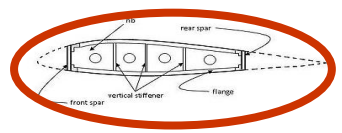


The Spare Rib News



**The monthly newsletter of the
Kapiti Aeromodellers Club**

May 2024

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Kapiti Aeromodellers Club group

Notes from the Scribler



Here we are and it's May. Can't believe how lucky we were with the Rally weekend. Flying days since have not been many. A couple here and a couple there.

With the Edge back in the air, I thought it was time to get back into the Pitts and the Harvard. Not to be. The 'new' Edge had been flying really well, but sadly has had a 'wee' accident. This time, in windy conditions, I was too slow on landing. I'm not sure what the sequence of events was, but from just above the runway, it went in and cartwheeled. One wing badly damaged and one fuse side a little

broken and the firewall torn out. Happily, in my loft, there was a spare left wing that came from Barry Simmonds. Fuse repair is underway.

It's been great to see so many new members of late. Some returning to the hobby after an absence, some moving into the area, some because 'they've always been interested'. Welcome one and all.

You will note in John's coverage of the AGM, that I was elected as a Life Member. As I said on the night, had I been asked prior, I would have turned it down. Life membership is something I can struggle with. However, it is a great honour, and I would like to thank you, the members, for your support and friendship over the last 10 years.

Have a great month.

Steve

May club night

But sell or swap. Or just plain give it away. Bring what you don't want and a pocket full of lucre for 'what you don't need but want'.

Tools, bits, supplies, whatever.



Always pays to have a spare 'complete' wing in the attic.!

Presidential thoughts

Another AGM has come and gone with competition for Committee membership. While the results are no doubt to be found elsewhere in the Newsletter, I welcome the election of Jesse Lindsay, a relatively new member to the Committee. Thanks also to Gordon MacArthur and Sohail Forouzandeh who have been voted off the Committee. In my view competition for committee membership shows we have a healthy club. Andrew Farrow survived a challenge from Brent Douglas for the position of Club Captain. In General Business, a nomination to make Steve Hutchison a Life Member was proposed by Paul Buckrell, seconded by John Pfahlert and voted by all.

I'd like to say the weather has been great, but it's still a matter choosing your days. There have been the occasional gems with virtually no wind at all.

The Vintage group got together in Levin on the 20th April, an event delayed by a month due to rain. There were about a dozen of us. I'd encourage members to build themselves a vintage plane and join in. Very relaxing and the planes are straight forward to construct. There is another event coming up on 11 May, rain date the following Saturday.

I finally test flew my 102" Leprechaun II. It was a bit hairy with the COG a bit out. However, it's going to be a big floater. I went down to maiden my Carbon Cub, a Hanger 9 model of about 80" with a Saito 100 in it. Unfortunately, on the very calm morning I went down my fuel pump decided to play up, so that was that.

The May club night is going to be a Swap meet. Bring along anything you want to sell or swap. There may be some good deals to be had.

John Pfahlert
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For Sale

Sohail is selling his Wild hare Giles 202. This is the ex Murray Milsom model and therefore has a lot of history in the club.

Sohail has done very few flights with it. The DA 85 in it is almost brand new.



- Cat 3 certified Rego#2022/31 - with permit to fly
- 93inch (2362mm)
- DA85 with Pitts muffler
- Elevator has x2 Savox 16kg SC0251
- Rudder SC0251 16kg
- Aileron has x4 HS5625
- x2 6v Eneloop black edition for rx with separate switches - separate ignition
- NiMH battery with opto kill.

I would let it go to someone in the club for \$1300 as it has history in the club and that's what it cost me to get it airborne with the DA85 and servos Airframe.

That's a pretty good buy.

Contact Sohail direct.
Sohail 0221840727 or sohailtkd@windowslive.com

Your new committee

John Pfahlert
President



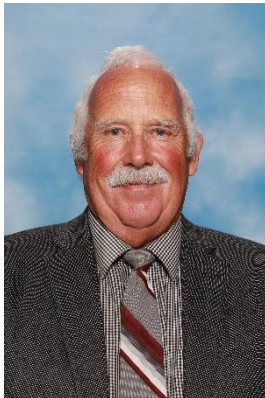
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Committee



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Committee



What's been happening of late.



John Pfahlert recently maidenied this motorised glider. Went well.



Ryan Groves and his newly acquired, ex Ross Heald, Extra 260



Don making great progress on the Hurricane. Looks a different beast with some paint on.



Oops!

Another Edge repair



Wayne Elley's new re-build of an older classic pattern ship.



Ryan also recently maidenied this 50cc Raven



MODEL AUCTION

TMAC
Tauranga Model Aircraft Club Inc.

Sunday 16 June 2024
Classic Flyers Aviation Museum
9 Jean Batten Drive, Mt Maunganui
Doors open 7.30 am. Auction starts 10.00am

For more information refer to website:
www.taurangamodelfly.org/annual-auction
 or
 Contact the Club Secretary - Garry Bentley
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Events schedule 2024-2025

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Event	Event Director	Saturday Primary date (Sunday rain day)
Kapiti Aerobatics intro Day	James F	19 October 2024
Kapiti Scale Fun Day	Andrew F	23 November 2024
Vintage rally day	Wayne?	7 December 2024
Warbirds day "Thunder over Kapiti"	Andrew F	18 January 2025 (Wellington anniversary weekend)
Tomboy Top Gun action spectacular	Terry B ?	15 February 2025

Kapiti Aerobatics intro Day



If you can loop and roll your model you have qualified in this introduction to basic aerobatics. Any type of aeroplane will do but we recommend an aerobatic type. James Farrow will direct the action and happily tutor those who want any help. Celebrity guest judge will be watching and there will be

prizes.

The schedule will be based on NZ Pattern Clubman class and will comprise of the following manoeuvres;

- Take off
- Half Reverse Cuban eight
- Two point roll (two half rolls)
- Stall Turn
- Loop
- Full Roll
- Landing

Field will not be closed to general club flying but event flying will be prioritised.

Kapiti Scale Fun Day

"From a distance it definitely looks like a Cessna"

If you can convince us that your model is an accurate representation of a full size aeroplane you are invited to show us what you got. Static displays welcome too.

Secret judging may culminate in finale of breathtakingly valuable prizes.

Field will not be closed to general club flying but event flying will be prioritised.

Vintage rally day

"Pre 1970 models – for reasons"

Organisational details TBC

Warbirds day

"Thunder over Kapiti"

Calling all old Fokkers. This is your reason to blow the dust off that Spitfire that you've had gathering dust for years. See what it actually looks like with wings on in the bright light of day. Amaze everyone when you are able to still start the engine after all this time. If you are too nervous to fly it that's OK, static display is very welcome too. Or simply hand the controls to someone who doesn't give a damn.

Pilots will have opportunity to vote for their favourite models whose owners may be presented with highly coveted but worthless prizes.

Tomboy day

"Top Gun action spectacular"

Prepare for action as several barely controllable lightweight models battle it out to occupy the same piece of sky. And get your earplugs in as the Tomboys challenge the sound barrier.

Organisational details TBC

Levin Vintage - Gareth Newton Memorial

Sunday 21 April 2024

Report by Stew Cox, photos by Ross Gray

The first of three Vintage events at Levin for 2024, the Gareth Newton Memorial was postponed to Saturday 20 April from the original March date and then postponed again to the wind date being Sunday 21 April due to the threat of rain at Levin on the Saturday. This turned out to be a good decision as the Sunday turned out to be an excellent day for flying. The Levin club's weather station recorded a peak mean wind speed for the day of 8 km/hr with the highest gust for the day being 14 km/hr. The temperature reached 23 degrees about lunchtime and the promised NW sea breeze kicked in late morning as promised. Some of us stayed most of the day as it was flyable all day with

perfect conditions.

Attendance was a little down as some couldn't make the Sunday date but was still reasonable with 13 fliers attending from five different clubs. Of the 11 RC Vintage enthusiasts participating, nine recorded times while Stu Hubbard and John Ellison chose to sport fly. The two free flight attendees, Graham Lovejoy and Wayne Lightfoot used the good conditions to trim models for the NIFFC the following weekend



John Pfahlert with Bryan Treloar of Ashurst

and to sport fly. It was great to see Kapiti President John Pfahlert participate in his first Levin Vintage event, and we hope to see him again at future events.

It was also pleasing to see a new vintage model maiden at the event. Stu Hubbard had a new 84-inch span Miss America. While there is a laser cut short kit for this model available from Hangar One, Stu scratch built his one. Ironically, he bought much of the balsa and brushless motor from Hangar One. This model shows real potential, and we look forward to seeing it again at the next Vintage event at Levin. With Wayne Elley already flying a beautiful version of Miss America and Ian McMillan currently building one, we may in the

John Ellison with his twice sized Tomboy



future see a three aircraft formation flypast of this Cadillac of the skies. In Precision, both Barry Hall and Stew Cox made perfect scores in the rounds to make the fly-off. The way the fly-off works is that the raw score counts with no age bonus adjustment. The target time is three minutes (180 seconds) with an additional 20 points awarded for landing on the spot. Remarkably both Barry and Stew both landed their flights on the spot right on 3.00 minutes

to the second to share the win with perfect scores. John Miller was a creditable third, achieving the target flight time on all three flights but unfortunately missing just one spot to miss making the fly-off. Next time John! Landing on the spot brings in a real skill and fun element to Precision and tends to separate the field. Of the 26 flights made in Precision, 14 flights were landed on the spot although 8 of these were by joint winners Barry and Stew. Vintage Duration was flown by four fliers after their Precision flights and while cumulus clouds were forming about this time indicating thermal activity, lift was comparatively light at the levels we fly at with the thermals small and few and far between. Stew Cox had the top score for Duration although John Miller was again snapping at his heels and would have won but for unreliable engine runs. The problem was later traced to a broken rear crankcase gasket. John's Kerswap glides very well and with the engine on song will be a very competitive model in Vintage IC Duration in John's capable hands. Trevor Glogau put in one good flight in Open Texaco with his large Falcon model and also sport flew his stunning Streamliner 1939 ERubber. The writer has seen the well-advanced fuselage of Trevor's next vintage model which is another real stunner! Watch this space.



Terry's RC1 and a smaller free flight version

Ross Gray was the only one to record a score in 1/2A Texaco. And a very creditable score it was too! Bryan Treloar and Stew Cox persevered unsuccessfully to get their 1/2A Texaco models to perform but both found that they couldn't get a climb out of their models, perhaps due to something a little different in the atmosphere to when last flown in the hot summer air. Ross is a relative newcomer to RC flying and Vintage and his flying is

improving with every outing.

Ross is also a great photographer and fits this in between flights which we are all grateful for. In addition to the photos from the event presented in this newsletter, the link to Ross's Flickr page with an album of all of the photos from this event is www.flickr.com/photos/rosscoe/albums/ All the photos from previous events are also in albums at this location and you can save photos if you wish.

Terry Beaumont with his 1940's era Playboy



The second of the three vintage events at Levin this year is coming up very soon:

Bob Burling Memorial Event - Saturday 11 May (Wind date Saturday 18 May), 9.30am start.

Hope to see you there!

Gareth Newton Memorial Results:

Vintage Precision

1= Barry Hall	Wellington	1938 Cavu	600 + 200
1= Stew Cox	Wellington	1940 New Ruler	600 + 200
3. John Miller	Kapiti	1940 Buzzard Bombshell	580
4. Kevin Daly	Levin	1940 Buzzard Bombshell	573
5. Ross Gray	Ashhurst	1936 Red Zephyr	560
6= John Pfahlert	Kapiti	1946 Junior 60	538
6= Terry Beaumont	Kapiti	1950 Tomboy	538
8. Bryan Treloar	Ashhurst	1936 Red Zephyr	535

Vintage IC Duration

1. Stew Cox	Wellington	1940 New Ruler	703
2. John Miller	Kapiti	1941 Kerswap	613
3. Ross Gray	Ashhurst	1940 Buzzard Bombshell	494
4. Kevin Daly	Levin	1940 Buzzard Bombshell	431

Vintage Open Texaco

1. Trevor Glogau	Wellington	19XX Falcon	900
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1/2A Texaco

1. Ross Gray	Ashhurst	1940 Playboy	1,385
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The indomitable John Miller with his Buzzard Bombshell.

And That's it from me.

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

Steve