

The Flyer **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

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President's Piece

All of a sudden we've only a few weeks to go until Xmas and 2021. Who thought at the start of the year we'd be introduced to Covid-19 and be 'locked down' in our homes through March, April, and May - and still be under a controlled 'level 1' environment at Xmas. Many of us have had our lives, incomes, and routines turned upside down this year; and the aero modelling talk on the forums and projects in the workshop has provided a welcome distraction to help manage the anxiety over those months. The disruption over the year has also given many of us the opportunity to work on long-planned projects and to catch up on overdue maintenance on our older models.

Despite the spring rains there has been a lot of activity at the flying strip, with someone out flying most days when the skies have been clear and the access track navigable. Here are a few bits of news from around the Club

- **Visit to MAMS (Marlborough Associated Modellers Society) Tuamarina Flying Site:** We enjoyed a great flying morning for our visit to Blenheim in early November. Once we had had a couple of flights and got used to positioning our models (to avoid the trees and the fences) and gained some confidence the flying was great. We had a good number of members make the trip and MAMS looked after us and kept the bbq going during the morning. Hopefully we'll get over again sometime in 2021.
- **MFNZ National Champs:** the dates for the Nats have been confirmed for 4th-8th January. I'll be heading over to take part in the aerobatics and scale competitions. As soon as work slows and the weather improves I'll be out beforehand getting lots of flying done. My models are ready to go so barring any mishaps all I have to do is practice! If you're considering heading along speak to me for more info. I'll keep you up-to-date with the action on the Whatsapp channel – hopefully the weather will be okay and there will be plenty to report.
- **Xmas BBQ:** As soon as the weather is looking good on a Sunday before Xmas we'll hold a bbq and a morning of fun flying and swap stories of what modelling toys we're expecting to get from Santa. Keep an eye on your emails and don't miss the fun.

This newsletter is a bit slim – I haven't taken as many photos as usual, and it's typically a little quieter this time of year as we navigate the wetter months. Most importantly, I hope that you all enjoy a good Xmas and are looking forward to the New Year. So 'stay safe and be kind', and get out when you can over summer and enjoy the terrific flying spot we have here in Nelson.

Cheers,
Murray.



Photos from Our Flying Field (October - November):



Mike's Sunday flying collection.



Graham's classy electric-start Extra.



Ryan's new 3D acrobat.



Phil's very nice twin (in the new Cessna SkyCourier style).



Llyod persevering with the Mustang, and having fun bungee-ing the Sabre.



Wayne hard at work...

Your committee;

Your committee members for 2020/2021:

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

Facebook:

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