

The Flyer **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

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President's Piece

When our last newsletter came out two months ago we had just entered lockdown and were worried about the uncertain times ahead and wondering what the future held. Although we're still in a serious situation, the future is looking clearer and the immediate threat to our health appears a lot less than when the lockdown started. Congratulations to us all – give yourselves a pat on the back.

The chatter on the WhatsApp channel was busy for the first few weeks of lockdown and slowly reduced as we completed all our workshop jobs – then we started finding other topics to discuss to keep it active. Looking back over the posts there was a wide range of things talked about from modifying undercarriages, making canopy's, tuning motors, setting up transmitters, cutting foam, installing servos, and even photos of model cars! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the channel over the lockdown. For those of us in small bubbles, being able to read about others activities was a welcome distraction from the day to day routine, took us momentarily outside our bubbles, and reminded us that our friends and fellow members were safe, doing stuff, and keeping well.

When the alert restrictions reduced it was great to get back out flying and enjoy the fantastic weather that we've had. Wind? What wind? After catching up on all my modelling jobs during the lockdown my first trip out with three models resulted in three planes to 'fix'. Like most of us I'm now back into the routine of fly, trim, fix, refine, repair, etc, etc.

Membership: Now that the distraction of lockdown is over we'll be following up on those that haven't renewed their membership.

- If you're reading this newsletter and haven't renewed your membership, and intend to, please pay as soon as possible.
- If you're reading this newsletter and you don't intend to renew please let us know and get your gate key back to us. We hope that you've enjoyed your time with the Club, and getting your key back will benefit new members who need a key (and will save us chasing you).

Wings Badge: Congratulations to Glen who passed his wings test last week. I know that there are several of you ready to take the test so get in touch and we'll arrange a time to do it.

Thank You: Some members have been busy after the lockdown; a thank you to Ron who dragged the strips, Terry who continues to keep the pits manicured and tidy, and to James who helped with repairs to the track.

Float Flying: It's been great to see that people have been enjoying some float flying out at Nile Road (we've seen some fantastic late afternoon photos from the pond). Thanks to Phil and Mike who have been promoting and encouraging us to get out and get wet.

The Future: We've been in a holding pattern the past couple of months, but as mentioned in the last newsletter the committee will be getting a few things underway over the coming months to keep us motivated over winter.

Please continue to take care, keep safe, and get out and do some flying!

Murray



Float flying at Nile Road



Glen with his Extra 300 after completing his wings badge.





Lloyd and his Katana



Wayne's Spitfire



Graham and his lockdown build – it's a modified Skinny Bee – called a "Low Bee".



Wayne and jets



Murray's Typhoon – a “modern classic” (electric powered)



Mike's new float plane – also earlier pictured flying at Nile Road.



Grant's Corsair – we are awaiting reports from the upcoming maiden flight.



Jan and Japanese fighter (prior to the maiden flight).
It proved to be a handful...



Sam's Sbach



John and his lockdown build – an electric powered Harvard.



Dennis with his lockdown project – a kit from 'Pilot Pete' that arrived just before the lockdown. After the first flight Dennis needs to have words with the builder (watch out Matt...)

Notices

Your committee

Your committee members for 2020/2021:

President	Murray Irvine
Vice President	Paul Troon
Treasurer	Peter Stevens
Secretary	Andrew Reeve
Power Captain	Ron King
Heli Captain	Tristan Lynch
Committee	Mike Luke
Committee	Chris Hinkley

CnS Editor	Paul Troon
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The CnS newsletter is published every two months; Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec.

WhatsApp Group:

If you are not connected to WhatsApp give Murray or Phil a call.

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=nelson%20model%20aero%20club>

Special offer for NMAC Members

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

BACK IN STOCK - NITRO ~ \$40 per litre

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

Contact Peter Stevens.
