

The Flyer Crash 'n' Splash

Nelson Model Aero Club

<http://nmac.org.nz>

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President's Piece

Hello everyone

We have enjoyed some good weather over summer and some of us have got plenty of flying done. Autumn often brings calm and settled periods so make the most of it and get out and enjoy the conditions. Thanks to John Dore who has spent time dragging the strip and to Dennis/Phil/Paul/Murray who have helped to keep the pit area tidy. So that these jobs don't keep falling on the shoulders of the same people the committee will be asking for volunteers to go on a mowing roster after the winter.

Aerobatics Day: The aerobatics day was held in February and this was a lot of fun. The discipline of having to fly a defined pattern and the mental flight planning required to position you plane in the right place and the right time for the next manoeuvre is a terrific way to improve your overall flying. Thanks to Bill Sargent who judged the competition for us and provided an explanation of the manoeuvres and how points were allocated.

Subscriptions: Your membership fees are now due and you will have received emails reminding you to pay them. If you haven't done so please respond to Peter and process your payment (Peter's email: pjjms@kinect.co.nz).

AGM: The date for this years AGM has been set for **Tuesday 8th May** at the Nightingale Library. The management of the club is important. It ensures that the club continues to function and that you can continue to enjoy your hobby in Nelson. The club doesn't run itself and needs members to put themselves forward and help the committee. If you want the club to run effectively and you want to continue to fly your models at our sites in Nelson then ask one of the current committee members how you can contribute.

We do have nominees covered for the main management positions but need new blood in the general committee. The duties are not onerous; six meetings over the year, providing your experience and advice for club matters, and the odd task to perform now and again.

The current committee wishes to thank members for their support in making the 2017/18 year a fun time for all fliers and we hope for a strong turnout at the AGM.

The new "Flyer" newsletter is short and to the point – so please have a quick read and note any messages that apply to you.

Happy flying,
Andrew/Murray



It was good to see Dave and Peter out flying recently. This is Dave with his modified Tiger Moth. A model originally made by Graham it now has one wing and a very short nose – flies well!

Important Notices

Show and Tell time: Tuesday 24th April 7.00pm Nightingale Library Room Tahunanui

To all you keen modellers, we want to see any current projects you may be working on or any of your finished modelling projects. At our last meeting we had good number of modellers turn up but not a great deal of Items were brought along for show. Everyone present that evening was keen for another show and tell night in April.

A few members said they had Items they would be keen to bring along to this next evening. I was asked to bring along my Turbine Hughes 500 again and Tristian has a new model still in it's box and is keen to bring it along. (This is a cool box believe me).

So look forward to seeing you all on Tues 24th April and you enjoy the evening.

Lance Walford



FPV and DRONE Pilots - Reminder:

With the growing number of FPV quads and planes flying at the club, the FPV pilots have asked that to avoid video conflicts that you **do not turn on your video transmitter** until you have checked frequencies with other FPV pilots first and agreed a separate video channel.

The **process is 'self-managing'** so please remember to check before flying.

If there are other pilots in the pits on a Sunday morning, pilots flying drones are requested to **fly in the area away and behind the pits** and past the vehicle parking section.



Wings Badge:

Congratulations to Paul Troon who passed his wings last month. We still have several members who are ready to sit their wings badges. If any member wants to sit the wings test please speak with Andrew, Wayne, Bill, Doug, Ben, Peter, or Murray who will be more than happy to go over the questions and flying schedule with you - and when you're ready take you for your test (email or phone Murray to 'make an appointment'). We have prepared a document which covers the aspects of the BP test - please email Murray who will send you a copy.



WhatsApp Group:

The WhatsApp group is growing in size and is an excellent method to share information and flying outings. If you haven't got WhatsApp on your smart phone you should install it.

Phil Jordan and Murray Irvine are the administrators and can add you to the group. So install WhatsApp and then text Phil or Murray and ask them to add you to the group. If you're technically challenged speak to one of us to help you get it going.



Facebook:

We are now on Facebook. For those Facebook users out there, look up the Nelson Model Aero Club and add a 'like' to our page.



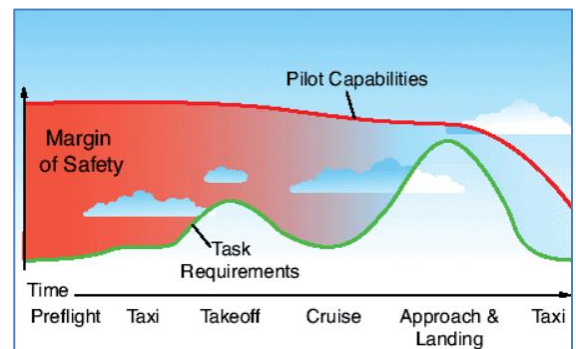
Care of Your Strip and Track:

Remember if it has rained any time in the 24 hours preceding your intended flying session can you please check the condition of the track **before** you drive out to the pits – *that especially includes 4WD owners.*

General safety and flying guidelines:

*Remember to follow the Club flying guidelines – please ensure you are familiar with them: **Flying safely is no accident.***

Be sure to help newer members who are getting their flying skills underway. *Don't just tell them what they're doing wrong but help them to do it right.* It's not easy to learn to fly and beginners can get totally engrossed in just surviving a flight, a gentle reminder is sometimes necessary to ensure we develop and maintain safe and club friendly operating procedures. If nothing is said bad habits develop and can become ingrained. All pilots are asked to remind members of the rules and if they see bad practices ask the pilots to desist.



Second Sunday Series Dates:

- **Sunday 8th April**
- **Sunday 10th June**

Keep an eye on your emails and the WhatsApp channel for updates on events.

Special offer for NMAC Members

COOL POWER – 1 Gal (US) or 3.785 litre containers **\$65 each**

BACK IN STOCK - NITRO ~ \$35 per litre

I don't have any bottles for the nitro so it's BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle).

Contact Peter Stevens; Email: pjjms@kinect.co.nz

Movie channel:

Check out John's Youtube video; "Hobbyking Lancaster flight over Wakapuaka New Zealand. Foam wonder strafing flying field".

An excellent and very clever piece of photography – love the Dambuster's music that goes with it:

<https://youtu.be/8pgCLOjhhOw>

