

The Flyer **Crash 'n' Splash**

Nelson Model Aero Club

<http://nmac.org.nz>

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President's Piece

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year, and that you were lucky enough to get some nice modelling gifts from Santa. The members have been making the most of the summer weather and the strip has been occupied most days, with Sunday mornings being busy.

We enjoyed a couple of 'Xmas BBQs' prior to the New Year which were also busy mornings. The fun-fly was hampered by windy conditions but it made the spot landing competition a lot of fun. Thanks to Mike for organising the competitions for us.

I attended the MFNZ Nationals over the New Year and had a great time – I've written a few notes about it further on in the newsletter. The event was well attended with numbers up on last year. There were lots of beautiful models and excellent flying on display, and I came home with new ideas and techniques to try that will hopefully improve my models and flying skills. The weather was rain-free, but the wind provided a few extra challenges. There is an excellent event report, results, and photos available here:

<https://www.nzrcaa.co.nz/2021/01/07/73rd-mfnz-nationals-clareville-jan-3rd-to-jan-7th/>

Club AGM:

Another year has gone past and its once again time for our Annual General Meeting; the committee have scheduled the AGM for the 17th February:

NMAC AGM on Wednesday 17th February 2021 at the Nightingale Library Meeting Room, Tahunanui.

The current committee will put themselves forward for election for the coming year (with some shuffling of the positions). I will put my nomination forward for the President's position again – year 4 and "another last year" (as I believe the position should be regularly rotated to introduce new ideas and initiatives). We have an experienced team on the committee and we have achieved some pleasing things over the year. If you can't make the AGM please put in an apology to demonstrate your support for the volunteers who give up their time to run your club.

If you're interested in helping in the running of the club speak to one of the committee to find out how you can contribute. Andrew will send more details about the meeting in early February.

Lake Station Glider Air Tow (St Arnaud):

A scale glider aero tow event has been organised by Dave Griffin, Sam Laidlaw and Ami Kennedy which will be run this February. The focus is on scale gliders and tow planes, and making the most of the lift generated by the landscape around the Lake Station area. Competitors are coming from as far as Southland and Auckland

The glider aero tow event is running from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th of February** and is situated **7km from St Arnaud, on highway 63 towards Murchison**. Weather permitting.

Speak to Sam or Ami for more information. It should be an interesting weekend and I'll be heading up to see what's going on – make a note in your diaries.

Look forward to seeing you at the AGM and out flying soon.

Cheers,
Murray.

MFNZ Nationals

Blog from the Nationals (by Murray Irvine)

I went to the MFNZ Nationals in Carterton from 4th – 6th January. Once again the weather was pretty good and a great time was had by all. I posted an update on our Whatsapp channel at the end of each day – for those who missed it or are not on the channel, the notes and photos below give an idea of what happened.

Nationals day 1 is done: Today was IMAC flying in the morning and the Scale competition in the afternoon. Like any other flying day the first question on waking up and looking out the window is "what's the weather going to be like today?". Fortunately the morning was perfect; the afternoon had similar skies but the arrival of a stiff wind made the scale flying challenging. The entry numbers were up on last year; 7 in my IMAC Sportsman class, and 6 in the Scale novice scale.

I was pleased with my Sportsman sequence and flew better than my practice runs at home - which was satisfying (and even the nerves were under control 😊). All the other planes in the IMAC competition were 50cc+ jobs; and the other pilots were all pretty happy with their flying too....

The wind was up in the afternoon for Scale. My brother Stewart flew his Whirlwind in the Intermediate Class (while I flew the Novice Class). I called the manoeuvres for Stewart, and he called for me. When landing the Whirlwind on his first flight Stewart clipped some long grass which ripped the undercarriage off and detached the wing from the fuselage which made for a quite spectacular landing (but no bonus points 😞). The box of glue was opened and we quickly stuck it back together. My Chipmunk got picked up and thrown around in the wind which made scale-like flying difficult. The forecast is good again tomorrow; Scale in the morning this time, and wind and IMAC in the afternoon- it'll be interesting!!



Nationals day 2 is over: Good weather again; sunny, clear skies, and an occasional gusty breeze to make it harder. Hot! I got into the car mid-afternoon and put the windows up and air conditioning on for a few minutes to cool down. The dash temperature said 31 degrees outside.... phew!

Today was a reverse of yesterday; Scale in the morning and IMAC in the afternoon. My flying efforts were not as good as yesterday, no obvious reason but disappointing - the post mortem will start when I get home.... (new models might be needed 😊). Despite my average flying today I picked up third place in the Novice Scale which was nice.

My IMAC Sportsman in the afternoon didn't go as well as yesterday, bugga, the plane just struggled in the wind and my manoeuvres were 'small' and off-line so maybe next time....

Tomorrow is Pattern and Classic flying which I'm looking forward to. The weather forecast is for rain in the afternoon so hopefully we get through some flying in the morning.

Day 3 is over for me and that's another Nationals event done. The day started out windy and overcast, then rainy; then it fined up and so the wind got stronger... The Pattern competition started off with Basic, then Expert, Masters, F3A (with Frazer and Andrew Palmer flying), and then Classic. We got through all the rounds finishing around 6.30pm. I knew the wind was strong mid-afternoon when I had trouble standing in one place before flying Classic... It made for some fun flying and my planes often seemed to have a mind of their own, but it was the same for all. It meant that my easy manoeuvres often turned to shite 😊 ... so no prizes today. Overall a long but enjoyable and entertaining day.

I asked lots of questions and received lots of advice and encouragement, and have many new ideas to investigate and try (*and probably some shopping to do 😊). On the ferry and home tomorrow, then a break from planes for a while as I absorb all the info and recover my enthusiasm.... and then start over again!! 😊 .



Photos from Our Flying Field (December - January):



Denis's 'bitsa'.



Phil's ME109



Pete's Vixen



Denis' gift for Mat (and yes it flew...)



Glenn's ME262



Pete's Harvard



Adam and Classic Flyer



Dennis and 'US1000'



Pete's Pilatus and Japanese fighter.



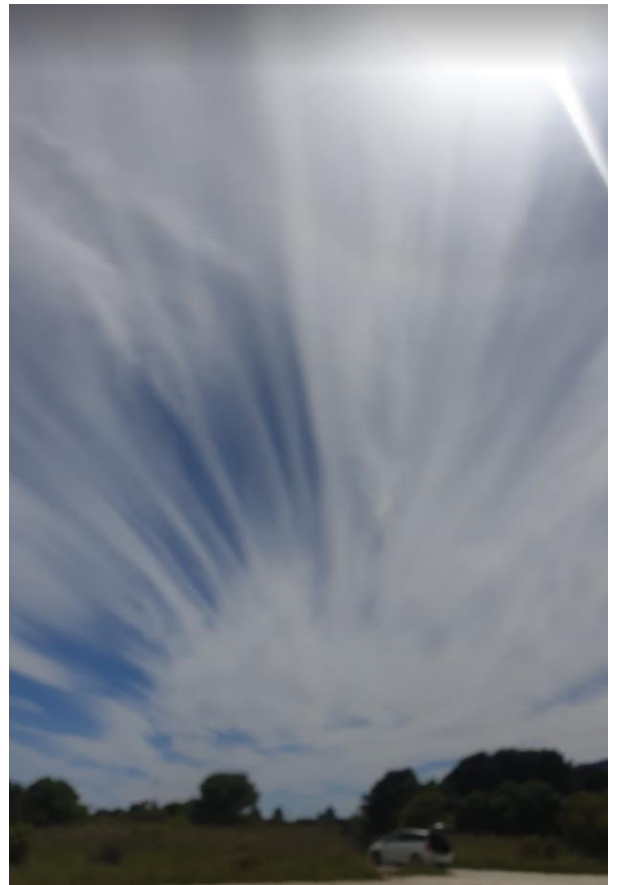
Sam discussing the glider wind lifts...



There were 3 Spitfires in action over Xmas from Pete, Mat, and Wayne.



The start of a Sunday morning collection ...



An unusual cloud formation one morning at the strip..



Proof that the ground still sucks – the remains of Murray's Monolog 😞

Your committee;

Your committee members for 2020/2021:

President	Murray Irvine
Vice President	Paul Troon
Treasurer	Peter Stevens
Secretary	Andrew Reeve
Power Captain	Ron King
Heli Captain	Tristan Lynch
Committee	Mike Luke
Committee	Chris Hinkley

CnS Editor	Murray Irvine
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The CnS newsletter is published every two months; Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, and Dec.

WhatsApp Group:

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

Facebook:

We are on Facebook. For those Facebook users out there, look up the Nelson Model Aero Club and add a 'like' to our page.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=nelson%20model%20aero%20club>

<p style="text-align: center;">Special offer for NMAC Members</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COOL POWER – 1 Gal (US) or 3.785 litre containers \$65 each</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BACK IN STOCK - NITRO ~ \$40 per litre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I don't have any bottles for the nitro so it's BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle). Contact Peter Stevens.</p>
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For Sale: CNC machine for club members

Due to space constraints – Isaac (a friend of Phil Metcalf’s) needs to sell his old CNC router, and thought it would make one of our members happy. The machine will cut wood, MDF, balsa, ply etc. We have built it for Phil's model needs like cutting ribs and stuff.

The system contains:

1. Home built 3 axis CNC Router machine
2. PC hooked and modified to operate the machine
3. Licensed SW - **Mach 3** to operate the machine
4. PC desk the machine is sitting on.
5. Kress touter - with tools.
6. few router bits - to start with.
7. One spare machine Controller
8. spare parts, plans etc

Isaac lives in Wakefield, and will give a crash course for how to operate the machine if necessary. He will sell the whole unit to one of our club members for only \$480.00.

