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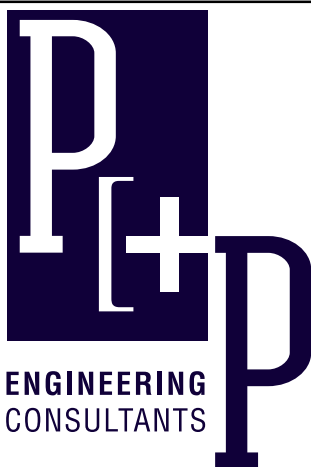
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MODEL AERO CLUB

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Here we are about to enter May and we're still been enjoying plenty of flying in warm conditions under the watchful but snowless Mount Taranaki.

It's been a busy March and April as you'll gather from Justin's report and the other accounts of meetings contained in this bulletin.

The AGM has been and gone with a few changes to the committee; so a warm welcome to Ole and Jono and thanks to John Robinson who's stepped down. Thanks also to John and Keith for their work keeping the strip in great condition during their time as our dedicated mower men.

The competition calendar is included in this bulletin and you'll notice that it's dominated by glider based events linked to the MFNZ NDC calendar. Plenty of opportunity to get your HLG's, thermal and electric thermal soarers out and join the fun. This also means that there's plenty of scope for theme days or special events, so if you have something in mind please let it be known and it can be scheduled. Based on last years support, some floatplane, glider and warbirds days are already in the calendar over the next couple of months.

It's annual sub time again and they are unchanged from last year, see the notice on page 14, so please get these paid ASAP and remember that if your not paid up by the 1st June you're not insured, nor entitled to access the excellent club facilities that we enjoy.

Look forward to catching up at the strip soon!

Cheers,
Steve B.

President's Report

April 2016

Seems a while since I put pen to paper or in this case fingers to key-pad but a lot has happened in the last month; firstly a very successful club night at TATAM Museum with a fantastic turn out of members and family, I'm sure you all had a wonderful night as I did with plenty on offer to see and play with.

Following up on the club night we had an excellent weekend of flying and socialising with out of town fliers for our Brett Cudby Memorial fly in. I'm sure Brett would have been proud of the turnout especially of our local members. The site looked amazing thanks to all who helped in the preparations. We were treated to great weather and some fantastic flying from Fraser (Bogan) Briggs from Hamilton over the weekend. Thanks to Steve B for his hospitality on the Saturday night and with Bogans accommodation. Also a big thanks to Mike P for the marquee and to all who helped out with the BBQ and drinks etc out at the field. An excellent weekend which we will definitely continue on annually.

Our Club AGM was also held last month with a great turnout of members which was excellent to see and a few new faces to the committee which is also pleasing. John and Keith have stepped down as mower men at the Radio site and Rob and Gary have kindly taken up the positions. Our Club Subscriptions have remained the same as last year and are now due so please pay up!!!! Talking with a couple of out of town modellers recently out at the radio site they were extremely jealous of our wonderful facilities! I think we should count ourselves lucky we have such great flying sites here in the Naki.

With the weather turning a little colder it's time to dig out those winter projects and I'm sure as I have, you all have them stashed under the benches or up in the rafters. Looks like there is a resurgence of 46 size racers appearing out at the radio site and the old Falcon 40 maybe making a comeback, John R has his up and running and I have a couple under construction. These are a great little sport model which perform very well on land and on floats. Rob has the mould and foam for cores so ask him for a deal!!! Might just be the next building project you are looking for.

Till next time, Fly safe- over and out- Justin

Thank You

The control line club house facilities have been refurbished this year. This was made possible due to the many grants and personal donations from the following :

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Without their support and volunteers from both within the club and outside, the refurbishment would not have been possible.

Thanks also go to Stacey Beadle Building and Construction for material supply and undertaking the recladding work and to Tony Epplett of Epplett Signs for supplying the TSB Community Trust signage.

ALES 200

9th April.

Steve and I finally had another competition using the height limiting switch system! Steve was using his trusty Albatross, and I started with my small ARF machine, but because I had a lot of trouble seeing it against the very bright blue sky, I changed to the bigger white glider (that on a previous occasion had flown away !) which I could see it much better. The max time, being 10 minutes, was always going to be hard to get, but Steve almost made it in the first round with 9.14, but I could only make 7.45. Both of us had good landings though.

In the second round Steve went 6 seconds over, and I was a minute short, with both of us having bad landings.

The third and fourth rounds were pretty bad, with the lift disappearing and flights of 5-6 minutes, but I did manage to win the last round when Steve had a bad landing!

With the warm air and light wind, you would think thermals would be plentiful, but no! anyway, we will try again in a few weeks. Thanks to Andy and Doug for timing and helping.

Results

Steve Blackman	1898
Allen Lawrence	1721

Jonno's Workshop

Since buying my first home and having a new garage built on the property I've slowly developed my workshop area into a functional space to build and maintain my aircraft. A workshop is never finished but it is always being improved to suit the many different jobs it is needed for and like any good workshop you need some good tools to make it all happen, luckily for me this was helped by being a motorcycle tech for ten years. There are a whole lot of new skills to learn with building, maintaining and flying planes, but learning is all apart of the hobby and you never stop learning!

As far as my fleet goes it is mainly made up of Warbirds as this is what I'm passionate about. My love of warbirds has a lot to do with my Grandad who was an aircraft engineer with the Royal fleet air arms during the Second World War. I was lucky enough to hear the stories about the super Marin spitfire, de Havilland mosquito, and the de Havilland vampire. Sadly Grandad passed away when I was 11 and the passion was lost until a few years ago when John Robinson, my soon to be Father in law, helped me make this childhood passion a reality. John took me under his wing and showed me the ropes, since then we've flown side by side and the collection of planes has grown.

Right now I'm working on my P-47 Thunder bolt which is based on the "Lil Abner"/"Toots", 66th Fighter Squadron 57th Fighter Group aircraft flown by pilot Lt. Joe Angelone.

This is a 2.1M wingspan ARF built by Hanger 9 and is well finished off but lacks any character. I started the project in late Feb and I am spending time putting extra detailing/weathering on this warbird to give it the look of a warbird that has seen action. Lt. Joe Angelone saw a lot of action and actually wrecked the original Lil Abner P-47 when his plane blew a tyre out on take off when he was fully loaded, ripping him off the runway into a ditch and the plane bursting into flames with Joe escaping unharmed, later resurrecting Lil Abner when taking delivery of a new P-47.

The weathering includes panel lines, rivets, paint flaking and carbon build up. It is a lengthy process but one that I enjoy and the results I appreciate.

As far as the hardware goes it will be powered by a single cylinder 35cc petrol engine which will be tucked away nicely in the cowl and hidden by a dummy engine. It is also sporting some custom made landing gear (thanks to my dad being a skilled fitter and turner) with operating gear doors and a retractable tail wheel, I have also got a navigation lighting kit but am yet to decide on weather to install them.

I hope to finish the project in a couple of months and have her tearing around the skies in all her glory, but until then I will continue to enjoy flying my other planes getting in plenty of stick time for when the day comes that I fire up The P-47 for her maiden flight.

I hope you've enjoyed finding out a bit more about me and I look forward to seeing everyone at the flying field.

Jonno





Warbirds Over Awatoto

23rd & 24th April

New Plymouth was well represented at this event with Tony, the two Andys, Ola, Rob and Steve B attending the event that had been re-scheduled from its usual February slot due to weather.

Saturday dawned bright and sunny but with just enough of a NW crosswind to make life interesting. Plenty of flying was had, however a number of us elected not to chance the conditions with the larger tail-draggers. The day was capped off with an enjoyable meal at the bar in Clive.

Sunday dawned to a few periods of light drizzle that gave way to high overcast by about 10am. What wind appeared was light and variable and didn't hamper any of the flying and a full day of warbird activity ensued.

While there were no major crashes, there were a few "arrivals" but nothing that a few nights in the workshop wouldn't sort from what I saw. Prize giving followed the formal flying at about 3.00pm and the majority of the attendee's headed off.

With the exception of Tony, the rest of us elected to stay another night and enjoy some more flying on Monday morning. After a cool night (4 deg C) we awoke to a heavy dew on the ground a fog over the strip, but no wind. This soon cleared up and we enjoyed perfect conditions until the SE cross wind got up at about 11am. By then it was time to pack up and head home!

Another great event and good catch up with fellow warbirds flyers.

Steve B.

Brett Cudby Memorial Fly In

19th—20th March

The second of these events was held in better conditions than the first over WOMAD weekend. Local club member support was great with full pits on both days and while we didn't have the same numbers from outside it wasn't from a lack of willingness. Unfortunately two of the Auckland contingent had mechanical issues on the trip down and had to return home. Visiting flyers included Matt and Stew Irvine from Auckland, Damo and Chris having had to turn back, Alan Rousan and Frazer Briggs from Hamilton.

Thanks to Mike and Andy we had hot drinks and food available over the weekend as and when desired.

Frazer entertained us with his large aerobatic model performing his routine to music on both days and the "formation" flights with the warbirds were great fun.

Matt's new LA 7 took to the air with Frazer's capable thumbs on the sticks and performed flawlessly over several flights as the nose weight was optimised. Frazer was suitably inspired to get his in the air when he returned home!

The weather cooperated and we enjoyed a BBQ at Steve B's on Saturday evening while being only slightly molested by the sand flies and mossies as Frazer entertained us with his collection of Baldrick's jokes!

Gary Marsh added a bit of excitement to the even by flying in with the Titan Mustang and then taxiing up the model strip and parking up so that we could take a good look over it. Frazer was keen to try it but couldn't get Gary's brain to bind with his transmitter!

I'm sure the visitors will be spreading the word and we'll see even more next year!

Steve B.



Pilots and pit crew with Frazer's big Aerobatic display model



Frazer wishing the bind had worked!

NPMAC Flying Calender 2016-17

2016

May	8 th	Thermal D	NDC
June	5 th	Ales 200	NDC
	12 th	Glider towing	
	26 th	Warbirds	
July	10 th	HLG - Ales 123	NDC
	17 th	Thermal A	NDC
	24 th	Floatplanes	
Aug	7 ⁿ	Thermal B	NDC
	14 th	HLG	
	21 st	Floatplanes	
Sept	11 th	ALES 200	NDC
	18 rd	Thermal D	NDC
	25 th	Thermal J	NDC
Oct	9 th	ALES 123	NDC
	16 th	HLG	
Nov	13 th	Thermal J	
	20 nd	ALES 200	NDC
Dec	11 th	XMAS BBQ	

2017

Jan	8 th	Ales 200	
Feb		Awatoto Warbirds	
	10-11-12 th	ANZAC Jets	Tokoroa
	17 th	Thermal A	
March	12 th	ALES 200	
	10 th -11 th	Brett Anniversary	
April	9 th	ALES 200	
	16 th	Thermal J	NDC

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Account: NPMAC, TSB Acc# 15 3942 0000964 00. Remember to put your name as a reference and email to let him know it's coming!

REMINDERS

- 1. Please keep to the metalled access track leading to the RC strip.**
- 2. If you need access to the quarry to recover a model during operating hours, go back down the access track and enter the quarry through the main gates and report to the quarry office to be given instructions. If outside operating hours, please contact Garry or Russell Marsh on the numbers below to receive instructions. DO NOT ENTER THE QUARRY WITHOUT PERMISSION HAVING BEEN SOUGHT AND RECEIVED.**
- 3. Flying is suspended at the RC strip during mowing operations. Normal mowing time is Thursday 10am to 1.30pm but this is weather dependant and may vary.**
- 4. Please pit to the north of the club container and only use the area on the mountain side for pitting if the northern end is full.**

Contact Numbers:	Gary Marsh	027 203 6680
	Russell Marsh	027 443 8359

COMING EVENTS

Control Line:

*Note:- Events may change to suit conditions or circumstances.
Practice until 2 pm, events start at 2 pm. Contact Andrew Robinson
PH 06 754 3224*

Free Flight:

*Start time is 9 am –9.30 am If weather looks bad in the morning ring
Andrew Robinson 754 3224 to check. It may be postponed to the fol-
lowing weekend.*

Radio Control:

May	8 th	Thermal D (NDC)
June	5 th	ALES 200 (NDC)
	12 th	Glider Towing
	26 th	Warbirds

Competition events start time is usually 1.00 – 1.30pm.

Contest Directors

Thermal & Electric Gliding	Allen Lawrence
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Float Planes	Keith Butler

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