



Model Flying Hawkes Bay



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Top: The 'Clubba gang' - Barrie Russell's Clubba builders with the build results on the field.
Above: Harvey Stiver's very nice SPAD cruises overhead at Awatoto.



IMAC at Awatoto 28 Feb/01 March.
Field CLOSED for any other use.





And the Prez Sez



There's been a lot happened since the last newsletter.

First up we won the "BEST CLUB" at the Nationals for the first time EVER!

We won it as a result of the performances of the people that took the time and trouble to attend the Nationals, with some excellent results across a wide range of disciplines. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.

The 2020 Warbirds event has also been held. This I believe was an outstanding success. The atmosphere at the event was the best that I have known at any of the Warbirds events that I have been to, both pilots and public were happy.

If anybody knows what caused it, please tell us so we can repeat it next year.

The only negative was that we could have had more members putting their hand up to help.

To those few that did. THANK YOU very much, you are the reason the event ran so smoothly.

Our AGM is fast approaching, we still need people to consider committee positions, in particular we need a Secretary without this position filled we don't have a Club!

There is an IMAC event this weekend, why not give it a try there will be plenty of help and advice this Saturday and Sunday.

We still have a steady stream of new members, some of which need some training to achieve their Wing Badge. If you can help in this area PLEASE talk to Mike Shears.

Enjoy your flying with Safe Landings,
Lance Hickey



From the Editor and Secretary



Hi everyone,

Firstly, congratulations to club members Myles Maloney on passing and completing both his GD & BP Wings badge tests and also to Josh Pyott for also passing his BP Wings badge test.

Also, Welcome to new members David Kenwright and Jose Cerezo. I hope your time in the club will be enjoyable.

And.... this issue will be my ***Final One***... I have indicated to the committee that I wish to step down from all three positions I currently hold.

For me the reasons for doing so are; simply trying to juggle the Three positions has involved far more time than I can justify and has led to my other interests having to very much take a back seat for the last three years. Also, having been involved on committees (not just aeromodelling ones) for the past forty odd years and as a Newsletter Editor for the last twenty two, I feel it's time now to hang up my hat and do what I want to do for a change.

A couple of comments:

What I consider to be a sad indictment on this club is that we have a membership of over 100 members now, yet each year, we *Still* find it somewhat difficult to find people willing to fill the main/vacant committee positions!

I have also received a good deal of positive feedback on the Newsletter during my time as Editor... but, sadly, a majority of it came, *Not* from our own Club Members, but from those Outside the club! So the question I ask myself is, sure, the Newsletter Editor role is largely a thankless one, but in this club it seems even more so. I've even had a committee member suggest that I 'over report' things in the Newsletter!! So.... why do I bother putting in all the time and effort.

Anyway, a big Thank You to all those that have supplied copy, images, favourable comments and assistance during my Editing tenure. It really has been appreciated, maybe Not by the membership, but certainly by Me.

Suffice to say Your club will be needing some new faces on the committee in 2020, so why not put your hand in the air, help out and put something back into Your Club?

Finally...to quote the ending of a well known TV comedy show; "Its goodbye from me and goodbye from him!"

Brett



And from the Club Captain



Well..... actually he hasn't sent me anything....

Club Notices



Awatoto Field Electric Fence now Permanently ON

Due to the fact that the electric fence appears to be Not being turned On/Off by the first person to arrive at the field and the last to leave, It has now been decided that the lock on the electric fence switch is to be changed and it will now be left ON Permanently.

Note: This new lock is Not compatible with your gate key.

IMAC FIELD CLOSURE

The Awatoto field will be CLOSED - 28th February to 1st March while this event is running.

They are flying IMAC and Aerobatics plus the new Classic Aerobatics event. They are 2 different disciplines. They will also coach anyone that turns up that is new to have a go. So why not just pop down to the field for a look?



Photo of the orange sky taken at dusk in Hastings with a very long lens. Amazing what a bit of smoke (from Oz) will do to our sky!

MFNZ National Championships 2020

Barrie Russell



2020 MFNZ Nationals.

The "Nats" this year were held again at Clareville, the Carterton Show Grounds and Grant Fulton and I headed off on New Year's Eve to set up camp for the next five days. The New Year timing is not the most suitable but seems to be set to get members back to work after the weekend. The forecast was questionable with a lot of wind around but it didn't eventuate and we were treated to some of the best Nats weather I can remember. Very hot and calm to moderate breezes which made for great, interesting and challenging flying conditions for all disciplines.



Camp Fulton / Russell at "Clareville"

Our club was well represented with Kevin Botherway, Joe Wurtz, Andrew Hiscock & Kevin Campbell in the Soaring events. Rob Lockyer and John Sutherland in Scale and John again in Pylon. Chris Wong and caller Leonard Poon in IMAC Aerobatics together with the Galloway family in Pattern Aerobatics. Rob Wallace was competing in C/L and free flight, and Grant and I rounded up the team in Vintage. Good to see Danny and Anthony who came visiting for the day and if I've missed any, apologies and let me know and I'll add you in!

Good results all round with some notable achievements. Rob and John took top honours in their respective Scale classes, Joe was crowned Soaring Champion and Rowdy and Andrew had their names in lights as usual in the Soaring events. Newby, Grant flew brilliantly in Vintage RC Classic Precision for top honours and I staggered through picking up seconds and thirds to manage Joint Vintage Champion with Allan Knox from WMAC. I think they were feeling generous and took my age into the calculations! The crowning glory however was the news that **MODEL FLYING HAWKES BAY had won the HMV Champion Club trophy for the very first time**, a great effort to which all contributed and had great fun doing it! A full schedule of competitions and results can be found on the MFNZ website at https://modelflyingnz.org/Admin/Event_Results_Detail.php#Champs

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Barrie Russell



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The evidence, the HMV Challenge Cup. The 1941 Champion Club Trophy.



Chris Wong and caller Leonard Poon in Pattern Aerobatics.

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Two generations of Galloways, Sean, (John Danks), Ewan and Cormac judging aerobatics and penciling with the other generation (Hamish) on the flightline.



"Aggy" flown in ideal conditions

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Barrie Russell



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“Aggy” flown in ideal condition, as usual provided an hour’s hilarious entertainment one evening before sunset, not for the faint hearted ... participants and spectators alike!



A fine bunch of Fly-off contestants in RC Vintage E Precision. Allan Knox 2nd =, David Gush 4th, Brian Treloar 1st and Barrie Russell 2nd =.

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Barrie Russell



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Grant with his Playboy.



And Grant receiving his RC Vintage E/Classic Precision Trophy from Don Mossop



Don Mossop with his Playboy and Self and Grant with our Night Trains.

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Barrie Russell



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Saturday Prize giving and our Soaring Champions.

Needless to say, we were all pretty well “stuffed” after five days of intense heat and competition. No complaints, that’s what we entered for and had great fun doing it. Where ever it is held next year, why not come and have some fun. See you there!



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MFNZ National Championships 2020

Barrie Russell



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A Night Train on landing approach.

(Left) An interesting approach to the landing area!

THE END !!

Barrie Russell Life member. MFHB



MODEL FLYING HAWKES BAY has also won the HMV Champion Club trophy - for the very first time!





WARBIRDS OVER AWATOTO 2020

After a good deal of preparation, working bees and organisational work behind the scenes.... Saturday 1st February dawned fine and calm. The proceeding week's weather had not be great with a lot of wind, so everyone that organised, helped or supported the event, breathed a huge sigh of relief. Convenor, John Sutherland got it all underway with a pilot's briefing just after 10am and then it was into the flying....



The pilot's briefing .



Some of the WWI models in action.

Between the Wars era was not that well supported this year....



'Auntie's' (Grant Finlay) Tiger Moth



Another well presented 'Tiggie'



And a Jungmeister keeping out of the sun!

WWII was a popular class with some excellent models on both display and in the air....



The Bill Roydhouse Hurricane and Corsair (both flown by Jayden Molloy.)



A very nice Stuka flies overhead.



We even had Two Mosquito's attending (by Mike Briggs & Ed Beetham)



A Lavochkin doing a low pass.

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WARBIRDS OVER AWATOTO 2020

Modern aircraft also had it's fair share of excellent models on both display and in the air....



The immaculate Texan II of MFHB President Lance Hickey



And a very nice Tucano as well

NZ Military - Tony Withey's Aermacchi stole the show again...



And as for Jets, there were some superb models at this year's event.....



Paul Buckrell had his new F-15 but not yet certified to fly.



A nice Sabre almost prepared for flight.



And a nice Vampire that looks great in the air



WARBIRDS OVER AWATOTO 2020



And more (very fast) Jets.... (flown by Frazer Briggs and Andrew Stiver.)



Helicopters - this year we were certainly spoiled for choice... from the big scale turbine heli's of Carl Hansen....

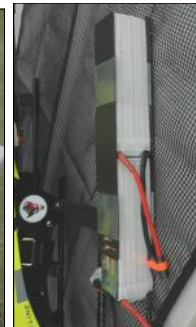
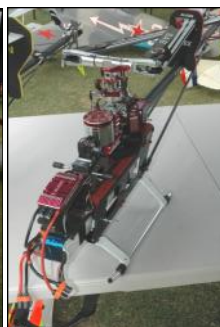


The Carl Hansen airforce.... A Bell UH-1 Iroquois

The Russian Mil-3

And the impressive Mil-8

To the Heli 3D aerobatics of Campbell Bremner and his friends. All very impressive!



Good range of electric heli's on display and they did fly.....

The batteries for them!



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WARBIRDS OVER AWATOTO 2020



And then after two days of glorious weather, on Sunday afternoon - we had the prize-giving.



The trophies for each category were made by Phil Sharp. Prez Lance Hickey extending his thanks to all that came, Thanks Phil for a job well done!

Convenor

And the class winners were:

WWI - Phil Sharp (Sopwith Pup) Between the Wars - Grant Findlay (Tiger Moth) WWII Bill Roydhouse (Corsair)



Modern - Lance Hickey (Texan II)



NZ Military - Tony Withey (Aermacchi)



Pilot's Choice - John Clarke (DC-3)

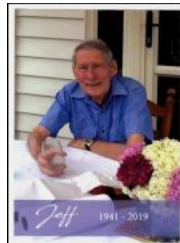


Many thanks to Grant and Emma from



who not only attended the event, but also very graciously supplied some prizewinner 'goodie' bags as well.

On a more serious note, a Tiger Moth (Grant Findlay), Triplane (Mike Shears and a Catalina (Andrew Stiver) all built and flown by the late Jeff Clarkson were at the event and were flown together in honour of Jeff. A fitting tribute....



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WARBIRDS OVER AWATOTO 2020



And finally.... A Big **Thank You** to the following:

The Cooking Crew

Dave Cantell
Barry Kerr
Richard Pyott
Myles Maloney
Chris Wong
Joao Dib
John Aitken
Danny Young
Stuart Morrish
Mark Larson
Brenda Barber
Barrie Russell

The Gate Crew

Tony Ives
Ray McPeake
Derek Barber
Joao Dib
And many others.
(Someone threw the roster list away after the event I hear!)

The Flightline Crew

Marty (Micophone) Hughes
Ryan (Rhino) Cadwallader
Mike Shears
Other providers:
Mike Hardie from Jack Frost Ice Cream.
Renee Sheeran from Coffee First

The Others

John Sutherland (Convenor)
Robert Lockyer
(Sound & Registrations)
Phil Sharp (Trophies)
And any others that worked away in the background and are not mentioned or anyone else I've forgotten.
All your help and assistance are appreciated and helped to make the event the success it was!

Some post-match comments from Sous-Chef Barry Kerr.....

Richard chops a fine onion; Josh lays out fine sausage receivers; Joao can multi-task despite being left handed; Brenda needs a space to enjoy while Derek gets himself lost; Chris showed his qualifications in food prep (again) to go with Pharmacy, Dentistry and Law (don't they all go together so well!); Myles is also a dab hand at food prep; John keeps a steady pace at the BBQ and keeps us all to schedule; Mark showed us his ability to tackle the "after party" bit with helping with the clean-up (to say nothing of his willingness to assist throughout the day); Stuart was without doubt the best presented sausage presenter; Danny showed he could do it all with humour! Oh, and Mike flew!

I already knew this, but Dave Cantell taught all of us again how his organisation, behind the scenes prep on the day and at the end of the day makes my and your job easy!

And also some comments on the event from Emma and Grant from Hanger One



Just a short message to say a huge thanks to the club for giving us the opportunity to have a trade stand at the event. It was great for us to put many faces to names and we thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the trip away from home. Model Flying Hawkes Bay should be very proud of both the facility and the way in which the event was run, it is a great showcase of our Hobby/Sport to the public and I am certain new members will result. The standard of models, flying and safety was some of the best of have seen in recent times so well done!

Well, that's it for the 2020 Warbirds Over Awatoto event - see you in 2021!



All images in the report are by the editor, but if you want to view the others he took.... Click [HERE](#)

Field Diary



Sunday 29th December

A really nice day dawned and a few did venture down to the field for a fly and to enjoy the good flying conditions. Light wind from the West upon arrival and that veered to almost Northerly by mid morning before the sea breeze took over around noon and it became and Easterly right down the landing strip. Lots going on with the main model present being.... foam board Clubba's.



Barrie Russell's 'new' Clubba in flight



The Clubba of Stan Nicholas also got into the air.



Another Clubba committing aviation...

John Aitken had his vintage Southerner all set to go and Barrie did give it a test flight. Some warps in the wing made it a tad difficult to control and a workshop session will be required before it takes to the air again.



John Aitken's very nice Southerner.



Barrie checks it all out before taking to the air.



And into the air....

The Clubba 'gang' with their models.



And the models themselves .



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Sunday 29th December

Good variety of other (than Clubba's) models flown as well. Jayden Molloy flew the aerobatic ship of Lance Hickey, which went well. Stuart Sturge flew his I.C. Yak, as did Stan Nicholas. There was a vintage crew of Barry Price, Derek Barber and Ross Brinsley camped down one end of the field giving their models and a Radian a good bit of flying. John Sutherland also flew two pylon models, as tests, before he heads down to the Nats.



The pilot's pad was quite busy at times!



A little foam Cub gets some action.



The Lance Hickey aerobatic model does its thing.

And then we had the save of the day.... Jayden Molloy was flying the Bill Roydhouse Corsair and toward the end of the flight the gear was lowered and only the starboard side came down fully! Jayden tried all manner of rolls, turns etc, but the port gear, while almost down had the wheel pointing in the wrong direction. An approach was made and as the model touched down, the jolt moved the port wheel straight and it rolled-out as if nothing had happened. A good check-over was done and it was found one of the door linkages or gear cam had snagged. Another model now requiring some workshop time.



The Corsair doing what it does best.... flying.



And again - Note bird passing through at right.



On approach with the port gear Not down and locked.



That gear is still Not down!



Almost about to land.....



A bump and the gear is now all okay!!



The pits on the day...



The gaggle of Clubbas.



Barrie and Stan and their Clubbas.

Field Diary



Sunday 5th January

Calm and a bit cool early in the morning, but the forecast was for gales later on.... I hear it was a bit up and down, calm one minute, blustery the next. About ten flyers there. (Images below from the camera of Clive Baker.)



Peter Hammond's Buzzard Bombshell vintage model being checked out by Bruce Abbott

And in the air...



Peter/Bruce and Mike/Derek on the pilot's pad.

A tale of Two Yak'sStuart Sturge's

And that of Stan Nicholas.



Phil Sharp's aerobatic model on a fly-past.

The John Clarke Chipmunk overhead.

A foam board Clubba on approach.

Sunday 12th January

Editor out of town... report on the day from Barrie Russell.... A good day at Awatoto, average turnout and quite a lot of Warbird testing prior to the event. John Sutherland was busy test flying Mike Harris's Hellcat which performed flawlessly, John Clarke's DC3, which hasn't flown since last Warbirds, performed well also, and Phil Sharpe's Tempest. All good. Jayden was also busy flying them all, also Bill's Corsair. Quite a few Clubba's and trainers, and sadly Joao lost his Maule early in the morning somewhere, he got sun-strike and lost sight of it towards the seaward end. Haven't heard the outcome to date, he was still looking for it. One notable member arrived at the field sans wings, went home to get them and came back with the wrong set, so had to do another round trip! Derek Whelan had some funny noises emanating from his OS Four stroke/Warbird. Disassembled it and found nothing, all seemed well when he put it back in the air. Some vintage flying going on: Barrie Russell put a couple of batteries through his Voodoo, testing a new motor. Ross Brinsley unfortunately now needs a new Fuselage for his vintage, I think he stalled it into a vertical arrival, but I didn't see it happen. Barrie test flew John Aitken's Southerner again after John had dealt with the wing warp, and with a bit of trimming, it flew very nicely this time, John had some time on the sticks and seemed very pleased with his efforts. Conditions were outstanding all day, the afternoon had a mild sea breeze.

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Sunday 12th January

(All photos by Barrie Russell)



Alex Wardley seems to like Corsairs - both little and large!



Prez Lance Hickey starts his model - Jayden pilots,



Two foam Bixlers. They belong to Lance, who has made them available for training purposes



The Tempest of Phil Sharp being prepared.



A Yak looking all lonesome...



Robert Lockyer taxis back to the pits.



Derek Whelan sorting out his engine issues.



An I.C. Calmato and three electric foam board Clubbas.

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(All photos by Barrie Russell)



The Mike Harris Hellcat on the ground and in the air.



As was the John Clarke DC-3.

Sunday 19th January

Bit overcast in the morning and it was blowing early too. Some drizzle came in mid morning on and off and while a few ventured out to the field, it looked like they didn't stay long! But the sun did make an appearance later in the day!

Saturday 25th January

A working bee was scheduled and was well underway by 10am. Fair bit done, although a few more hands would have helped! Bit disappointing when out of a membership of over 100 we only get 19 turn up. The club annual Warbirds event is the event that brings a good amount of income in for the club, which, of course, goes a good way to keeping the membership fees down. If we have no Warbirds event, our club fees would have to be significantly higher..... need I say more!



This is the new field mowing technique....



Field panorama of the numbers and working bee action going on.

Field Diary



Sunday 26th January

Superb weather on the day, calm and a real scorcher later in the morning. A reasonable crowd in, mostly checking out planes for Warbirds. Barry Price and John Aitken both flew vintage and both damaged models... for one reason or another. Mike Shears flew the Lance Hickey Texan II T6 (in RNZAF colours) that looks great in the air. Phil Sharp flew his Sopwith Pup a few times to check all was okay, as did Mike Shears with his Fokker Triplane. They did try a spot of formation flying later in the morning, but the only way the editor could get them *Both* in the same frame was by using.... Mr Photoshop!



Phil Sharp's Sopwith Pup trundles past



As does the Fokker Triplane of Mike Shears.



And..The Photoshop formation flying by both models.



The Lance Hickey Texan II on the ground and in the air.

On the day we had a couple of displays of some 3D helicopter flying from member Campbell Bremner and friends. Most impressive and they were doing things with helicopters that I've never seen before. They will be displaying at Warbirds. Of the rest, Stan Nicholas flew his Mustang, Robert Lockyer his aerobatic model, John Clark with his Chipmunk, Mike Harris his Cub and there were the usual trainers and Clubba's chugging around the sky too.



The Heli teams equipment on display.



The Stan Nicholas Mustang all dusted off and ready to go.



Good range of models in the pits!



Field Diary - Extra



There was an accident at the field recently which required the person concerned to attend an A&E clinic and have a significant number of stitches put in the fingers of one hand. This was the result of an electric model that was being set-up, then 'bursting into life' in the shelter.

To avoid any repeat of this painful, not to mention messy, event, happening again, it is suggested that the following practices be followed: (as applicable for either Electric or I.C. models)

- Always assume an electric model to be 'live' at ALL times.
- Keep your hands away from the sharp end of the model. (unless you are hand starting and I.C. model.)
- Never connect a drive battery in the field shelter.
- Ensure you never stand in front of any model.
- If you are going to setup a model, do so with the propeller Removed.
- Never rely on the arming switch on your Tx (if you have one set-up) treat the motor as 'live'... Always.
- Where possible, install an arming switch or plug on the model.

Hopefully, these measures will go a long way to preventing another 'accident' from occurring in the future.

And... as they said on an old 80's TV show.... "let's be careful out there!"

And remember.... Safe Flying is No Accident!



Field Diary



Sunday 9th February

Reasonable day, bit windy at times. Editor not present. No report or images received.

Sunday 16th February

A fine sunny day greeted those that turned up at the field. The Easterly sea breeze did, however, come in reasonably early, which, while down the strip, made for some adventurous landings, at times, to say the least. Good variety of models and flying going on from Clubba's to IMAC models.



John Clarke flew his well flown Chipmunk.



While Barrie Russell flew his carbon Cub



Phil Sharp's aerobatic model overhead



Joao Din had a very nice large electric foam Cub - which was test flown earlier in the week. Looks impressive and flies well to!



Two views of the pits on the day....

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Sunday 16th February

Around midday a BBQ lunch (sausages) was offered and everyone seemed to enjoy the fare on offer from chef Dave Cantell and assistant Barry Kerr. Thanks guys for yet another job well done!



The Cantell / Kerr catering team in action



Dave doing the cooking



Everyone enjoying the lunchtime BBQ.



Brent Stiver starts his aerobatic ship



John Clarke looks skywards.



While Barrie prepares his Cub for another sortie.

A good bit of flying got done with only a couple of incidents on the day. One being Brent Stiver who had an aerobatic model that had an engine that was not playing the game. Had two takeoffs for two engine cuts. Some serious engine disassembly to be attended to in the workshop! The other was Phil Sharp's aerobatic model that also had engine cut, but at a far more inopportune time... just as he turned right after takeoff! Model went down over the river and he and Joao Dib mounted a search party to recover the model. Didn't appear too damaged though. Overall, another pleasant day at the field, although a few more turning up would have made it better.

Sunday 23rd February

Just a bit windy right from early morning with the wind gusting up to 39 km/hr! (That's 21 knots or 24 mph!). Also a bit on the cool side from what we have been getting too - as per the image to the right at 9:32am it was only 17 degrees!

(A few brave souls ventured out but it looked like not much flying got done!

A good indoors and building day....



Model Flying Hawkes Bay	
Conditions as of: 09:32 AM Sunday, Feb 23, 2020	
 17°C	HIGH: 17°C at 12:00 AM LOW: 14°C at 06:07 AM
 Wind: 26 km/h S	High gust 39 km/h at 09:19 AM
 Humidity: 75%	Feels like 14°C
 Rain: 0.0 mm	Seasonal Total 49.0 mm
 Barometer: 1,017.0 hPa	Rising Rapidly



Club Shed Diary



Tuesday 7th January

Not a huge turnout, but I guess that was because most of the regulars were still away. A bit getting done on the day..., with Barry Kerr getting stuck into his Clubba build assisted by Ringmaster Barrie Russell. Bill Roydhouse was also doing some work as well. Mike Shears was sorting out signage for Warbirds and Barry Price, Peter Hammond, Brian Hitchcock and Prez Lance Hickey all called in for a natter.



The Barry Kerr Clubba awaits more work.

The three Barry's / Barrie's (Kerr & Price and Barrie Russell)

Peter Hammond has a go on the R/C Sim.

Tuesday 14th January

Reasonably busy in the shed. Barry Price, assisted by Stan Nicholas and Barrie Russell, continued work on his foam board Clubba. Hopefully, it will be ready for painting later in the day. The TV connected to the laptop was not working, despite numerous people trying to get it to work... result not much sim time by anyone today! Prospective new member Blair Jepson had a trainer he had purchased and Barrie Russell assisted him in changing the engine. Mike Shears and Bill Roydhouse were giving the Hurricane tail feathers some TLC, so the model will be available at Warbirds. A certain member, who will remain nameless, was also seen to supa glue his own finger to a model's structure. Must be now Very attached to that model it seems? A bit of acetone soon remedied the problem without further injury. Good crowd in by late morning and some progress was made.



Good crowd in on the day

The Barry Kerr Clubba gets more work done on it

Blair and Barrie attending to the engine change.



Bill's new fashion accessory - a cap with lights!!

Hurricane elevator repairs....

A more Hurricane tail feather repairs..



Club Shed Diary



Tuesday 21st January

Not a great turnout this morning, but still a bit going on. The two Barry's (Barrie Russell and Barry Kerr) were working hard on getting Barry Kerr's Clubba to the almost ready to fly post. The largely succeeded with only the control hook-ups, wheels and engine fitting needing to be done. Nice colour scheme by Barry as well! Mike and Mike (Shears and Harris) were also working away on the Bill Roydhouse Hurricane refurbishment. All the tail surfaces got covered and a few patches were added here and there as well. Brett Robinson then offered to take said model home with him to spray the new covering and the patches. So now that is done, the model is now in an almost ready to fly state again! Certainly been awhile.....! Danny Young and Anthony Hales came in briefly on their way down to the field for a fly under the guidance of Stan (the on TV man) Nicholas. (Stan was seen on TV recently in the stands at the McLean Park Rugby v Cricket match - several people asked him at the shed for his autograph too - him being a TV star n' all!) Neville Fargher had his Spectrum Tx on hand and Brett gave him a hand to bind it. All good now. A few coffees/teas/hot chocolate drinks were had, before most finished up down the field.



Barrie and Barrie working on the Barry Kerr Clubba. While Mike and Mike (Shears/Harris) work on the Hurricane. Mike Harris's dog Max surveys the shed action.

Tuesday 28th January

Not a huge turnout it has to be said and only a couple of things going on... The first thing to be noticed when entering the shed, is we now have a large 55" TV mounted on the wall and connected to the laptop. This was obtained by President Lance Hickey at No cost to the club! Thank You Lance! Certainly makes the Sim look good! Barrie Russell and Barry Kerr were making Rx changes and adjustments to Barry's Clubba. Phil Sharpe and Stan Nicholas were out the back putting new belts on the tractor mower. A few others popped in for a look and had a tea/coffee/hot chocolate before disappearing off home or to places unknown. Tad warm in shed, it has to be said!



The new R/C Sim 55" TV now installed on the wall.

The Barry Kerr Clubba gets more work done on it.

The Hurricane gets its elevator hinged.



Dave Ricrdson cam in with a couple of models that he has For Sale. Click [HERE](#) to go the club website For Sale page for more details.



Club Shed Diary



Tuesday 4th February

Post Warbirds, it was to be expected (I guess) that there would Not be a great attendance and that proved to be the case. Not much going on in the shed, but a good bit of cleaning got done by Barrie Russell, Mike Harris and Mike Shears in the tractor shed.



Barry Price has a chat with Laurie Jackson (Brett's Auckland friend)



Cleanup time in the tractor shed....

Tuesday 11th February

Editor not present - No report or images received.

Tuesday 18th February

Arrived at the shed around 9:30am and only two there! Not to many others turned up afterwards, so, as it was such a nice morning (warm and no wind) a couple of us headed down to the field. Russell Nimmo was already there and flew a couple of his power models. A few others then turned up and that led to quite a nice morning of flying. Instructor Stan Nicholas was helping out Both Kevin Morrison and Mark Larsen. Brett Robinson had three Radian flights for a total of just over 40 minutes and, yes, the thermals were there! Derek Barber flew his Slicker then opted for his Radian. Barrie Russell opted to fine tune both himself and Russtrix before the upcoming IMAC Comp he was assisted with this by Mike Shears. Tony Ives was mainly just looking, but had a bit of time on the sticks of Brett's Radian. A really great morning at the field was had by all.



Two Radians in formation... Brett's and Derek's



Barrie's Russtrix being sorted with the help of Mike Shears.





Club Shed Diary



Tuesday 25th February

Not a lot going on at the shed again this morning it has to be said. Most of the usual suspects were there, just nothing happening! After the usual teas/coffees/hot chocolates, a few drifted off down to the field for a fly as it was flat calm! At the field there was rain over Te Mata Peak, but it never came to anything. Quite a bit of flying got done with Barrie Russell flying his Russtrix, but even after two flights, he was still not happy with the way the engine was running. A workshop session being required. Mike Shears flew the Ultimate Bipe a few times and it seemed to be going well. Jerry Chisum had a small aerobatic model with a four-stroke in it and also his bigger Piper Cub, also four-stroke powered. Both performed well, although his Cub was a bit wayward on takeoff, but that may well have been due to the light wind constantly changing direction? Stan Nicholas flew his tried and true Yak before giving Kevin Morrison some training with Kevin's Clubba. Mike Harris and Dave Cantell enjoyed watching the proceedings. And it all wrapped up around 11:30am



In the starting gates.... Stan Nicholas & Mike Shears.



Jerry Chisum's Cub breaks ground



And on approach.



The Mike Shears Ultimate Bipe about to land.



The Stan Nicholas Yak doing what it does best



Barrie's Russtrix about to touch down.



Vintage News



Thursday 9th January

Bumper day at the field, nice sunny day too, but it was a bit on the cool side earlier on in the morning. Four vintage fliers indulged in a ad-hoc club rules vintage Precision contest. Four flights to exactly 3 minutes and a landing bonus each time. The worst score was dropped. Interesting conditions as there was lift all over the place on some flight and the opposite on others. But three minutes off even a 20 second motor run shouldn't be that hard?? But it was for some! Results from the contest are below:

		GRAND
NAME	MODEL	TOTAL
BRETT ROBINSON	LANZO BOMBER	597
BARRIE RUSSELL	NIGHT TRAIN	596
ROSS BRINSLEY	FLYING QUAKER	550
STAN NICHOLAS	NIGHT TRAIN	478



Of the rest, and it was almost like a Sunday in terms of numbers too; there was quite a bit of Clubba flying going and a bit of I.C. Flying as well. Harvey Stiver has a very nice Aeronca that he had refurbished. Barry Price had a few flights with his small Lanzo Bomber and Derek Barber put in a few flights with his small Slicker as well. Barry Kerr had a couple of flights with his Radian and hooked a huge thermal on the second flight as well - lucky him! Also good to see Ross Brinsley joining the Precision comp with his Flying Quaker, which flies magnificently Overall a very pleasant morning was had by all.



Vintage News



Thursday 16th January

Overcast and blowing - good building day!

Thursday 23rd January

Really nice morning at the field, the sun was shining, the wind was calm and the field looked great! So into some vintage flying.... First up was Barry Price and his Lanzo Cabin model getting its first taste of flight. Went very well and flew right off the board. Barry was well pleased with the result!

Next up... the threesome of Barrie Russell, Stan Nicholas and Brett Robinson flew a three round Classic Precision event. Not every flight went to plan and the landings left a bit to be desired, but they all got there in the end.

Results

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NAME	MODEL	TOTAL
BARRIE RUSSELL	NIGHT TRAIN	578
BRETT ROBINSON	NIGHT TRAIN	568
STAN NICHOLAS	NIGHT TRAIN	527



Barry Price and his now test flown Lanzo Cabin.



Harvey Stiver with his nice Spad.

Harvey Stiver was also there giving Peter Hammond some dual on Peter's Buzzard Bombshell which cruises around the sky quite well. Derek and Duane Barber didn't fly vintage today, just Radians and (Duane) his pattern ship. Andrew Stiver also turned up and flew the Spad for Dad, Harvey, which looked a bit tail-heavy and the engine stopped only a few minutes into the flight, requiring a masterly dead-stick landing by Andrew. Andrew also tried to get the Catalina into the air, but had some issues with the engines. The verdict seemed to be that the fuel did not have enough nitro in it! Not sure if the model flew later. Mike Harris gave his Clubba a whirl as did Mark Larsen. Instructor Stan (the man) Nicholas was kept busy instructing and flying planes for Danny Young and Mark Larsen. Overall a very pleasant morning at the field.

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Thursday 23rd January



Harvey Stivers nice Spad on the ground and in the air.



SPAD - *Société Pour L'Aviation et ses Dérivés,*



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Saturday 25th January

As there was a working bee scheduled it was decided that three of us would get out early (8:00am) and fly the two classes of NDC set down for January. Really nice calm morning and the three intrepid contestants had a Classic Precision event with their Night Trains up first. Then a bit of working bee assistance was had before we flew the other class Classic E- Texaco. Used Night Trains again, but with vastly smaller batteries! All done by just after 11am. And it was back home for a sleep (for some!)

RESULTS

CLASSIC PRECISION

BARRIE RUSSELL	593
STAN NICHOLAS	591
BRETT ROBINSON	584

CLASSIC E-TEXACO

BARRIE RUSSELL	1303
STAN NICHOLAS	844
BRETT ROBINSON	791



Mark Larsen launches the Stan Nicholas Night Train



Fliers and Timers all: Barrie (Derek timing), Stan (Mark timing)

Later in the morning Barrie Russell test flew the latest Clubba off the production line, that of Barry Kerr. All went according to plan, with only a few small adjustments being required. Interesting colour scheme too!



Barry Kerr with his latest model just before it took to the air for the first time and (inset) the model doing its thing in the air.

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Thursday 30th January

Bit

A bit windy, a few did turn up and flew a bit before the wind really came in and proceedings were halted at that point.

Thursday 6th February

Field Closed by Napier tower due to low-level helicopter operations. No flying done.

Thursday 13th February

Not a bad morning at all. Lovely day and those that did show, had a great time. Brett Robinson flew his Lanzo Bomber (aka the balsa overcast) and Barry Price flew his smaller version, until he got a bit too far downwind and it spiraled into the ground! Brett did a retrieve and the nose and pylon were broken off, but it was largely intact. Next up was Stan Nicholas, who, right from launch, had a struggle with his lightweight Lanzo Cabin. He got it back and then let Barrie have a flight, with the result being, that it too spiraled in as well.... not that far from where Barry's had! So yet another retrieve for Brett but with Stan this time. Brett was heard to mutter, "I gave up free-flight a good many years ago... and I *still* seem to be retrieving models from downwind and outside the field!" Barrie Russell flew his Voodoo, but the air was not that helpful and he soon gave the game away. A bit of instructing was done, mainly by Stan and Mike. Back at the shelter it was mentioned that the HMAc had a fun day a few weeks back where models with No Wings were raced up/down their strip. Mike Shears liked that idea and gave it a go using Danny Young's Calmato fuselage. Verdict, went well, although those starter poles can leap out and hit you if you are not careful!



Mike practising the 'strip racing' deal with Danny's Calmato.

Thursday 20th February

Really nice morning, started off warm, calm and, with what little wind there was coming from the West, there were thermals galore to be had. Ray McPeake and Brett Robinson arrived just after 9am and Brett proceeded to fly his Lanzo Bomber (aka the balsa overcast.) The air was very nice and buoyant and without getting too high, a flight of around 15 minutes was had. Ray had his trusty Buzzard Bombshell with him and he managed to fly it several times before a wind gust on takeoff led to a rather hard impact with terra firma. By then most of the usual 'vintage gang' had turned up... Barry Price had his electric foam Mentor on hand and flew a few circuits with it, while Barrie Russell flew his VooDoo for a couple of 15 minutes flights, Stan Nicholas had his Lanzo Cabin in the air after making some adjustments. All seemed to go well until it did another uncontrolled spin onto the ground. Model was okay but will need looking at. Ditto for Barry Price, although his arrival with terra firma rearranged the nose on his Lanzo Cabin quite a bit. Derek Barber flew his Slicker, that looked a bit sensitive before Derek discovered that the tail skid had broken and was offset quite a bit to the fuse. Students Anthony Hales, Kevin Morrison and Mark Larsen all got air time. By late morning the wind had swung around to the East and strengthened, which then put an end to most vintage flying. Mike Shears was doing some fine tuning on his Ultimate Bipe, as was Barrie Russell with his Russtrix. Stan Nicholas also gave his Yak a flight or two after completing his instructor duties. Robert Lockyer arrived later in the morning and put his IMAC model through its paces a few times. A pleasant morning was had by all!

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Thursday 20th February



The 'action' in the shelter.



Barry Price's mentor and in the background the nose damage to his Lanzo cabin.



Barrie Russell preparing his VooDoo for flight and talking with the 'other' Barry.



Time for some I.C. Model flying... The Yak and Russtrix being prepared.

Thursday 27th February

Nice calm and sunny morning again got a few out to the field for a fly. The day began with an oops... In the form of Stan Nicholas and his Night Train which had the misfortune to have the wings 'clap hands' not long after takeoff. A search was done for the model and it was retrieved from over the river with only the wings being damaged. Of the other; Brett Robinson flew his 'balsa overcast' (Lanzo Bomber) a couple of times for 8 minute and five minute flight times. Barry Price flew his Stardust a bit too and Barrie Russell flew his VooDoo for a couple of over 15 minute flights. He now has his 'smaller' engine in the plane and that increases his motor run time by a good margin. Stan Nicholas then reverted to his 'test pilot' role to test fly the ex Barry Price smaller Lanzo bomber, which has now been repaired by new owner Mark Larsen. All went very well and Mark also got a good bit of time on the sticks too! He and Stan later flew his Timber as well.

Mike Shears, Barrie Russell and Robert Lockyer also flew their aerobatic models in preparation for the upcoming IMAC meeting at the weekend.

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Thursday 27th February

We also had a visitor from the Soaring band, in the form of Kevin Campbell. He had an electric Plus with him and proceeded to give that a few flights in the reasonable air that was around. Most started drifting away around midday with the aerobatic guys still practicing hard. Another very pleasant morning at the field.



The vintage crew all hard at work with Mark & Barry flying.



Not a great landing Barry!



The now Mark Larsen Lanzo bomber in action.



Kevin Campbell having some fun flights with his electric Plus Glider.

The vintage team and models: (left to right) Gavin Shute, Brett Robinson, Barrie Russell, Barry Price, Mark Larsen and Stan Nicholas.



Tokoroa Jet Meet 2020



A few photos sent to me by a friend that attended the event on the Sunday and made the following comments:
A bit windy but nothing these things couldn't handle. Half the jets weren't flying and were only sitting there till about 1 pm when everyone started packing up. Andrew and Harvey Stiver from MFHB were there, with Andrew having three jets and he flew them to death while I was there. A few others flew but it seems Saturday was the day.

The Lightning and other huge jet in the first two photos didn't do anything on Sunday except sit there. Once again someone was there with four huge Helicopters but they didn't fly on Sunday, only Saturday.

There is a video on the helicopters flying at the event, which you can view by clicking on the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FE0V-GNWZVQ>

And another video posted of the site and some of the models flying:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnQ60MU3oMw> and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hM13xeK8m_o

Sounds like a good weekend was had by all....





Other Club Builds

Harvey Stiver - Graupner Robin 4 seater

I purchased this model three months back from Aero RC of Taupo. Steve had sold the model to a purchaser who realized that it was out of his league. I had to remake and refit most components but its now finished and had a test flight on Monday morning 23rd December in calm air. All went well and flew great in the hands of test pilot Andrew Stiver.





Other Club Builds

Chris Tutton - TopFlite P-47

Some pictures of my finished Top Flite Giant P47 Thunderbolt all I need to do is the C.G.

I have fitted a DLE 55RA swinging a APC 22x8 prop. The retracts are Robart air and P47 alloy wheels and of course it has an American pilot.





From the Web

To start off.....

And You thought your car was never big enough to get all your models to the field!
This is the way the Portuguese do it! (From our foreign Correspondent - José Leocádio)
Click [HERE](#) to see the movie.

Next up we have.... from the Tallest landing Gear Ever file:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6fia2FtR4U>

Or perhaps....The Flying Leaf Blower R/C Plane:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMvppuS_ehg

Not what you want? - How about a 6 minute passenger flight in a Mosquito perhaps:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRVn14WegKA>

Want some Military action? Then take a look at this 14 minute air-to-air refuelling video. Lots of different aircraft topping up: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIXgN2YPspc>

Now for something impressive, how about this passenger view on a flight over New York City into La Guardia airport. Very clear sunny day and the short finals approach is amazing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO1uMBNmSbE>

Still not impressed?.... How about an Interior Tour of Avro Lancaster MK.VII NX611 'Just Jane':

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f9Y546imIJM>

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A few items now available on the Club For Sale website :

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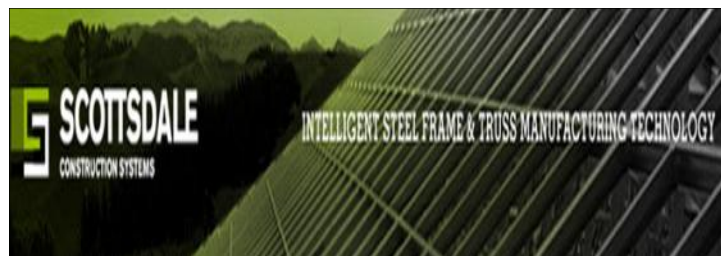
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