

# *The Flyer* **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

<http://nmac.org.nz>

October 2020

## President's Piece

It looked like spring had arrived last week with warm temps and lively winds – and then snow arrived down south. Go figure... But daylight saving is here, the days are getting longer, and “loops and rolls are imminent!” Here are a few bits of news from around the Club

- **Fly-In's:** A good sized group from NMAC made it down to Christchurch for the Lake Forsyth fly-in in early September. The weather was fine but a strong breeze 90 degrees to the runway arrived around midday on both days which curtailed much of the afternoon flying. There were a lot of models on display – the majority seemed to be warbirds (see the photos). They were beautifully made – but many of them seemed to stay on the ground. The ones that made it to the air flew beautifully despite the winds.

The Darfield fly-in (also near Christchurch) is scheduled for mid-October. Again there are a few of us planning to go down for the weekend (get in touch with Wayne if you want to know more).

I find the fly-in's useful to see what other people are doing, see what's new on the market, and a chance to fly somewhere else. We get so used to our local conditions that flying at a different site can be very challenging and it's satisfying to work through the peculiarities of a new site and (eventually) fly well (or as well as normal..)

- **Wings Badge:** Congratulations to Amy who passed her wings test last month. She's the first lady at NMAC to pass in recent memory and its terrific to have her flying with us.
- **Visit to MAMS (Marlborough Associated Modellers Society) Tuamarina Flying Site:** We enjoyed seeing some photos recently from Denis and Matt Gay on our Whatsapp channel of the MAMS Tuamarina flying site near Blenheim. A few members have suggested it would be great to do a road trip over the hill to do some flying with them. I've been in touch with Carl at MAMS and they would welcome a visit from us (and put the bbq on). We've pencilled in **Sunday morning the 1<sup>st</sup> November** – so mark it in your calendar. A reminder and more information to come closer to the date. See their website [http://www.mams.org.nz/aircraft\\_page.html](http://www.mams.org.nz/aircraft_page.html)
- **Covid Tracer:** We've attached a QR code onto the picnic tables so you can use the tracer application on your phone. We need to continue to do our bit and the code makes it easier (thanks Chris for organising it).
- **MFNZ National Champs:** the dates for the Nats have been confirmed for 4th-8th January. I'm planning to go along; accommodation is booked, planes are ready, and now I have to start practicing. I really enjoyed the Nats last year and if you're considering heading along speak to me for more info. Only 3 months to go until day 1 of the IMAC competition.

I don't have much more to add to this edition. The strip has been looking good (thanks John for dragging the runways) and the pits area is trimmed and inviting (thanks Terry for mowing and weed whacking). So get out when you have a chance and enjoy the terrific spot we have here in Nelson, and get your planes in the air.

Cheers, Murray.

**Photos from Our Flying Field (August – September):**



Pete's new biplane.



One of Phil's (many) twins.



Wayne's FW190. A close up of the triple cylinder engine (below).







Glen testing out his new turbine on the picnic table.



Graham's (ex Dave's) Vampire taxiing out for a flight.





This is Bill's Challenge FM. It's a New Zealand design from 1983. It was the first generation turn-around F3A pattern ship and was designed around the piped long stroke OS 61. Bill has a OS 120 four stroke in his. He has had the fibreglass fuselage since 1983 and has 'finally got it in the air'. Above is the old paint job – below the new paint job, done after the successful maiden flight



Murray's IMAC team; Extra 300 and Edge 540.





Mike pushing the Decathlon out for 'new maiden' flight.



Amy after her successful wings test 😊



Dave showing off 2 of his 'bitsa' models.

The one above is powered by a EDF fan – note the spouting ring around the fan to attach the motor to fuselage. The one on the left also uses square spouting as the main fuselage to hold the motor and main wing. Ingenious ideas!!





Photos from the Lake Forsyth Fly-In:













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

**Facebook:**

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