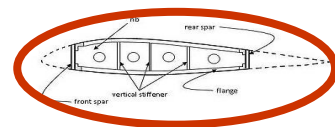




August 2020

The Spare Rib News



*The monthly newsletter of the
Kapiti Aeromodellers Club*

www.kapitiaeromodellersclub.org.nz



*Now, if you had a 'real'
passion for flying, you
would live in one of
these!*

The Presidents podium



Hi all.

I guess the highlight of the month past is a return to normality in its entirety. Club night was held, which in this case was the well overdue AGM.

The Silver Fox squadron BBQ was also held this month.

Coupled with some great flying days in the last few weeks, I feel like we are at last getting somewhere.

Again, in the last several weeks, we have had several new member applications.

Pierre Daigeneault has had his 2 sons-in-law join up, Simon Hadlow and Jamie Lafrentz, and it was great to see the family together the other week.

We have a new member application pending for Mike Coleman who has been a wannabe modeller since he was 16 and another chap asked about membership over the weekend just past.

Great stuff.

Enjoy the month ahead.

Steve

Fuel Tanks

In February members were advised of fuel tanks for sale in the club house at \$5.00 each.

There were 10 of them.

4 were sold at the rally.

2 sold since the rally.

Thursday 23rd there were 2 left. Tuesday this week there was one.

So from these figures, I should have found a further \$15 in the box....

So, please, be an honest happy!

AGM.

Well, it was a few months late, but we held a very succesful AGM on Tuesday 18th.

Getting a quorum is always seen as a challenge and I remember several AGMs at the Paekak surfclub where the last person needed walked through the door as we were about to get underway. Since we've been in the Kotare Room at QEP, that has not been the case and we have had good numbers. I was a bit worried this time though as there were a number of apologies from regulars, but we topped out at 31 members, and that was a very good turnout.

There were a number of new(ish) members present, and it was great to see them there.

The meeting went without a hitch.

Flagged changes to the motion on Discipline were passed without fuss and the motion itself adopted, again without fuss.

Election of officers returned the usual suspects, but unfortunately Alistair Haussmann has had to stand down due to work commitments.

That left us without a Vice President at this time and 1 general committee member short after Andrew came onto the committee.

However, post the meeting, John Pfahlert had a word and said he would step onto the committee.

I am always amazed at the variety of people we have in our club. All with a common interest. We range from many diverse backgrounds. The late Mike Hall was a case in point. To meet him, who would have known he had run the NZ Fire Service? Did you know that the Chief of the NZ Navy is also a member (although not currently active)?

Sometimes it is hard to see the road ahead, who will do what in years to come?

Who will make up the committee? Be President?.

Not long before I retired, I was talking to a dept head who was also going and she was worried as to what would happen when she had gone. "Put your hand in a bucket of water", I said. "The hole left when you pull it out is how much we will be missed".

We all leave a gap, but nobody is indespensible.

We have the people and I'm sure our future is safe in members hands.

Steve

Park News

As I mentioned at the AGM, there are a lot of things happening around the park at the moment. I can't give a lot of detail at this time, but changes are afoot.

Sand slips at gate entrance.

Wayne has work planned for this area. The bank will be stabalised and planted with tree Lucerne. The area will be fenced off for stock.

Wayne's in the process of lining up a contractor to bang in the necessary posts.

Rabbits.

It is planned that there will be a bait drop at some time.

Wayne has spoken to Biosecurity in the past week and they will get to the airstrip at some stage for a bait treatment.

Farming Operations on the park.

The big change on the park is to farming.

For a number of reasons, Beetham Pastoral have declined to take up their next 5 year option, and their involvement with farming at the park (and across the road at Whareroa) will cease on 31st October, 2020.

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GWRC are finalising a large restoration project, in excess of 100 hectares, which will encompass both wetland/peat and dune areas of the park. They expect to have an outcome late September on whether this has been approved to proceed. The application is being made to GWRC's carbon fund.

Restoration to areas close to the club's area can be expected if the project is approved, more detail to come towards the end of September. (Preliminary discussions show this will be to our benefit).

The form of any future farming on the park is still being decided. Council have endorsed a shift away from farming on Regional Parks in the next Parks Network Plan process. The public consultation of the draft Parks Network Plan will get underway in August 2020 and run for a two month period. There will be public meetings to discuss the draft plan, these will be advertised in due course. Public submissions on the plan are very welcomed as this sets the direction for the parks for the next 10 years. (at the beginning of this process, some 2 years ago, both Alastair Rivers and I were interviewed).

Discussions are also underway over the strip of land between our South demountable fence and the next fence, with discussions on being able to include this within our site.

That would require a lot of work from the club, but would be well worth it if it eventuates.

How we incorporate that will not be discussed until we know what is possible.

Nothing is agreed as yet, just proposals, but looks promising.

Steve

What's been happening at the strip lately?

Well, over the last few weeks we've seen some fantastic weather.

This last weekend is a case in point.

Friday/Sat/Sun/Monday were all good flying days (and most of this week).

We've seen a lot of Pete Brown at the strip in recent times, it's always good to see a jet out and about.

The weekend mix was a good one.

Saturday was made up of the usual attendees but Sunday brought a number of others out.

John from Masterton popped in in his campervan and flew a Warner built Lancer. This was built by Warner for Vintage meetings, has a Humbrol paint can as its fuel tank and when it runs out it's stay up as long as you can. He had a mate in the Wellington club who bought it off Warner and he in turn bought it off his mate.

Runs an OS 15.

John had a good few flights until he needed to depart.

John Pfahlert paid his first visit to the field since retiring up here recently, but unfortunately had fuel problems. Being mode 1 though, he was able to take my trainer for a spin. Wouldn't have thought he hadn't touched the sticks in 2 years!

It was good to see Trevor Pullen back down after a long absence. He had a re-fresher from Ryan who came with a jet and entertained us all.



Brent ready to maiden his Seagull Edge 54 after inspection. Plane flew really well without much trim requirement, but perhaps a tad tail heavy. In one piece after a very successful sortie.



Don was helping Phillip Burton with his foam Cessna without much success, but showed he was no slouch on the sticks when Cat gave him a go on her Bixler.

It's always a worry when a model disappears behind the sand dunes, and when this happened to Glen on Sunday and he was missing for a good length of time, we feared the worst. The model obviously enjoys Glen as boss and lit down without a scratch.

Paul has had his spitfire at the strip the last week or so. The model surely looks impressive and takes ownership of the sky.

Pauls handling, likewise.



Ryan flew his Elan at great speed and wide circuits. There is something about the presence in the air of a jet. It's just the epitome of modelling. Damned hard to photograph though.





From the Seagull stable, Sohail's new model is described as:-

Seagull SEA277 Red Baron Pizza Squadron's Stearman (20cc) RC Plane.

Sohail has a DLE 20 RA motor in it and has been down at the strip running it up.

Certainly, a nice-looking model.



Ian Crosland writes: -

I sometimes grab a hand full of the old magazines from the club house to take home and browse through, and if there is stuff of interest, I will make a note on the cover before returning them. The odd old mag that has nothing of interest to anyone goes in the recycle. Every now and then



Australian friend, and 747 captain, David Treseder sent this picture of his Blackburn 1912 monoplane — complete with warping wings. This is another example of where the 'air' moving faster over the top surface theory just does not work.

there is a surprise. In a February 1987 RCM&E mag, page 102, there is an article on 'Circulation' which deals with the air movement over different aerofoils and at the bottom of the page is a b&w photo of a nice Blackburn monoplane belonging to David Treseder a 747 pilot in Australia. As you all know David is one of our senior members who amongst his many other achievements was also in the Fleet Air Arm and a very interesting guy with many a tail to tell. I will leave this mag on the club house table for anyone to read.

Auctions

**WMAC
auction.**



Will be held at the Treadwell Street Hall Naenae, 8pm.

For all info go to: <https://wmac.org.nz/> and scroll down.

They are looking for items to be registered from now.

TMAC auction.

We've received notification that TMAC's annual auction is being postponed, with a proposed date of October 4th.

August Club night:

For August we have a documentary on the Shuttleworth Collection at old Warden. The documentary is all about flying these rare planes.

September Club night:

Brendan Whitaker will give a talk on his now completed spitfire. The search for authenticity and the challenges he has had.

Rally 2021

*The rally for 2021 will be held on the weekend of 14th and 15th of March.
This works in with the New Plymouth rally which is being held on 5/6/7 March.
So, get it in your diaries now. No excuses!!!
Paul sent in some real doozies which will make great fillers over the next few editions.*



From the past!



Extending the strip to the South in the late 90's.
Permission gained by asking the farmer and then confirming with the ranger.

No GWRC in those days.



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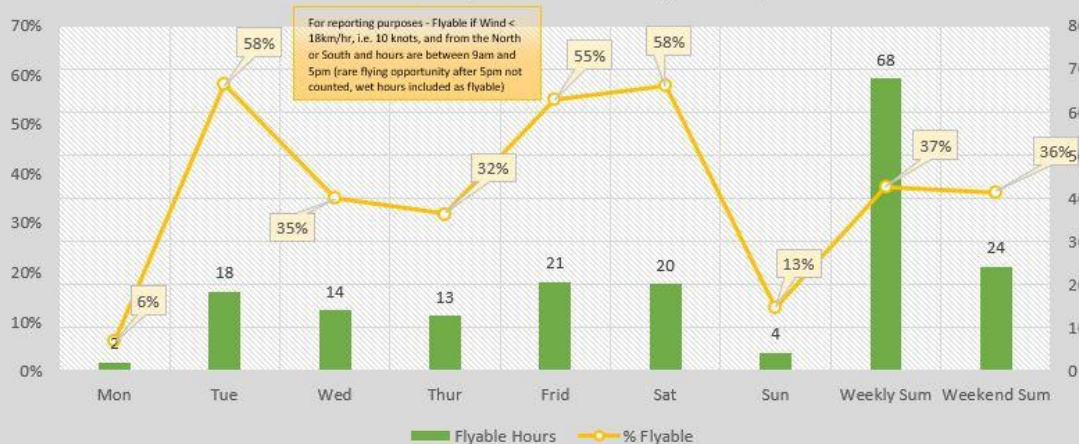
July Weather Woes - The Von Report

Another month fly's by!

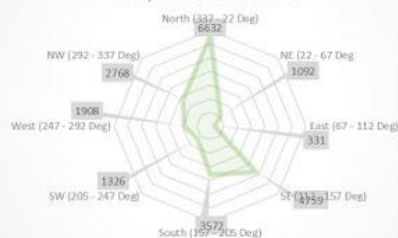
Our weather watcher stats show conditions have not been too bad over the past couple of weeks with a lot of us out enjoying the flying company. For those that remember the good weekend the struggle to get to work on a Monday, sigh the weather doesn't like Monday either.

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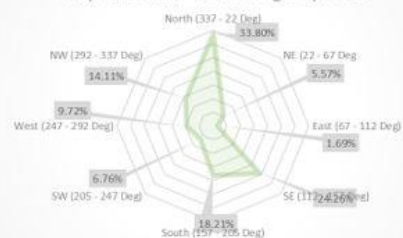
Monthly July2020 Summary All Days



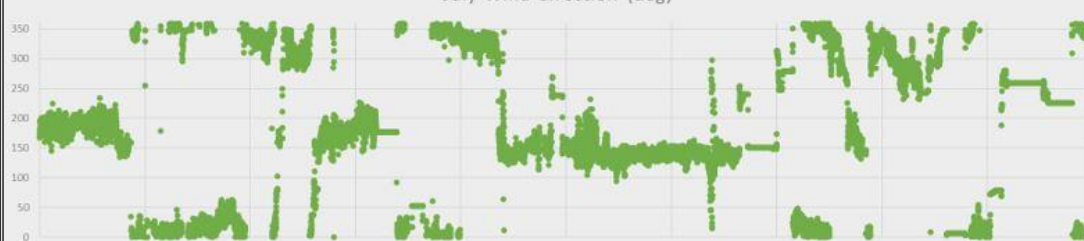
July Wind Direction



July Direction Percentage Spread



July Wind direction (deg)



And that's it from me
 for this month.
 'tallyho' and 'chocks
 away'

Steve