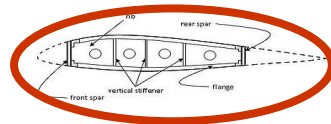


# The Spare Rib News



*The monthly newsletter of the  
Kapiti Aeromodellers Club*

*April 2023*

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Kapiti Aeromodellers Club group

## Notes from the Scribler



Well. We did have a period of settled weather with some good flying.

It hasn't lasted.

As I write this, I'm thinking winter has arrived in a hurry. From the balmy shorts wearing days of a week ago, the car told me it was 8 deg. when I headed to the gym this morning around 7:30 am.

The lowest temp at the strip in the past 24 hours was 5.2 deg. The highest 13.5 and the strongest wind gust 87 kmh.

A good day for staying at home and contemplating some shed

time.

Silver Fox BBQ last week was another convivial affair. However, I cannot remember the last time we had a good flying day coincide. Although forecast, the good day arrived the next day. Weekend only flyers must be having withdrawal symptoms. Last couple of weekends not great at all and forecast for this weekend not good either.

We were lucky with the rally weekend.

I just hope we get some more settled weather going forward.

Enjoy the month ahead.

Steve

## Presidential thoughts

Another great month for aeromodelling, but perhaps not all of it at the field. The rally went off well, so thanks to the many members who made it a great weekend. We got 3 new members from the event.

Club night had a good debrief on the issue and Wayne Elley recorded a bunch of learnings for next year. (I suspect the learnings keep being forgotten or lost and repeated with each new President....)

Anyway, this coming month is the AGM. We have Ian MacMillan from Otaki standing as Treasurer. Steve Southey, Sohail Forouzandeh and Colin Nankivell are all standing for the committee. The AGM is on the 18th, so be there.

The Silver Fox gathering had a fine contingent of 13 of the usual suspects. Excellent food for those of you who silver fox like and don't attend. Always welcome.

I have used my new 2.4ghz radio and all is well, remarkable what new technology can achieve. I've also been down one windy morning to run in a new motor.

See you all at the AGM.

John Pfahlert

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## Wanted

John the Prez is after a Cox .010.

If anybody has one they are willing to part with, give John a call.

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## April club night.

April club night is our AGM.  
It's important we have a good turnout.  
See you all there.

Steve



## Vintage

### **Levin Vintage Event – Gareth Newton Memorial 18 March 2023 by Stew Cox**

The weather was a significant player in this year's Gareth Newton Memorial event. Early in the week leading up to the planned date, the weather was idyllic but the forecast at that stage was for a very nasty front to come through Friday not clearing the Levin area until late afternoon on the Saturday of the event. The organisers consulted midday Friday while the front was lashing the area with strong winds and heavy rain resulting in some road closures due to flooding. However, the updated MetService forecast, and weather models were clear that while the weather overnight would still be rough, the front was now expected to be through Levin by 8.00am on the day of the event followed by fine weather with light winds. So given the good forecast weather and the good drainage of the Levin Club field, the decision to go ahead was made.



Stew Cox had a good day with his 1940 New Ruler



John Miller with the ex' 'Ron Nichols' Kerswap

We arrived at the field to see clear blue skies to the south where the weather was coming from. There were however ugly storm clouds still departing to the north and some residual low cloud around Levin. By the 9.30am start time, the cloud was quickly clearing and the wind had dropped to be very light. Conditions were then superb for the rest of the day with just a sea breeze to contend with in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, the preceding weather put some off and attendance was down on recent events. Two regular attendees were also unable to attend due to Covid while another unfortunately had recently had a bereavement of a close member of their family. We had 7 people record times across three classes and a couple of attendees with models who didn't record competition times. There were also quite a number of spectators from both the Levin club and further afield. Kapiti spectators included Peter Kettle who was a great help timing flights and Ian McMillan and

Colin Nankivell. We understand Ian is working on a Miss America and we hope to see that flying at a future Levin event. If it's anything like Wayne Elley's excellent example of this design, I'm sure it will both look and fly well! At the time of the traditional Levin Club sausage sizzle there were eighteen people present enjoying the comradery and lovely weather.



Terry Beaumont with his 1947 Southerner

There was one new model flown at this event, a Kerswap flown by John Miller and originally built by Kapiti clubmate, the late Ron Nichols. John had re-powered the model with an OS40. The model flew very well in John's capable hands and Ron would have been looking down with a broad smile on his face watching the model fly so well.

Ian Munro from Wellington put in quite a few flights with his T-D Coupe powered by a Brown Junior 60 sparky, a recent replacement for another Brown Junior 60 in this model. The new old motor handled very well with Ian being something of an expert modeller with these older engines.

Stew Cox had his New Ruler back in the air after Allan Knox had kindly helped with maintenance on Stew's Saito 65. The engine handled much better, and Stew was the only one to make a perfect score in Precision. His fly-off flight missed a perfect score by just one second. Precision placegetter from the last Levin event, Levin President Kevin Daly continued his good flying missing the flyoff by only one second. Kapiti fliers Ian Crosland and John Miller had a close tussle with Bryan Treloar from Ashhurst for third in Precision. In the end Ian took third pipping Bryan by just one second with John close behind.

Thermal activity was better in the afternoon, but thermals were few and far between in the often clear cloudless sky. In IC Duration, Stew Cox's Saito gave his New Ruler a strong climb, but it was still challenging to make the four-minute max with one flight barely saved by milking a thermal very low down to just squeak in. Stew struggled to find lift with his fly-off flight. Kevin Daly and John Miller both made some thermal assisted flights in Duration but their lower climbs made it hard to achieve consistently long flights given the conditions. Kevin was making noises after the event that a re-engine of his Buzzard Bombshell may be needed for a better climb.

While numbers were low, those that attended had a great day in perfect flying conditions. There was a lot of flying done with much sport/fun flying in addition to competition flights. Several fliers gave multiple models an airing. A particular highlight was Wellington member Trevor Glogau's Earl Stahl Hurricane eRubber model which had huge character and looked stunning against the clear blue sky above.



Crozy enjoying some stick time

## Results

### Vintage Precision

1. Stew Cox	Wellington	New Ruler 1940	600 + 199
2. Kevin Daly	Levin	Buzzard Bombshell 1940	599
3. Ian Crosland	Kapiti	Mercury 1939	561
4. Bryan Treloar	Ashhurst	Red Zephyr 1936	560
5. John Miller	Kapiti	Kerswap 1941	555
6. Terry Beaumont	Kapiti	Southerner 1947	466

### Vintage IC Duration

1. Stew Cox	Wellington	New Ruler 1940	780 + 285
2. Kevin Daly	Levin	Buzzard Bombshell 1940	484
3. John Miller	Kapiti	Tomboy 1950	482

### Vintage Open Texaco

1. Ian Munro	Wellington	T-D Coupe 1936	947
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### Next Levin Vintage Events

Bob Burling Memorial, Saturday 13 May (Wind date Saturday 27 May)

John Selby Memorial, Saturday 16 September (Wind date Saturday 30 September)

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### *Pilot Pete*

As has been his custom in recent years, Pilot Pete supported our rally with some give away chuck gliders for kids and a couple of T shirts.

Ian Crosland emailed Pete about these much appreciated gifts, and Pete replied: -

Hi Ian,

Thanks for the update.

Yes, I sent a bunch of gliders and rubber powered models plus some tee shirts for prizes. Nothing better than seeing kids eyes light up when they throw their first models and enjoy the magic of flight.

The Kapiti Club and Napier club are my biggest supporters, so I try to support you guys when I can.

Glad you got good weather for your event.

Pete.

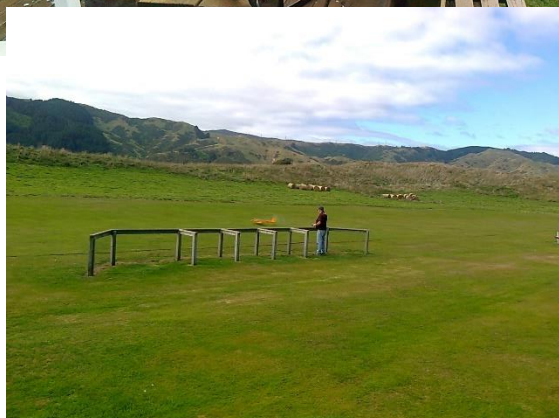
*Keep supporting the man.*

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*At last, a flying day. Friday 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Old fellas enjoying lunch. Wind was cold but  
straight down the strip. Umbrella made a  
handy wind break.*

*Neil Schraeder brought out his immaculate  
Pup.*



*Ross Monk enjoys some peaceful airtime.*

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## *Rally 2023*

The club opted to try something a bit different this year, opting for a one day rally as opposed to a 2 day rally, giving the option for a rain day. The thought was bringing the public in for just one day and concentrating on that day, but having pilots across both days of the weekend. The thought was it would also reduce the amount of work.

Whilst we had a great weekend showed that about the same amount of work was required. Some regular pilots didn't come because of the one-day event, and we denied the public the choice of days. As is usual with our fickle weather, one day was better than the other.

The consensus was we will go back to a 2-day event next year and make any weather related decision early enough to advise a cancellation.

We had a great weekend.

*All rallies start with the working bee. This was one of the best turnouts ever. Followed, of course, by some flying.*



*Saturday was pretty busy, with a good number of pilots in pretty good conditions.*

*Sunday was busy with a number of pilots keeping the air space busy. It was great to welcome old friends from Fielding, Palmerston North and Hawkes Bay.*



*Rally photos are up on our FB group page. Here are a few.*





*The mighty Corsair sprung an air leak and the wheels wouldn't come down. The landing cost the 3 blade prop and some gear door damage.*



*A big thanks to Brendan and his team for once again running the Spare Rib café. A very successful weekend. Looking forward to next year.*



## Captain Perfect presents Rulebook Reminders

In this new regular series of shorts, I will be highlighting a rule or guideline from a variety of manuals that affect how we build and fly our models. Sources will include published manuals such as the KAMCI operating rules, MFNZ members manual, and MFNZ COP (Codes of Practice).

Here we go with your first thrilling instalment. A rule that hardly anyone seems to know. *The KAMCI operating rules has a Minimum Observer Requirement section. It is quite specific and quite complicated. There are dependencies upon how many models are flying at any one time. But essentially it is clear that flying any model above 400ft requires at least one observer.*

Now this means that **when flying alone your maximum altitude is 400ft.** In other words, you can only fly up to our sites maximum of 650ft when you have at least one observer. This is a requirement in order to keep models safely out of the way of low flying full-size aircraft. So bear this in mind if you turn up for a bit of quiet aerobatic practice with anything other than a small model. It is virtually impossible to fly IMAC or F3A style aerobatics with a gas-powered model and keep below 400ft. So, find a friend to fly with. Fly safe and keep your fingers out of the prop.

Andrew Farrow

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## *For Sale*

Life member Jim Hamill has now sold off most of his kit, but there are a couple of items still to go.



Beautiful foam Cessna from Hobbico.  
In as new condition.  
\$100



Who hasn't got one of these?  
Make Jim an offer.

Fancy one of these?  
Jim wants it gone.



Contact Jim.  
027 299 5109  
[jjmajhamill@gmail.com](mailto:jjmajhamill@gmail.com)

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## *But wait. There's more*

Founding member Robert Keagan, who hasn't flown in recent times, has now resigned from the club.

He has the following for sale.

Unbuilt kits, still in their original packaging.

Sig J-3 Cub Quarter Scale Kit.

Sig Space Walker II Quarter Scale Kit.

~~Sig Four-Star 60.~~

*Sold*

Robert also has several built and part-built models.

Contact Robert:

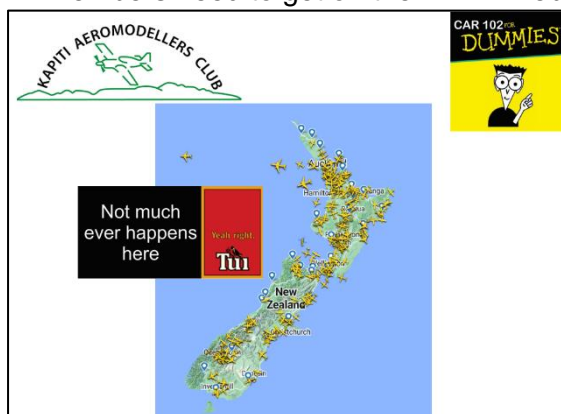
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## *March Club Night*

Our March Club night was devoted to the new CAR 102 changes and Peter Randerson took us through the process, the why's and the wherefores, the road ahead.

All members need to get on the MFNZ website and have a good read.



The document isn't hard to read, but the supporting documents such as wings badge requirements etc. need to be fully understood.

There's a new website coming which will be

I, for one, found Pete's overview of changes very succinct and informative.

No doubt things will take time to develop, but whilst these changes are active now, many clubs and members will take time to review their rules and responsibilities in light of these changes.



easier to navigate and find the stuff you want.



The club night finished with Brendan Whitaker sharing a model boat he is building for his young grandson. It's a model of Jacques Cousteau's 'Calypso', familiar to us all. Apparently, the young fella is a bit interested in the environment. The hull was carved from an old fence post. What astounded us all was the detail of the model and the working arts. Brendan built the whole thing in 12 weeks. Putting many of us to shame. It's a beautiful model. As is everything that Brendan touches.

## *Warbirds over Awatoto*

A number of our members flew at Warbirds. These included Ryan Groves, Jamie Lafrentz, Pete Brown, Andrew and James Farrow (although it seems that Andrew does the bossing and James does the flying). A number of other members were there as spectators, either for the weekend or a day. This included yours truly, Ross Monk, Ian McMillan, Colin Nankivell. That I know of. It's an incredible event to attend., Hopefully Awatoto will be recovered and we can enjoy the environment again.

James flew the Corsair and really pounded the skies, being given a solo spot. James won the 'Pilots Choice' award. Well deserved. Pete Brown had his Vampire strutting its stuff, Ryan had his Aermacchi (ex.Tony Withy) in the air on Saturday and on Sunday showed of his new Blue Angels jet. Jamie had his trusty Mustang.





...and that's it from me for another month.

As Don would say, 'Fly hard, land soft'

Steve

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