and heavier club model. Lots of minor damage but nothing on the attacker. Jonathan didn't get his big Cloud Cruiser to work but was much more successful with the BBQ. We all enjoyed his fine fare. Cheers mate.

This has to be one of the very best days for flying I can remember, perfect conditions, friendly air and light winds after some morning moisture. You have to love Levin!"

If you want to see results and what's happening up there, get hold of Warner and get him to add you to his mailing list.

and now our own... **Kapiti Vintagents Meet...** by Warner Summerton
(Ed's note! Sorry ... looks like no one has a camera so no photos)

Following are the results of our vintage day held in slightly blustery conditions, although some thermal activity was present occasionally. It was generally agreed that the day was a success and we all look forward to the next. We have also discussed the possibility of holding evening events as the days lengthen as conditions can be more benign as the day draws to a close. The standard of competition is improving as we become more adept operating at a more accurate level but it is still a lot of fun for all as we are either flying ,timing, or observing so it is an all inclusive activity.

Results:

Bob Mcgrath	Lanzo Bomber	Flt 1.	3:11 +20	Flt 2.	3:00 +20	Flt 3.	3:09 +20	Score	600
Terry Beaumont	2X Tomboy	Flt 1	2:46 0	Flt 2	3:09 0	Flt 3	3:09 +20	Score	528
John Miller	Buzzard Bombshell	Flt 1	3:12 + 20	Flt 2	3:14 0	Flt 3	3:00 0	Score	554
John Ellison	Rudder Bug	Flt 1	3:15 0	Flt 2	2:41 0	Flt 3	3:01 0	Score	505
Warner Summerton	Lanzo B	Flt 1	3:00 0	Flt 2	3:02 20	Flt 3	3:00 20	Score	580

We welcome more participants to join us at these events, I'm sure you will find them most enjoyable. So there you have it.

WGS.

From the Prez.

Since my return from beyond, there haven't been many really good flying days. The first few goods ones I missed as was catching up on chores. Since then we've had a really mixed bag. Awful days followed by a stunner followed by more awful. Labour weekend was a prime example. Sat/Sun no good but Monday fantastic, the same this past weekend. The weekend warriors must hate going to work Monday, checking the camera to fine a great flying day!

We're winding down to the end of year and our next club night will be the final one for the year.

Using the Kotare room for Club nights has been extremely successful and we are getting better attendances. I've booked the room right through next year.

The committee have also started using the room for committee meetings as well and that makes it easier for those coming from further South.

All in all, it's working really well.

Committee locked in.

If you hadn't heard on the grapevine, after the last committee meeting, we were unable to get out of the park. The telephone system was not working. Our contact with GWRC was out for the evening and uncontactable and Brendan the Ranger, was away. So, we rang the security company who really didn't get a grasp on what had happened and wouldn't send anybody out until we agreed to pay the callout fee. Which we agreed.

A short while later the security guard arrived only to find he couldn't open the gate either. I don't think his boss believed him as he said he would. Didn't work either. So, would have been entertaining except for the frustrations. Being frustrated myself, I thumped the control box as hard as I could several times, dialed the gate again and – hey presto – it opened. We took off leaving the guard bemused. GWRC sorted the call out fee and a procedure is being put in place should this happen again.

If you have a gripe against the committee, then we've paid our penalty!

Christmas Dinner.

As advised by separate email, we are having a Xmas dinner on the night of 24th November at 180 deg, Marine Parade Paraparaumu. 6:30pm.

We have had a good response so far, but if you want to come and haven't responded, please let me know as soon as you can.

Steve

From the Club Captain:

Yep, I'm one of those weekend warriors that Steve was referring to. I had predicted that Monday (Labour day) would be good flying as that's the usual pattern. Fortunately it was a holiday and I made it down there and managed to get some air time.

When I've been checking the camera (during work hours of course) to see what I'm missing, I've noticed that some members like standing outside the pilots box. Not an issue if you are alone but also not a bad idea to be in the box, just in case you have a bad day or a runaway model , it will at least offer some protection.

Instructors/Examiners/Inspectors.

I am updating the lists of the above.

Can you please let me or Steve know if you no longer want to be an Instructor/Examiner/Model Inspector. It does take commitment and can suck up a lot of time, but is appreciated by those learning to fly or looking for some assistance.

Prospective new member.

Recently we had a possible new member arrive at the strip with a homebuilt contraption that he wanted to fly. He had never flown before. After checking it over and some field modifications plus a loaned wheel it was ready to have a go. I managed to get it into the air and hang on for a white knuckled flight. It was a handful to say the least. I ended up "landing" quite heavily but with only minor damage. I have passed on all the club contact details, but not heard from him since.

Whether he will join up or not I don't know. However he was elated with the "service" he got. Alastair R helped set some thrust angles on the motor, Shahab loaned us a slightly larger nose wheel, and I got the short straw ... the transmitter.

Let's keep encouraging any people that show some interest.

Don

Stuff in the clubhouse... by Steve

This photo shows items that are in the club house to be claimed.

- We know the glove is Dons, but he must learn to take better care of his belongings! (Ed's note. Thanks Steve!, pretty good looking glove though!)
- The 2 wing bolts are metal and look like they have stripped threads at some point.
- The glasses have been in the club rooms for about 4 years.
- The tail wheel was found today (30/10) when we mowed and 'eagle eyes' von picked it up out on the strip to the left of the pilot box, so not been there long.
- Looks like a cabin top for a Tomboy.
- The exhaust piece hasn't been there too long.

If any of these are yours, grab them otherwise they'll go !



October's Club Night

This was a quiz night .

Alistair Haussmann put together a very professionally presented quiz.

It was a great evening and was enjoyed by all. Lots of competition and shouting going on but it was also a lot of fun. I'm sure we will have another sometime next year.

Thanks to Alistair for putting in the time and effort . He has also sent me a PDF of the presentation, I'll get Steve to send it out when he next sends out some club notices.

Alastair Rivers also showed us the setup he made to make a canopy out of PET-G .

Looked like a lot of carving and shaping and a fair bit of skill with the heat gun.

As usual, tea and coffee with a great selection of biscuits was served by Colin and John Von. Thanks guys!

Once again another great evening.

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

This is the fifth of a series by Alastair and Ian.

Alastair and Ian's visit to Ron Nichols.

Arriving at Ron and Marion's home amongst the trees, we soon discovered they were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, well done you two. Ron would be one of our oldest modellers starting in the mid 1940's with rubber powered and progressing to diesel and glow free flight and control line. He joined the Masterton Aero Modellers which operated at Hood aerodrome and had a substantial club house there. Two scale control line models hanging on the garage wall, a Mister Mulligan and a Kingfisher are set up to fly a clock wise circuit not anti clock wise. Masterton club chose this as it favoured the torque of the motor better requiring less rudder off set. Ron spent time in Tokomaru Bay and other places in NZ finally settling in Kapiti and joining our club in 1992. Some early members he mentioned were :- George Brickell, Gerrard Cotterill, Bob Upton, Neil McClellan and Mike Tucker. Apart from a couple of radio assisted, most of Ron's planes are vintage free flight and a lot around the 2mtr span, Kerswap, Serendipity, and a Flying Aces Sky Rocket to name just three. Some of the motors he has had over the years are :- ED Comp Special, ED Mk4, ED Bee, Mills 75, Eta 29, K&B Beco 19, Forster 31, Frog 500 and an Eta diesel given to Ian Munro. Most of his models hang around the garage walls and a couple we noted were electric. His work benches are placed so he can still get a car in. Ron has always had a strong interest in the club but we have noticed in the last couple of years he has done less flying because free flight most times requires a lot of walking and he now doesn't trust himself with radio. So, apart from John Miller and a couple of others:- If Ron would like to see one of his planes flying again how about one of you younger chaps volunteering for a free flight walk about.



Early Reminder:

Rally coming up next year. We will soon be looking for members to help out with various duties. So giving you all ample notice to get it in your diaries. Members are known to get quite scarce around this time and it would be great to see some new helpers.

The rally also conveniently coincides with the Queen Elizabeth Open Day which is part of the summer programme being organised by the Greater Wellington Regional Council, so would be good to have plenty of planes and pilots on the day.

Although we try look after the visitors there is no reason why you can't fly.

Good reason to make sure you have your Wings badge, as it is required on the day.

Just in case you've been hibernating and haven't seen it yet, I've inserted the Rally poster below - designed by our very own Ernie Thompson. Awesome job... thanks Ernie



Kapiti Aeromodellers' Club
ANNUAL RALLY
SAT 9TH & SUN 10TH MARCH 2019

All aircraft and pilots welcome
MFNZ wings badge required
\$10 landing fee.

COME & FLY WITH US!

- Glider tows - Aerobatics
- Scale - Helicopters - Jets

Prizes, Barbecue,
Family Picnic opportunity,
Free entry for spectators

Queen Elizabeth Park - MacKay's Crossing
For details contact Steve Hutchison 021 644 595 or Don Lynn 021 366 393
or check our website www.kapitiaeromodellersclub.org.nz

A Great example of Flawless Male logic . . .

A bit of humour to finish off... from John Ellison

This is a conversation between a husband and his wife. Please note that she asks five or six questions which he answered quite simply; but, then she is speechless after answering only one question. I bet this happens more often than not to most husbands out there.

Woman: "Do you drink beer"?

Man: "Yes".

Woman: "How many beers a day"?

Man: "Usually about three".

Woman: "How much do you pay per beer"?

Man: "\$5.00 which includes a tip (this is where it gets scary!)".

Woman: "And how long have you been drinking"?

Man: "About 20 years, I suppose".

Woman: "So a beer costs \$5 and you have three beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, that would be approximately \$5400, correct"?

Man: "Sounds Correct".

Woman: "If in 1 year you spend \$5400, not accounting for inflation, over the past 20 years puts your spending at about \$108,000, correct"?

Man: "Again, sounds about right".

Woman: "Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought an aeroplane"?

Man: "Could be true. Do you drink beer"?

Woman: "No".

Man: "Where is your aeroplane"?

And that's it for this month.

Thanks to those that sent in their contribution.

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