



What happened to ZK-MYS - Piper PA31-350 Navajo Chieftain ?

While out on a bike ride up the Waikanae river track I spotted this poor abandoned fuselage hiding away amongst the houses at Gold Coast Building Removals. I'm guessing someone might have it lined up for a classic sleep-out somewhere.? Thought it a rather strange place for a fuselage so decided to have a look at what happened. Interesting what you can find out with just a rego number. No, it didn't miss the strip and rip the wings off while trying to dodge houses as you see in the movies.

So, after doing a little research I managed to track down what had happened .
For those that are interested, I have added a link to the report by the Transport Accident Investigation Commission.

<https://taic.org.nz/sites/default/files/inquiry/documents/11-004%20Final.pdf>

From the Prez.

Not much to report as haven't been here!

Things seem to have been ticking away in my absence. Good to see.

I understand painting of the toilet door has been completed. *Ed's note : Thanks to Barry Simmonds for doing this*

The new combination lock etc. has been ordered and arrived. Just needs to be fitted.

I had a couple of observations on the trip aeronautically -wise.

There must have been an RAF base somewhere not too far from where we were on the canal in Wales.

There were a couple of times when aircraft came through at relatively low altitudes and quite quick.

We had a really good view of some choppers one day, a jet fighter came up the valley we were in another at what seemed high speed but was screened by the trees and we had only the quickest of glimpses. That happened a couple of times.

When we went to Lands End, it was quite a clear sky and I couldn't believe the number of contrails crisscrossing the sky above there.

Cheers,
Steve

A model shop visited.

When we travel I rarely see or get the opportunity to visit a model shop. This is the case for several reasons: Time available and no model shop in the area we are in. This time I did manage a visit.



www.totemhobbies.co.uk

Totem Hobbies is in the Mutley area of Plymouth and is described as the largest model shop in the Southwest. I had a chat with Kevin, the proprietor there. They have the same issues we have in NZ with bricks and mortar shops struggling against the on-line onslaught of Hobby King et al. He had a good selection of items for the everyday modeller. One of the things I did notice was the cost of ply, especially the very thin ply, being much cheaper than NZ. I purchased some push rod items as these were cheaper than I would get here. It's hard to compare pricing. A dollar is a pound type of thing and often what you will see in NZ for \$10 is 10 quid there, although it doesn't always work that way. I've often compared items in Tower Hobbies against the same items in the UK shops and at times find them often more expensive or a similar price in the UK. Similar price in that the same pound price as yank dollars. For us, cheaper to buy, therefore, from Tower.

This doesn't always hold true especially as the NZ dollar against the US dollar isn't all that good at the moment.

From that point of view, comparing prices of some servos that Kevin has against Tower show the UK price (after conversion) to be a better bet for some, but not for others. Don't know what freight costs would be though. Kevin does sell online (see above web address) and would no doubt freight to here.

So, like anything, it pays to shop around.

Physical size of the store probably wasn't any bigger than what we have had around here.

Kevin was selling several completed, used models on behalf. They were in exceptionally good nick.

There were a couple of other modellers in the shop at the time and when they heard I was from NZ, the comment was along the lines of: "You've got that character in NZ that does those YouTube RC reviews". I was a bit perplexed at first but turned out we were discussing our friend Bruce Simpson. So, his notoriety has spread far and wide.

A few photos from the shop.



Cheers,
Steve

September's Club Night

Another really good turnout.

This night was a casual evening being a bring and brag, or tell us what you have been up to.

Don showed us a couple samples of some fibreglass sheet that he had made. Laid up on a sheet of glass and once wet through the resin is squeegeed out with a plastic card, then any excess dabbed out with a paper towel. A good home alternative made at a fraction of the price compared to the "pro skin" that can be bought on line. I'm using it for the outer skins on the Hurricane flaps.

Alastair Rivers showed us his "weapon" for cutting thin strips of timber. Constructed from an angle grinder with a blade attached and fastened to a steel bed, which is in turn clamped to the workbench... I believe it works well and is pretty accurate once it's been set up. Looks like it could be out of one of the "Mad Max" movies.

John Ellison had another one of his amazing builds on display. This time a Lazy Ace, it's still under construction, but the bits that have been finished so far are brilliant. Another model to look forward to seeing at the strip.

Also up for sale on the night was John Von's Sportster. No takers on the night, so I've featured it later on.

Tea and coffee with a great selection of biscuits was served by Colin and John Von.

Once again another great evening.

From The Kapiti Vintagents by Warner Summerton

We had a good turnout for the John Selby memorial weekend at Levin held over the weekend of 15/16 September. Kapiti members were the majority in attendance and all participated in a number of events that were held on a glorious Saturday. These vintage flying get togethers are very social events and the competitions are very laid back. Combined with Jonathons bbq skills we enjoyed a great event once again. The only bugbear on the day was the attentions of the resident Magpie which flew combat sorties attacking all comers. He scored one victory knocking the tail off Bryan's model, lucky he was able to land without further damage. So with thanks to Allan Knox for organising the weekend and CD duties, and Jonathon Shorer and the Levin troops for their generous hospitality we all enjoyed a great weekend.

And now to our **own** vintage program. As we now have a cadre of enthusiastic vintage flyers I think we should have a monthly events day.

Nothing serious just a gathering and fly an event of our choosing on the day just to add a little interest. At the moment the first Thursday of the month appears free so we will start with this on the Thursday 4th October. We will get underway when we have a suitable number of attendees but I suggest around 11.00 am. All are welcome to participate but preferably with either a vintage or classical design models to fly.

Classical --- from 1st January 1951 to 31st December 1975

Vintage--- up to 31st December 1950.

So there you have it if you're up for a bit of fun and a few laughs join us at the field on the 4th October.

Should you have any queries ph 0224796714.

Cheers,

WGS.

For sale

Great Planes Super Sportster 60 kit. Has a 1570mm wing span. Powered by a ASP 61 Four stroke engine. In good condition .Flies well. Price: \$280. Would require own Rx and Battery. If anyone is interested give John Von a call , and sort out the details.



Thanks to Alastair Rivers for taking the photo, which I forgot to do on the night.

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

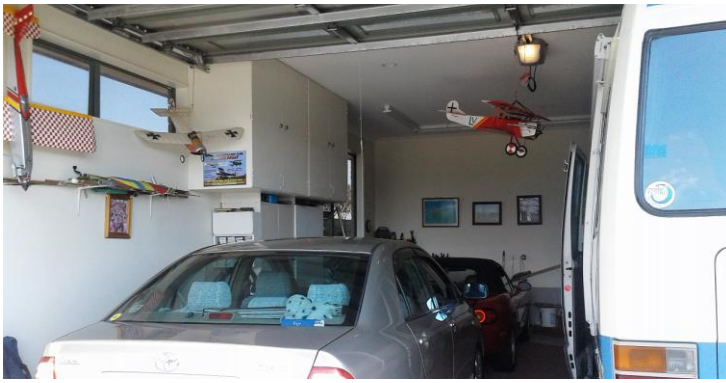
This is the fourth of a series that (~~Alastair and I~~) *bit of a twist here* ... autobiography this time!

Ian's visit to Ian's... by Ian

Cath and I are going away and I have run out of time to organise Alastair and I to visit a members workshop. So ...

No one has offered to have their workshops visited by Alistair and myself for the October news letter, so here's a quickie on myself. photo 1 = Garage, workshop and hanger. If I need to get to the work bench and machines at the L/H back corner, both cars need to be moved. Photo 2 = Hanger cupboard, the Andrews A1 is in the bus and I also have models in the roof attic. [Cath says I need to start crashing a few]. Photo 3 = My hobby room, light machining and assembly. The wing plan on the bench is the start of a Mercury.

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From the Lost and Found files.

Haven't done one of these for a while, (which is good), but Barry Simmonds sent me a couple photos of the Rescue and Recovery team with a very "Ugly " looking stick.

It appears that it has been in the blackberry's for some time, had no pulse when found and was unable to be resuscitated at the time, however looks like with a lot of surgery it could possibly be brought back to life... I'm not sure if anyone has claimed it yet.



And on a happier note.

Just received today, (Sun 30th) this excellent photo, taken by Alastair Rivers of Ian's 1/4 scale Andrew's A1



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