

ROTORUA MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB (INC)

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Welcome to the November 2025 newsletter

At last we are starting to see some better weather conditions. The mid week fliers had a great day on Thursday in almost perfect conditions. Thermals were plentiful and we saw a couple of gliders making good use of them. Andy flew his Tomboy which as expected climbed out happy hands off just as Tomboys do. The strip has dried out and has been mown ready for the weekend.

A recent meeting of the Mead Rd users was held recently regarding the condition of the road. It is likely that we may see some maintenance happening soon.

Welcome To New Member

Welcome to Alex Marsh. Alex is 13 and has taught himself to fly with a small electric foamy Mustang. He had a go on the club trainer and was flying that unassisted. He has purchased the Arising Star the club had for sale and with any luck it should be in the air this weekend.

New Plymouth Visit

Last week we spent a few days in New Plymouth staying with an old aeromodelling friend. Allen told me to bring a model and for a couple of days we wet flying while the women went looking at gardens and art galleries. An interesting model there was an Eflight A320 twin electric ducted fan. It looked the part in the air. There was also a collection of other foam models and a FW190.

Dylan into IMAC

Dylan has been practicing hard and is entering his first IMAC competition at Galatea later this month.

Model Display

Thanks to Ashley 's efforts a static display of models at a Multi Culture event on the 30th has been arranged.

Lets hope we generate some interest in model flying and gain a few new members.

A320



A collection of electric foam models
seen at New Plymouth



FW190

C5 and A320
Electric ducted
fan models



After a 20 year rest Ian has his Thunder Tiger Raptor 50 back in the air

TRACKING MODEL FLIGHTS

Last month we talked about a free download call GPS Tracker. This was loaded on to an old phone and put in the old Tyro Major test bed. The result of a short test flight is shown below.



The Word Of Dave

While John was away in Aussie for most of October he left us with an awful run of bad weather when it was either raining, blowing or both! Hopefully this “equinox stuff” must be almost over. With the lack of flying a few of us could almost becoming out of practice and it maybe handy to refer back to the pre flight written checklist, myself an example...I was almost got caught out, not with the model pre-flight but with the transmitter pre flight...I almost took off with the “previous” model selected which of course had different trim settings, not noticeable during the range checks, that would have been an interesting surprise!a sign of not enough recent flying.

Random Stuff...

Late night building here in Norway 😊. I wanted to share some clamps that I made to hold things in place while gluing. I used wooden clothespegs/ clothespin(US). I take one apart and glue the 2 wooden parts to the other. It makes them grab a little wider and not so much pressure on the model. I just used normal whiteglue.



The model aviation world has lost one of its most enduring pioneers. Hazel Sig-Hester, legendary pilot and co-founder of SIG Manufacturing, passed away last week at the age of 103.

For more than half a century, Hazel inspired generations of builders and fliers through her passion for aviation and her leadership at one of the oldest and most respected names in the hobby. Under her guidance, SIG became synonymous with craftsmanship, innovation, and the pure joy of flight.

Known for her warmth, determination, and lifelong love of flying, Hazel represented the heart and history of model aviation. Blue skies, Hazel.



For Sale

The Club has a number of small items for sale like hinges and other small items. Also a couple of gliders and an aerobatic model. Contact any Committee member for details.

COMING EVENTS

November	NDC Vintage Precision Model Display 30th
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