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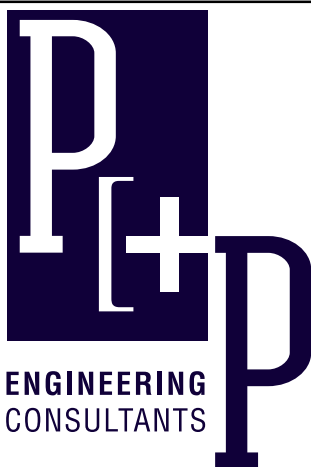
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March is rapidly expiring and there's plenty happening as you'll see from Justin's report.

This bulletin contains a bit of a catch up on the Control Line and Free Flight activity from earlier in the year. There's also coverage of the recent Indoor at the TSB stadium and a couple of very brief reports of some away events attended by a number of club members.

The club is still looking for a new site for Free Flight, so keep your eyes peeled and ears to the ground and let the committee know if you have a site we should be pursuing.

We need some lawn mower operators to take over from Keith and John who will be relinquishing this duty at the AGM. These guys have done a great job of maintaining the RC strip so those that take over have a high standard to maintain! Please put your hand up if you can assist.

The delayed Warbirds over Awatoto event is coming up in late April, so you still have time to get that warbird ready for the trek across to Napier. This event is probably the single largest Warbird model meeting in the country and well worth the effort of getting to. New Plymouth has always been well represented there and if you haven't attended one yet or haven't been for a while I'd encourage you to go.

Look forward to catching up soon.

Cheers,
Steve B.

Front Cover: Classic shape of the F-104 Starfighter at Tokoroa.

President's Report

March 2016

It's nearly that time again fellow modellers; Yes, the N.P.M.A.C. AGM is coming up and we want you all there!!! Friday 1st April (no April Fools here) at 7.30pm in the Star Gym. We are incorporating the AGM with a general club night with bring and buy items welcome after the official meeting prior to tea and coffee. This is your big chance to come along and voice your opinion on the running of the club and even join the committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current committee for the work put in over the last 12 months; Especially Keith for taking over as club Secretary/ Treasurer and to Steve for his contributions with the Newsletter and Website. These guys put in a lot of work behind the scenes and do a fantastic job - so from me - thanks guys!!!

A reminder - Club Night, The next club night is to be held at **TATM Museum** on Kent Road, Friday 18th March from 7.30pm. This is a little different from our usual Star Gym club night and I hope you all support this event. There is a small charge of \$5.00 per person for entry fee which I will collect on arrival. I'm sure you all will enjoy the Museum as it has something for everyone, Aviation, Transport and Technology. I encourage you to bring along your kids and partners etc for a good night out. Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits will be supplied by the club.

Also this coming weekend 19th-20th March we will have visitors coming from out of town for our Brett Cudby Memorial fly in. Hopefully some visitors will join us at TATATM Friday night for our club night. The fly in will commence Saturday morning with a general welcome and pilots briefing followed by fun flying and a BBQ lunch by gold coin donation. If you can lend a hand to erect the marquee and cook the BBQ/ make coffee please let our Radio Steward Mike know during the morning.

Steve B has offered to host a BYO BBQ at his place on Corbett Road during the Saturday evening, if you are keen to join in please let Steve know sometime Saturday for details and directions. Sunday will also start with a pilots briefing and follow on with fun flying and a BBQ lunch.

This will be a great time to remember Brett and his flying antics- if you have one of Brett's aircraft please bring it out, looking forward to seeing you all there.

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

Tokoroa International Jet Meeting 13th –14th Feb

A good contingent from the club attended the annual jet meeting at Tokoroa which was flown in good weather and well attended by the kiwi jet flyers. The Aussies were not here in great numbers as they tend to make it a bi-annual event so we expect to see them in force in 2017, but Roger Perrett crossed the ditch to enjoy the event as usual.

No major incidents over the weekend. An excellent Saturday evening prize giving dinner all combined to make it a well run and enjoyable event for all.

Kapiti Rally 12th—13th March

Andy Law, Andy Dodson, and Allen Lawrence attended the annual Kapiti Rally and enjoyed a weekend of great flying in weather that improved over the event. Saturday provided a steady crosswind that made landings interesting but this faded away to near perfect sunny conditions by the end of the day. Sunday produced more overcast conditions and a breeze down the strip.

Andy, Allen and Steve put on several mock Reno Races with their Harvards, that went down well with the spectators, especially with the added commentary, and Steve's Agwagon left plenty of smoke low over the strip as well during the occasional loop or roll in the clear blue sky!

Another enjoyable event for the flying and the opportunity to catch up with fellow modellers from the lower North Island.

Taranaki Control Line Champs

New Plymouth — 1st-4th January 2016.

By Andrew Robinson.

Hot and fine on Thursday only to be greeted by overcast and humid skies on Friday, but with no wind, Saturday was much the same but started raining in the late afternoon and Sunday had light misty drizzle all day. The wind came on Sunday evening and blew all the rain away but didn't go down on Monday and it was too windy to fly.

½ A team race had three fliers and it was won by the Robinson's in 4-02.03, Alec Fuller was second and Rod Brown third.

Class B Team Race was next with only one time being complete, 4-56.79 by Dave Ackery.

NASS Sport Jet finished off the day and was won by Don Robinson at 153.26 mph, Andrew Robinson was second on 149.69mph and Rob Wallace was third.

Saturday started with F2B Aerobatics on the grass circle with Jon Allen and Allen Lawrence doing the judging. F2B was won by Owen Rogers from Chris Allen, Don Robinson and Rob Wallace.

F2C team race started on the tarmac circle. Only one race was possible on Saturday before the rain came and made it too difficult to fly. Four rounds were flown on Sunday.

The first race was won by a good 3-28 from the Robinsons. Race three produced 3-25 from Christie/Brown and bettered that with 3-17 in race 4.

Slow Goodyear Team Race was first up on Sunday morning once the drizzle had eased. Race times were not as good from the six contestants in the slippery conditions but there was still some good racing.

Nobody really had a clean run in the first round and the only good time was a 4-06 from Brendan. The final was won by Dave Ackery by just half a second from Andrew Robinson with Brendan Robinson finishing third.

F2F/Classic FAI Combined had five contestants, 2 F2F and 3 Classic models. Rod did a good 4-18 in Classic with his new For a powered model followed by a 4-27 from Rob Wallace in F2F.

F2A Speed saw a good time posted by Neil Lickfold, while Carl was not having much success and only recorded a flight in the last round.

Percentage Speed was won by Neil Lickfold with 97.74% followed by Carl Lickfold and Dave Ackery.

RESULTS:

½ A Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2			
1st	A. & D. Robinson	4-04.95	4-02.03			
2nd	Alec Fuller	7-56.13	6-14.42			
3rd	Rod Brown	79 Laps	---			
Class B Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2			
1st	Dave Ackery	4-56.79	79 Laps			
2nd	Rod Brown	DQ	79 Laps			
F2C Team Race		Saturday Rd 1	----- Rd 2	Sunday Rd 3	----- Rd 4	----- Rd 5
1st	G. Christie/R. Brown	3-51.08	51 Laps	3-25.14	3-17.75	3-43.94
2nd	A. Robinson/B. Robinson	3-28.00	3-42.09	69 Laps	3-37.91	3-36.95
3rd	G. Lewis/R. Bolton	6-14.02	4-15.91	26 Laps	3-48.04	3-48.28
F2F-Classic FAI T/R Combined		Rd 1		Rd 2		
1st	Rod Brown	4-34.77		4-18.28		
2nd	Rob Wallace	4-31.25		4-27.41		
3rd	Dave Ackery	4-55.92		4-42.84		
4th	Don Robinson	5-04.54		5-00.69		
5th	Graeme Christie	5-31.75		5-23.98		
Slow Goodyear Team Race		Rd 1		Rd 2		Final
1st	Dave Ackery	4-22.87		4-44.63		8-47.66
2nd	Andrew Robinson	4-12.81		4-25.93		8-48.20
3rd	Brendan Robinson	4-39.91		4-06.87		9-21.56
4th	Alec Fuller	4-55.91		4-59.59		
5th	Rod Brown	5-10.12		5-05.20		
6th	Graeme Christie	5-21.31		DQ		

Open Goodyear not flown due to lack of time.

F2B Aerobatics		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Best 2
1st	Owen Rogers	1102.5	1103.5	1130	2233.5
2nd	Chris Allen	970.5	882.5	1040.5	2011
3rd	Don Robinson	869.5	1002.5	954.5	1957
4th	Rob Wallace	865.5	770	659	1635.5

NASS Sport Jet (mph)		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	km/h
1st	Don Robinson	151.45	153.26	---	246.65
2nd	Andrew Robinson	149.32	149.69	---	240.90
3rd	Rob Wallace	139.16	138.41	---	223.95
4th	Alec Fuller	136.62	137.56	137.56	219.87

3.5cc (21) Speed		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	km/h
1st	Dave Ackery	124.14	125.88	---	202.59

F2A Speed (km/h)		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	mph
1st	Neil Lickfold	280.16	264.32	271.70	174.08
2nd	Carl Lickfold	0.00	Att	267.26	166.07

Percentage Speed		Class	mph	km/h	Percentage
1st	Neil Lickfold	F2A	174.08	280.16	97.74%
2nd	Carl Lickfold	F2A	166.07	267.26	93.24
3rd	Dave Ackery	3.5cc	125.88	202.59	71.58
4th	Don Robinson	Jet	153.26	246.65	69.82
5th	Andrew Robinson	Jet	149.69	240.90	68.19
6th	Rob Wallace	Jet	139.16	223.95	63.39
7th	Alec Fuller	Jet	137.56	219.87	62.23

Control Line Grass Team Racing

24th January 2016 - Mercer By Bob Reynolds.

This was the first of the 2016 Grass Racing Series to be held at Mercer and again we were blessed with a perfect day with hot, sunny and calm conditions.

First up was Classic 'A' with three entries which was won in convincing fashion by Ashley Keeling (pilot) and Bryce Rackley (pitman) with a time of 5:53.32. Steve Hansen (pitman) and Andrew Robinson (pilot) took second place in 6-06.

The prize for the most spectacular prang must go to Bryce Rackley whose Classic A model literally disintegrated in mid-air due to structural failure. It took some time for us to locate all the pieces!

The next class flown was Classic 'B' again with three entries. It is always a pleasure to watch these big, fast models fly with their distinctive engine notes and this was no exception. This again was won by Ashley & Bryce with a time of 5:10.88 and Steve & Andrew got second in 5-36.

Then came the class that everyone was waiting for, Slow Goodyear. We had a total of five entries and enjoyed some first class racing. This was won by Ashley Keeling (pilot) and Adrian Hamilton (pitman) with an excellent time on grass of 3:54.50. Second and third were very close with Andrew Robinson just beating Bryce Rackley by 0.16 of a second, 4-12.03 to 4-12.19.

Many thanks to all who came and helped with documentation and time keeping / lap counting, it made for a good day of racing, with everyone departing with a happy dose of sunburn as it was very hot! It was 31 degrees in the shade!

We didn't have quite enough people for three up races, either pilots or time keepers so all races were two up and we didn't run any finals. The next grass racing event is the Waikato Champs to be held at the Mercer field on the Sunday 6th February.

RESULTS: 24th January 2016 - Mercer.

Classic A Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3
1st	Ashley Keeling	7-10.06	9-58.81	5-53.32
2nd	Steve Hansen	6-06.06	6-10.61	6-50.06
3rd	Bryce Rackley	7-35.00	96 Laps	---
Classic B Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2	
1st	Ashley Keeling	5-20.03	5-10.88	
2nd	Steve Hansen	5-36.22	5-47.65	
3rd	Adrian Hamilton	62 Laps	14 Laps	
Slow Goodyear Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2	
1st	Ashley Keeling	4-01.81	3-54.50	
2nd	Andrew Robinson	4-12.03	4-42.16	
3rd	Bryce Rackley	4:20.25	4-12.19	
4th	Adrian Hamilton	4-31.50	4-42.56	
5th	Steve Hansen	52 Laps	78 Laps	

2016 Waikato Control Line Champs 6-7th Feb 2016.

Grass Edition - Mercer.

Thanks to Karen Barnes and Adrian Hamilton for judging Aerobatics - much appreciated.

Slow Combat was flown to three lives - a good contest, people ready to fly, plenty of helpers and good combat.

For Slow Goodyear due to the gusty wind conditions it was elected to fly only 2 up heats and a 2 up final. There was lots of pilot and pitman swapping to get the heats and the final run.

Although the weather turned out better than the weather man had predicted it was fine but windy on both of the Waikato Champs days. Thanks to the timekeepers and helpers during the weekend.

RESULTS:

Slow Goodyear Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2	Final
1 st	Bryce Rackley	<u>4-00.44</u>	4-03.68	8-28.59
2 nd	Ashley Keeling	4-49.95	<u>4-16.30</u>	8-52.52
3 rd	Steve Hansen	4-36.62	<u>4-23.67</u>	DNS
4 th	Andrew Robinson	5-13.09	<u>4-35.45</u>	
5 th	Bob Reynolds	5-31.53	<u>4-40.06</u>	

Classic A Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2
1 st	Andrew & Don Robinson	<u>5-16.31</u>	5-27.57
2 nd	A. Keeling/B. Rackley	<u>5-25.78</u>	97 Laps
Classic B Team Race		Rd 1	Rd 2
1 st	A. Keeling/B. Rackley	5-36.23*	<u>5-04.55</u> *
2 nd	A. Robinson/S. Hansen	<u>5-30.50</u>	5-47.54

Slow Combat

1 st	Glen Lewis	W	W	W	W	L	L	W
2 nd	Rob Morgan	W	L	W	L	W	W	L
3 rd	Graeme Christie	L	W	L	W	W	L	
4 th	Dave Thornley	L	L	W	L			
5 th =	Richard Evans	W	L	L				
5 th =	Bryce Gibson	L	W	L				

F2B Aerobatics		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1 st	Loren Nell	1073	<u>1099</u>	<u>1115</u>	2215
2 nd	Kevin Barnes	1006	<u>1042</u>	<u>1066</u>	2108
3 rd	Don Robinson	421	<u>735</u>	<u>690</u>	1425

Sportsman Aerobatics		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1 st	Bryce Rackley	<u>317</u>	<u>312</u>	302	629
2 nd	Dave Thornley	<u>284</u>	217	<u>283</u>	567
3 rd	Marcel le Grand	<u>282</u>	184	<u>265</u>	547

Indoor

22nd February 2016 - NDC By Andrew Robinson.

There was an average turn out of fliers at the TSB Stadium and everybody did plenty of flying.

Hand Launch Glider had some good flights in the warm air from the day's heat. Allen Lawrence set the pace with flights of 25.7 & 25.1 and Steve Blackman & Len Krook were very close with flights of 21 and 22 seconds for only 1.3 seconds between them. Then along came Andrew Robinson and with flights of 28.7 and 27.8 took first place. Fifth was Alec Fuller and sixth was Ross Giddy.

In Hanger Rat Allen Lawrence put up two superb flights of 2-44 & 2-33 to take first place. Steve Blackman tried hard but couldn't get his Rat past 2-16 so was second. Alan Reed had flights in the 1-40's for third and Alec Fuller times were in the 1-20's.

Alan Reed had a couple of nice flights with is Peanut Scale model.

Allen & Steve finished the night off with a bit of indoor Sukhoi pylon racing.

RESULTS:

Indoor H.L.G. (Best 2 of 10)

1 st	Andrew Robinson	28.7 & 27.8 = 56.5
2 nd	Allen Lawrence	25.5 & 25.7 = 51.2
3 rd	Steve Blackman	22.8 & 21.5 = 44.3
4 th	Len Krook	21.8 & 21.2 = 43.0
5 th	Alec Fuller	17.2 & 19.6 = 36.8
6 th	Ross Giddy	15.3 & 16.3 = 31.6

Hanger Rat (Best 2 of 6) - NDC

1 st	Allen Lawrence	2-44 & 2-33 = 5-17
2 nd	Steve Blackman	2-16 & 2-13 = 4-29
3 rd	Alan Reed	1-44 & 1-48 = 3-32
4 th	Alec Fuller	1-28 & 1-25 = 2-53

Peanut Scale

1 st	Alan Reed	17 & 21 sec
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Free Flight

By Andrew Robinson.

20th December 2015: A fine and calm morning with the wind from the west. Only small bits of lift about and little drift so the models weren't going far.

Allen scored the only max of the day on his fourth flight which gave him the win with 198 seconds, Andrew was second on 173 and Don was third.

The Catapult gliders were getting better scores from their higher launches but nobody scored a max. the best flight was 47 seconds from Don. However that did not give him the win, beaten by both Jo and Alec by 3 and 7 seconds respectively.

RESULTS: 20th Dec 2015

Hand Launch

1 st	Allen Lawrence	15, 28, 38, 60, 18, 39 = 198 Sec
2 nd	Andrew Robinson	33, 34, 28, 27, 23, 28 = 173
3 rd	Don Robinson	16, 23, 12, 28, 17, 21 = 117

Catapult Launch

1 st	Jo Fuller	43, 27, 43, 18, 23, 14 = 168 Sec
2 nd	Alec Fuller	31, 26, 43, 18, 32, 14 = 164
3 rd	Don Robinson	13, 30, 47, 19, 33, 19 = 161
4 th	Allen Lawrence	33, 12, 24, 41, 24, 15 = 149
5 th	Andrew Robinson	14, 17, 23, 30, 14, 17 = 115

2016 Waikato Control Line Champs – 19-21nd Feb 2016

Tarmac Edition - New Plymouth. By Brendan Robinson.

This meeting was being used as competition practice for the world champs teams in F2C and F2A.

A couple of fast landings in F2C lead to a couple of dropped catches and damage to the pitmans hands with Brendan coping damage to two catching fingers as a result. Mr Hans Visser our CIAM representative and past FAI Jury member at the world champs was observing the pilots conduct in the F2C races as part of the preparation of the F2C Team for the World champs.

Slow Goodyear was closely battled as normal with most teams not exceeding the 26/10 lap speed limit. One heat was re-run due to a watch malfunction and one speed penalty was issued in the final to Graeme and Robert. Good to see Jonathon Allen piloting Rod's model. Brendan came away with the win in the final with Graeme just beating Bryce for second Place.

Andrew won Fast Jet with a nice run on 80/20 methanol/nitro fuel of 198.13mph with Brendan second with 186.41mph and Don in third with 151.5 mph. Andrew tried to go faster with 70/30 methanol/nitro fuel but ended up going slower due a change in the conditions. Brendan struggled with tank leaks and the engine not staying running so only recorded one time.

Weather for the weekend was fine with light winds apart from drizzle on Friday till after lunch time.

A social BBQ was held on the site on Saturday Night after the conclusion of the flying which was well received.

Thanks to the New Plymouth club for the preparation of the site and to the helpers and timekeepers for their time to make this meeting a successful meeting.

Team Race and Speed Results.

F2C Team Race	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Heat 4
1 st G. Lewis/R. Bolton	---	3-44.95	<u>3-29.36</u>	<u>3-26.03</u>
2 nd A. & B. Robinson	<u>3-27.26</u>	3-52.78	<u>3-33.00</u>	70 Laps
3 rd G. Christie/ R. Brown	<u>3-46.63</u>	19 Laps	<u>3-37.75</u>	25 Laps

F2C Team Race	Heat 5	Heat 6	Heat 7	Heat 8
1 st G. Lewis/R. Bolton	4-12.56	3-55.25	<u>3-24.80</u>	<u>3-27.97</u>
2 nd A. & B. Robinson	3-41.45	<u>3-27.88</u>	3-52.27	<u>3-31.76</u>
3 rd G. Christie/ R. Brown	4-27.33	51 Laps	<u>3-53.23</u>	<u>4-20.02</u>

Slow Goodyear Team Race	Rd 1	Rd 2	Final	
1 st Brendan Robinson	4-28.01	<u>4-12.20</u>	8-24.67	
2 nd Graeme Christie	<u>4-10.97</u>	4-18.81	8-45.49	
3 rd Bryce Rackley	4-33.86	<u>4-26.91</u>	8-49.35	
4 th Andrew Robinson	4-42.28	<u>4-30.09</u>		
5 th Rod Brown	<u>5-02.86</u>	64 Laps		

NASS Sport Jet (mph)	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	km/h
1 st Andrew Robinson	154.05	<u>155.51</u>	155.11	250.27
2 nd Don Robinson	151.07	<u>153.48</u>	---	247.00
3 rd Brendan Robinson	146.88	<u>148.09</u>	146.52	238.38
4 th Brian Howser	<u>142.91</u>	---	---	230.00

Fast Jet (mph)	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	km/h
1 st Andrew Robinson	<u>198.13</u>	194.86	195.19	318.86
2 nd Brendan Robinson	<u>186.41</u>	---	---	300.00
3 rd Don Robinson	<u>151.50</u>	150.73	---	244.46

F2A Speed (km/h)	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4
1 st = Neil Lickfold	Att	Att	<u>12.85</u>	0.00
1 st = Carl Lickfold	13.26	0.00	13.00	12.89

F2A Speed (km/h)	Rd 5	Rd 6	km/h
1 st = Neil Lickfold	Att	13.16	280.16
1 st = Carl Lickfold	<u>12.85</u>	0.00	280.16

Percentage Speed		Class	mph	km/h	Percentage
1 st	Andrew Robinson	Jet	198.13	318.86	90.26
2 nd	Brendan Robinson	Jet	186.41	300.00	84.92
3 rd	Don Robinson	Jet	151.50	244.46	68.99
4 th	Brian Howser	Jet	142.91	230.00	65.10



John's Savage Cruiser



Rob's LA 7



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Andy Dodson's lovely Bleriot XI

For the Diary

NPMAC AGM

**Friday 1st April 7.30pm at the Star Gym
Bring and Buy and supper after the AGM.**

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:	Garry 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:

March	18 th	Club Night TATATM
	19 th -20 th	Brett Cudby Memorial Rally
April	1 st	NPMAC AGM at Star Gym
	23 rd -24 th	Warbirds over Awatoto

Competition events start time is usually 1.00 – 1.30pm.

Contest Directors

Thermal & Electric Gliding	Allen Lawrence
Pylon Racing/Scale	Justin Whalley
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