

The Flyer **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

<https://nmac.org.nz>

October 2023

President's Piece

Daylight saving is here, and longer days are coming, which means more time to fly. And for those of us who are still grinding out a full work week, it hopefully means we can get a few midweek flights in if the evening weather is calm. Ryan and I have set a goal to get into a regular midweek flight if the weather permits over many of the summer weeks. I have missed a fair few weekends of flying due to other commitments and being overseas for work, so I'm keen to get back to my regular trips to the sand flats.

Membership

Welcome to the club our 3 new members; Alex Smith, Johnathan Michelson and Tom Morters. It's great to see the club gaining new members, and we look forward to seeing you at the field. Our membership is sitting at 80 and growing consistently, which is very pleasing to see. The committee is keen to get more club members involved with teaching new and prospective members to fly, so let us know if you are keen to help. Well done to members who have gained their wings badge or progressed to gain additional wings certifications in the other model type categories. Many of us own a variety of models such as gliders, large models, jets, helis etc. and there is a wings certification for most, so the challenge is to get your wings for each type of model you own.

Fun Fly Events

This summer, the committee plans to organise more BBQ and fun fly events every couple of months to have some fun at the field. The first will be a STOL (Short take-off and Landing) competition and BBQ on the first Sunday of November. Lock it in and decide what model will work best for you for STOL and come give it a go. Even if you don't have a STOL-specific model, bring what you have and show us what it can do anyway.

We will aim for another BBQ and event closer to Xmas, weather permitting, and will let everyone know what that will be.

Field Maintenance

We have had contact from Nelson City Council about cars driving off the gravel path in the wet. If everyone can stay on the path so as not to rip up the dirt too much. The committee has planned for some more gravel to be put down, and we are just waiting for the ground to be firm enough to allow the trucks to drive out.

Show 'n' Tell

We will be holding a show and tell on a Sunday afternoon in October so if there are any club members that want to show off what they are building or have something they want to show the club, then please let Murray or myself know so we can include you in the plan. We will send out more details closer to the time.

That's enough from me, so I will see you all at the field.

Cheers Tristan.

On the bench:

Note from the editor: I am always keen to hear from any club members with projects on the go that I can include in the CnS. Send a few photos and a paragraph of what you've been up to or working on, and I'll get it into the next edition. This applies to new and experienced pilots – if it involves models that fly, our club members probably want to read about it!

This month, Greg has kindly shared his most recent project with us.

As a relatively new flyer, I am looking for new techniques and ideas to further my hobby (or what I now refer to as my obsession).

After purchasing some BNF & RTF foamies like the e-flite Habu and Mustang, I decided to try and build my own model. The Cresco was inspired by a plan of a Fletcher I had as a teenager and had started in 1986 but never finished. I used a foam core with a balsa exoskeleton.

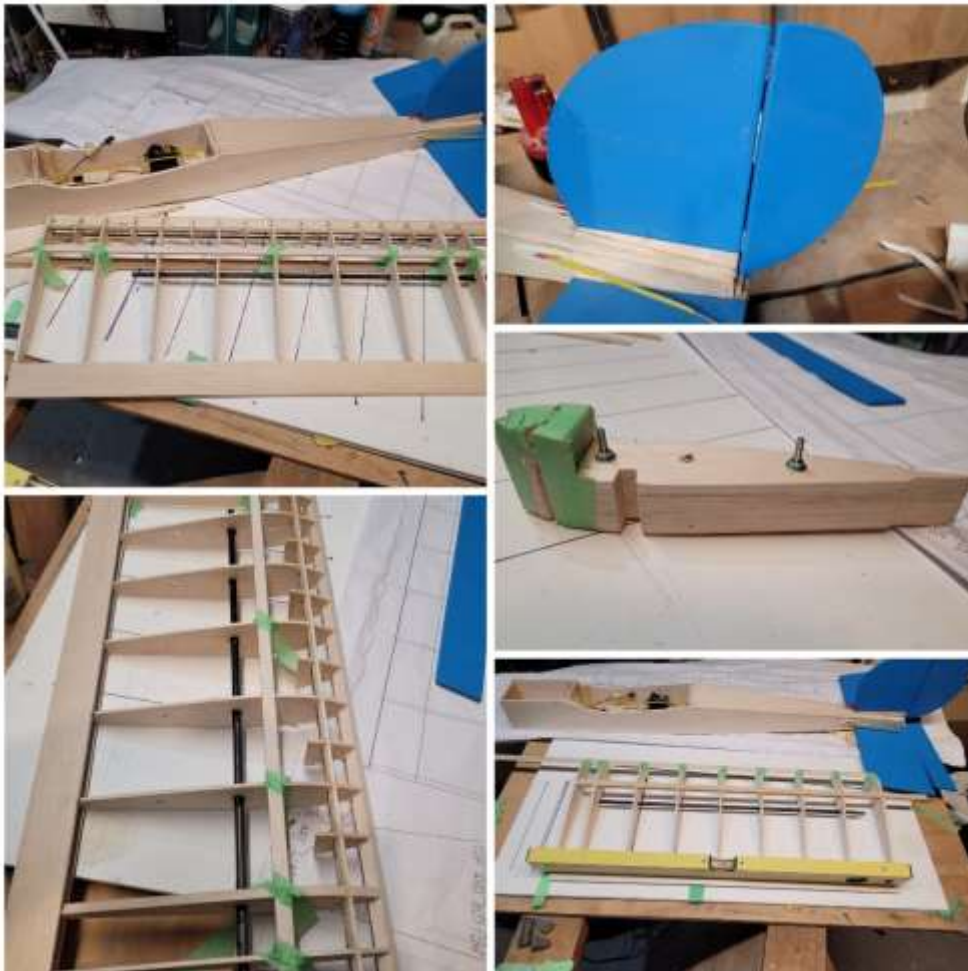


I had a lot of learnings from my first build, so for the next model, I thought I would keep it simple. Hence, the Ugly Stick. I thought I'd try balsa and carbon fibre reinforced for this one. Block sanding all the ribs to make sure they match.

Reviews of the Das Ugly Stick recommended a larger rudder, so I have oversized it by 20%.

I'm looking forward to finishing and the maiden flight of the model this summer.

Greg.



Photos from the field (August - September):



Murray checking the runway is clear for take-off with the twin EDF Gloster Meteor.



Rex and the baby F22 Raptor



Rex and the not so baby F22 Raptor



Jet Friday



Wayne runs up the Stearman's 5 Cylinder Radial



Seeing double with Peters new North American F-82 Twin Mustang



Murray refers to page 465 of the Aircraft flight manual



Phil's latest creation



And Peter wonders if he should borrow Murray's Aircraft flight manual...



The treasurer secures his wings badge



Peter takes his Ryan up



Jacobs FW-190

The NMAC Committee:

Your committee members for 2023/2024:

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The CnS newsletter is published every two months: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec.

WhatsApp Group:

The WhatsApp group is growing and has become an excellent method to share information and pictures of your models and flying outings. To get connected to WhatsApp, get in touch with Murray or Phil.



Facebook:

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

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Special offer for NMAC Members

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

Contact Peter Stevens.
