

ROTORUA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB (INC)

May 2021 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the May 2021 newsletter.

The past month has seen a mixed bag of flying conditions with a few excellent days thrown in.

Brian has been busy with his camera again and has captured an excellent spread of recent activity.

A couple of new models appeared last week.

Russell has a new SIG Kadet which flies very well. Aply constructed by Dave T the model is urged along by an OS46 FX and guided by FutabaT6K radio.

Dave Teasdale has a new Pitts Special. Actually, built about 30years ago and only flown a couple of times. Unfortunately, the wind was all over the place so he wisely stayed on the ground. A stunning model which should fly as well as it looks.

Last Sunday Andy W preformed a high speed unintended landing in the jungle.

An initial look at the revealed a Drone search was needed. Tom Edwards came to the rescue on Wednesday and after about 15 min had the model located.

Dave T and Glenn D headed into the jungle and followed Tom's drone right to the remains (mostly intact) and had it back in the pits within an hour!

Over the school holidays we had grandkids over and one interested in Aeromodelling! After a few flights on the Tyro Major he was almost solo. Not content with that he wanted do some building so we put a wing together.



Colin Teasdale's Pitts Special



Russell's new SIG Kadet



Grandson test fitting ribs

SUBS

Subs are now overdue. You are all aware of the Nightmare position the Club could end up in if the unthinkable happened so we unfortunately cannot allow anyone who has not paid up to fly.

Sub for the 2021 - 2022 year RMAC are		MFNZ	TOTAL
Family	\$120	\$100	\$220
Senior	\$115	\$95	\$210
Junior	\$45	\$30	\$75
Associate	\$50	-	\$50

Payment can be made to ANZ account # 116102_ 0913131_ 11 Include your name in the details

Presidents Notes.

Hope you have made it to the field in April we have had some great weather for flying.

During the month we received the following email from MFNZ secretary Paul Clegg

Could you please share / discuss this with your fellow Rotorua M A C (INC) club members?

Ministry of Transport sees a need to change the regulatory environment that enables us to fly model aircraft

They have released a Discussion Document titled "Enabling Drone Integration"
[Full document -Discussion Document Enabling Drone Integration](#)

and if you can't be bothered wading through over 60 pages
[Executive Summary - Enabling Drone Integration](#)

These documents propose significant and radical changes to the way we operate. MFNZ Council and others have analysed the proposal in detail and written a summary document outlining our points of agreement and concerns. (see attached).

This is the start of what will be a long and vigorously debated process

MoT is planning to visit four main centres to host open afternoons followed by presentations for the public.

Meetings are to be held in Wellington, Auckland, Christchurch and Queenstown (ordered by date)

[The dates and locations of the meetings are in this weblink](#)

It would be great to see MFNZ members at these meetings. We'll send you out some discussion points covering details that we would like clarified / repeated at these meetings.

We'll keep you in touch with details and strategy of what we are doing as these become available.

Fighting for the Hobby

Paul Clegg

If you open the links, you will see that the NZ MOT has taken over the task of drone flight integration within the NZ airspace. At the moment drones means almost everything that flies without a pilot on board, not just drones (multicopters, helicopters or quadcopters to you and me) but also all model aircraft down to a few hundred grammes in weight. The changes proposed are significant and would considerably impact on our hobby. When Paul uses the war cry "Fighting for the Hobby" he is not being overdramatic.

I am pleased to report that with his agreement, the RMAC committee proposed Ray Philpott as a resource for any MFNZ group convened to work on negotiating the new proposed changes. Ray has very extensive knowledge and experience of NZ flight law and MFNZ has responded positively to our nomination. Together with the MFNZ president, Ray will be attending the Auckland public meeting and the preliminary open afternoon referred to in the email. Since this is such an important item, at the last committee meeting it was resolved to contribute to Ray's significant personal expenses for the trip.

MFNZ has already made an initial response to the discussion document and meets with MOT on May 6 to open the batting.

MFNZ membership cards for the new season have not been received, but when they are, they are handed out during flying sessions at the field. If you are not a regular flying member the cards are left in a small box fixed to the club house notice board or you can request to have them posted to you. Last year an infrequent flying member complained that he had not received a membership card. His card was in the box all year (and still is) Hence the reason for this reminder.

A couple of months ago I reported on the accident that Bryan Walford had with the propellor on his model. The injury has now healed well, and Bryan has been flying since. To try and minimise future accidents we are holding a couple of workshop

sessions to cover prop safety and what to do if the worst does happen and you are involved in an incident either as the victim or the person administering first aid.

In the hope of stimulating ideas and discussion to make them interesting (and memorable), these will be workshops requiring active input from participants, not just lectures from the usual safety experts. They will be held after morning coffee in the club house followed by a practical session on the field. Please make every effort to attend. If the weather is suspect check our facebook pages [RMAC facebook pages](#)

Pig damage has continued through the month, the damage has been repaired three times during the month, but they have just come back and rooted up the same area fortunately without spreading much further. We have encouraged a number of pig hunters to come and get some good meat, so far with no success in eliminating the problem. TMAC had the same troubles at their field and the committee will be visiting their experts next week to see how they have attacked the problem.

I have been asked by Julie Gilmour, the leaseholder for the land adjacent to the field, to request that we all stop and close the road gate when entering the field. This is to prevent the horses wandering on the road. I argued with her that it should only be necessary if the horses were in the microlight paddock but she would not accept that. She says that this is for a limited time whilst she gets rid of them (they belong to Mark Beazley)

The seventh round of the NZ stunt series was hosted by myself, on behalf of RMAC, at Arawa Park over Anzac Weekend. The rain held off and the wind was not too troublesome. All participants, some from as far as Whangarei had an enjoyable time. A full report will be in Model Flying World.

Here is pic taken at 5.15pm after six hours of continuous flying by participants. Look at those long shadows. Can you see Lil-ol Andrew H peeping out at the left of the pic? He was an enthusiastic spectator. The gent at bottom right is Kevin Barnes from Hamilton, a world championship competitor who was beaten by Kim Webby from Whangarei (back centre holding up the highest model) by 4 points in the finishing score of 2,400, that's a win by 0.2% from second place Kevin. The lady above Kevin is his wife who is a top judge of CL stunt and the lady in the centre is also a judge who also flies CL.



One visitor to the field over the past month has been Scot from the local model shop. Scott flies electric models made from foamboard and free plans downloaded from flite test <https://www.flitetest.com/> Scott was flying a P40 folded up from the plans on flite test and it was a very impressive looking model [P40 plans and build video](#)

There are some great videos to show how to print the downloads onto the foam board and then assemble and fly the model. A most interesting site with heaps of fun models and useful articles,

Anyone interested in building and flying some flitetest models for combat?



Don't let this happen to you.

- An interactive workshop on I.C. and electric propellor safety to be held on Wed. May 12, at 10.15am at the clubhouse.
- And if the worst does happen.... Dealing with the blood and gore, First aid treatment using the club house first aid box on Wed May 19 at 10.15 am.

Please come!

Check our facebook pages: Rotorua Model Aircraft Club(RMAC) if the weather looks bad.

COMING EVENTS

May 22 & 23 Blackfoot Vintage meeting

CLUB FUEL

METHANOL \$2.50 PER LITRE (OWN CONTAINER)

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70% METHANOL, 20% COOLPOWER, 10% NITRO

\$40.00 [US GALLON

\$10.00 per LITRE

FUEL WITHOUT NITRO

82% METHANOL, 18% COOLPOWER oil

\$? US GALLON

\$? PER LITRE

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ALL PROFIT GOES TO THE CLUB

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER

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